



STREAM'N & DREAM'N

The newsletter for the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club

Kentuckiana Rally

June 13, Kentuckiana
Campground, Mackinaw, IL,
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Joint Nebraska Rally

July 18, Pony Express RV Park,
Maysville, MO,
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Lazy Days Rally

August 8, Lazy Days
Campground, Danville, MO,
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Casey KOA Rally

September 12, KOA
Campground, Casey, IL,
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A Word from our President

June Greetings,

The warm weather has arrived, and so have the cicadas. We should be past their half-way point. Hopefully they have not been a problem for your camping adventures. One of my grandsons grabs them and tosses them to the turtles that are in a pond. "They like to eat them" he says. I prefer to avoid them-although I had one cling to my hair.



It was so good to see so many of you at our May rally. We had 20 campers, and 4 couples who did not camp, but attended. More about this rally is further in this newsletter.

The June rally is right around the corner. We currently have 15 rigs signed up, and there are still spots available. Please join us if you are able.

Our annually Installation of Officers takes place each October. This year, it will happen in Sedalia at our International Rally. I have secured an inside location for us to gather. It will be at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 6. I chose this time, so it would not cause any conflicts with evening events or Intra Club activities. If you will be in Sedalia, I hope you will be at our installation to support our new officers.

In last month's "Blue Beret" magazine, there was an excellent article by our member Rose Garland. She is the Community Service Project Chair for the International Rally this year (which is an important and demanding undertaking). If you have not read her article, I encourage you to do so. Rick and I have already ordered our t-shirts to support this fundraising effort. There is more information from Rose in this newsletter.

If you are unable to join us this summer, I hope you are able to get out on your own, and enjoy your Airstream!

Berta Everson
Greater St. Louis Airstream Club President
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Bill Thomas Rally



Last month, many of us had the privilege of spending a few days at Bill Thomas Camper sales. There were 20 trailers, and several non-camping members in attendance. We camped in two separate area, with the dealership offices in between us. This was our gathering space. The showroom was transformed into a banquet hall, with several large round tables, covered with blue tablecloths.



We ate our way through the weekend starting with a pot luck and ending with a catered Italian dinner, complete with homemade Italian cookies and gelato.

Several of us had service work done on our rigs, courtesy of Bill Thomas Camper Sales. We also received a gift certificate to purchase supplies in their store. Many of us took part in a craft afternoon. We had a lively Bingo game, and had free time to visit the local fare in the Wentzville area, or just relax and visit with friends.



Much thanks to Billi Jo and Bradley Eubanks for hosting and planning this rally, and to the entire Bill Thomas "family" for their hospitality.



2024 International Rally Community Service Project

Dear Greater St. Louis Airstream Club members:

My "day job" is membership chair of the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club. Since Drew, my husband, and I have been Airstream Club International members, we have hosted annual local rallies. We love our St. Louis community and we love our state of Missouri.

When I was asked to be the Community Service Project chair, and heard who would be the recipient of this club's generous members, I jumped right on it!

Let me tell you about the Sedalia organization, Bothwell Regional Health Center Foundation. The foundation was formed in 2005 to assist the health center and provide resources to keep health care local, state-of-the-art and close to home.



The foundation resources make possible:

1. The latest medical equipment and facilities for the best patient diagnosis and treatment,
2. Disease prevention and health education for community health-care needs,
3. Recruiting and retaining the best medical staff for the area, and
4. Locally managed and community-owned health care.

Community support is the only other source of revenue for the health center. Through generous gifts from the community, the foundation is able to fund health projects that meet a variety of needs.

This is where we step up to the plate!

We, as the Airstream community, always want to leave the international rally town better than we arrived.

The foundation has in place three initiatives that we need your help and we know we all will embrace.

Personally, I am excited about having the international rally in October. Missouri will be colorful, with our trees changing to the fall colors. But, the one color most important to many of us Airstreamers is PINK!

The first part of our Community Service Project is PINKTOBER. I LOVE THIS! How many of us love Wally Byam's wife, Stella, and we have embraced her love for flamingos. We see those PINK flamingos every where. But, many of us have embraced PINK because of a club that we didn't chose to join...breast cancer! I am a breast cancer survivor and I know a number of the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club members are survivors.

