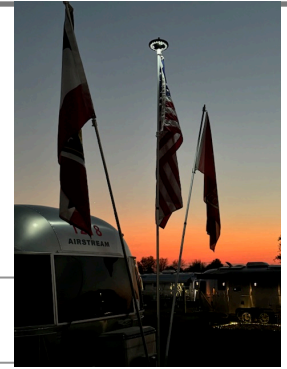


UWAC SEDALIA 2024 CARAVAN – RECAP

Pine Bluffs, WY * WaKeeney, KS * Topeka, KS * Sedalia, MO



Mini-caravan to 67th International in Sedalia: UWAC held a mini-caravan with 6 club members and affiliates in attendance (12 attendees.) Four trailers started the caravan on October 1 at the Pine Bluffs Distillery in Pine Bluffs, WY and we picked up 2 more as we progressed. PBD is a fun Harvest Host stay that is very popular with Airstreamers passing through Wyoming. We dry-camped next to the grain silos and went into the beautiful distillery for a informative tour of the process, and tasting of the many products. This is a highly recommended stop if you find yourself on I-80 in eastern Wyoming.

Next, we traveled on Wednesday (10/2) on I-80E, and south on US-283 to I-70 at WaKeeney, KS. We stayed overnight at the KOA next to I-70. If you ever find yourself in WaKeeney on I-70, consider dry-camping at the Prairie Rose Inn across the freeway from the KOA; it has a fun little bar/grill where you can get your meals including breakfast (highly recommended - stayed there on the return trip to Utah.) The KOA is also a good overnight stop.

Our third day saw us travel east on I-70 to Topeka, KS where we stayed at a very nice campground, Deer Creek Valley RV Park. Enroute we stopped at the Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum in Abilene, KS. It is a first-rate museum with extensive displays covering all aspects of Ike's life from his childhood home in Abilene (at the site, pictured below) to leading the Allied forces in Europe in WWII, to his two terms as President of the United States. It was truly a fun and informative stop, and a fitting tribute to one of the greatest Americans in The Greatest Generation.

On Thursday evening in Topeka, we enjoyed a group dinner with barbecued hamburger sliders. The purpose of the mini-caravan was primarily to travel to Sedalia, Missouri but we enjoyed visiting with this fun group at each stop.

On Friday morning, we completed the last three hour drive from Topeka into Sedalia, Missouri. Most of the group met-up at the staging area at a nearby shopping mall, then the group of 6 trailers traveled together into the Missouri State Fairgrounds for parking. We arrived a day early from the official start but there was already a ton of activity underway. Shortly after we arrived, we were very pleased to visit with former members Brad and Blair Driver (Thirteen Adventures) to catch-up since they moved from Utah.

If you've never been to an ACI/WBCCI International Rally, it is recommended as there is a wealth of festivities, vendor exhibits, RV services, and seminars on all aspects of Airstreaming. For example, our group attended a Region 11 dinner with folks from our general area. The 2027 International will be back in nearby Rock Springs, WY so you may want to plan accordingly if you want to attend but not travel extended distances (next one is in York, PA.)

Here are a few photos from the mini-caravan. Be sure to check out Blue Beret and/or Airstream Club International social media (Facebook etc.) for more detailed info. on the big International rally.





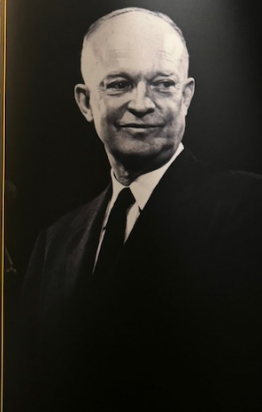
The past speaks
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I am interested
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— President Eisenhower

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Dwight D. Eisenhower embodied the American ideal of success through hard work, opportunity, and a purposeful life. He was the greatest leader-statesman of the 20th century; he led the allies to victory in Europe. As president, he championed peace and laid foundations for the post-war world. His character, leadership, and vision echo powerfully today.

Achieving the pinnacle of success, he never forgot his humble beginnings in the heart of America.



Safe travels - hope you can join us on our next unit caravan adventure!!