A local bank, Central Bank of Sedalia, has partnered with the foundation to sell teeshirts, with proceeds going to support the health center breast cancer center. The center provides free mammograms, gas cards to those who need help with getting to the center for treatments, etc. There will be pink teeshirts, with our international rally logo (so we all will have souvenirs), but we will have plenty of charcoal grey shirts for our husbands who have supported us girls.



You can purchase these teeshirts prior to the rally at <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/bothwellregionalhealthcenterfoundation/event/rally2024/>, and your teeshirt will be in our booth for pick up when you arrive. There will be some teeshirts available for sale at the rally for \$20 each.

Be sure to bring a pair of blue jeans to the rally, because Wednesday, October 9, will be Blue Jeans Day at the health center and we will be asking everyone to wear their teeshirts and blue jeans to the October 9 band concert. What a sea of PINK (and charcoal grey) we will have to show our support for Sedalia and breast cancer.

The second part of this Community Service Project with the foundation is the health center is renovating their patient rooms. The health center was built in 1985 and is in need of updating and modernizing.

With every \$10,000 donated to this effort, a patient room will be dedicated to the donor. I fully plan to have a room at the Sedalia health center dedicated to the 67th Airstream International Club rally! What do you think? Are you with me? Bring your checkbook and let's make this happen!

The third part of this Community Service Project with the foundation is their Patients Assistance Fund. Any money we collect at the rally, above \$10,000, will go to this fund. This financial assistance covers the costs of prescriptions, Ensure, grocery gift cards, CPAP machines, stuff animals for the littlest of patients, etc.

I am so excited about being a part of this project. You don't need to shop and bring something with you to Sedalia! Just be sure you have a lot of money in your checking account! I promise that I will even have a pen at the table, so you don't have to worry about bringing a pen!

On a side note, we are excited to announce that the Future Streamers Intra-Club are collecting pop tabs to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kansas City, MO. Please start collecting as many pop tabs as you can from rallies, home, work and even your neighbors. You can bring them to the international rally in Sedalia. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and support a good cause. Remember, our children (Future Streamers) are giving back to other children, and pop tabs are easy to collect when you are on the road. Let's show our love for aluminum and make a difference together!

And, side note #2, if you have been knitting or crocheting those beanies, please, please, please bring them with you. Those of us whom have lost our hair during chemo, we know how cold our heads can get. We will donate those beanies to the breast cancer center. They can always use them!

So, let's get excited about Sedalia and let's make a difference!

Rose Garland

Welcome New Members

Charles & Evelene Gallardo	Kansas City, MO	BRN 4208
Terry & Charlotte Showalter	Troy, MO	BRN 4733
Phillip Shearrer	Branson, MO	BRN 5889
April & Scott Leo	O'Fallon, IL	BRN 4897

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

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. 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 Holzhauser'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.

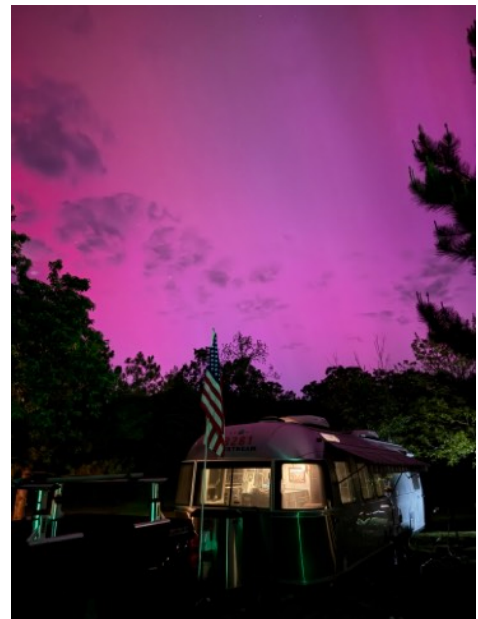
September - KOA Casey, IL Thursday, September 12 through Sunday, September 15. The Richard's and the Schuetz's are hosting. Contact the campground at (217) 932-5319, and let them know you are with the Airstream Club. Contact Carl (host) at s.corn167@gmail.com or (217) 473-5332.

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 is 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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