



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Gopher News



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President's Message

This is a great year for our membership, all of our luncheons & rallies have hosts!

This was achieved by all of you volunteering for these events. Thank you for wanting to participate in our clubs success, I want you to know that you are appreciated.

Have a great and safe February! - **Monty**



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We want to hear about your travel experience!

If you are interested in sharing your adventures we would love to add it to our newsletter.

Please send your pictures and story to kcunitnews@gmail.com



In Remembrance of Janet Nelson

We're saddened to learn of the passing of Janet Nelson. She and her husband Dennis lived in Topeka, Kansas.

After a career of leading travel tours around the globe, her obituary notes that "once retired, she and Dennis spent the winters in their Airstream in Treasure Coast, Florida, and summers in the stunning Teton Mountains of Idaho."





Welcome New Members!

John & Deb Gammel

Leawood, KS

Angela & Calvin Coady

Wichita, KS

We hope to meet you at a future luncheon or Rally!

January Luncheon – Jan 4, 2025
Texas Roadhouse, Olathe, KS



Sierra Slaterly from KidsTLC joined us to receive our Common Cents for Kids, \$2000 donation.



Time to Rally Again & Again & Again!

Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS

[Please RSVP the Hosts If planning on attending the luncheon,]

February 1, 2025 – 11:30am

V's Italian Restorante

10819 East Highway 40, Independence, MO

Hosts – Doug & Marsha Brown

March 1, 2025 – 11:30am

Olive Garden

6750 W. 95th St., Overland Park, KS

Hosts – Rich & Teresa Bontrager

April 5, 2025 – 11:00am

Stone Canyon Pizza

15 N. Main St., Parkville, MO

Hosts – Karen & Steven Rapp

RALLIES



April 24-27, 2025

Mo-Kan Club Spring Rally

Lone Jack, MO

Lake Paradise Camping Resort

Details coming soon!

May 29 – June 1, 2025

“Just-for-Fun” Rally

Melvern, KS

Melvern Lake Outlet Campground

Make your own site reservations at:

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233695>

August 23-28, 2025

Airstream Club Int'l Rally

York, Pennsylvania

Info and Registration at

airstreamclub.org/rally2025



September 18-21, 2025

Mo-Kan Club Fall Installation Rally

Topeka, KS

Lake Shawnee

More details later...

Remember! There's lots of good info, photos and archived newsletters at our Club's website:

<https://airstreamclub.org/missouri-kansas>

U.S. State Names

Last September, when a group of us *Vintage Airstreamers* were traveling along the southern shoreline of Lake Superior, I noticed the very-long, Ojibwe Native American word “Gaa-Miskwaabikaang” on one of the highway signs. It appeared near the town of Red Cliff, Wisconsin. And it translates to “the place where there is red rock cliffs”. “Wisconsin” also comes from an Ojibwe Native American word, “Ouisconsin” meaning either “grassy place” or “gathering of the waters.”

Growing up in Nebraska, I was taught early that our state name meant “flat water” - and if you’ve ever travelled along the Platte River, you know why.

But I hadn’t really learned the origin of “Missouri” - where I’ve lived now for almost 45 years. And *since we’re a club of American travelers* (many of us with U.S. sticker/pin maps in our campers), I thought I’d share out this list that I found [here](#) for our educational enjoyment.

- Kirk Moore



- **Alabama** – The name “Alabama” comes from the *Choctaw* Indian language and is derived from the words “alba” meaning vegetation or plants and “amo” meaning gatherer or picker. It refers to the indigenous people’s skill in collecting plants.
- **Alaska** – The name “Alaska” is believed to have originated from the *Aleut* word “Alyeska,” which means “the mainland” or “great land.”
- **Arizona** – The name “Arizona” is derived from the *Spanish* word “Arizonac,” which was a term used by early Spanish explorers. Its exact meaning is uncertain, but it may be related to the Basque word “aritz ona,” meaning “good oak.”
- **Arkansas** – The name “Arkansas” is derived from the French pronunciation of the *Quapaw* Native American tribe’s name, “Akansa.” The term “Akansa” refers to the people of the southern wind.
- **California** – The name “California” is attributed to the *Spanish* author Garcí Rodríguez de Montalvo, who used it in his novel “Las sergas de Esplandián.” It is believed to be a fictional place named “California” and was later applied to the region that is now the state of California.
- **Colorado** – The name “Colorado” is *Spanish* for “colored red” and refers to the Colorado River, which was named by Spanish explorers for its reddish-brown sediment.
- **Connecticut** – The name “Connecticut” is derived from the *Algonquian* word “Quinnehtukqut,” which means “beside the long tidal river” or “at the long tidal river.”
- **Delaware** – The state of Delaware is named after the Delaware River, which, in turn, was named after Sir Thomas West, *Lord De La Warr*, the first English colonial governor of Virginia.
- **Florida** – The name “Florida” comes from the *Spanish* term “Pascua Florida,” meaning “Flowery Easter.” Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León named the region during his exploration in 1513, which happened around the Easter season.
- **Georgia** – The state of Georgia was named in honor of *King George II* of Great Britain.
- **Hawaii** – The name “Hawaii” is believed to have originated from the *Proto-Polynesian* word “hawaiki,” which refers to the ancestral homeland of the Polynesians. Over time, the name evolved into “Hawaii.”
- **Idaho** – The name “Idaho” is a coined term and was suggested by George M. Willing, a lobbyist for the Pike’s Peak Mining Company. The exact origin and meaning of “Idaho” remain *uncertain*, and Willing later claimed it was a Native American word meaning “gem of the mountains,” but no such word has been found in any Native American language.
- **Illinois** – The name “Illinois” comes from the *Algonquin* Indian word “ilínwek,” which means “best people” or “tribe of superior men.”
- **Indiana** – The state of Indiana was named after the *Native American tribes* who once lived in the region. The term “Indiana” means “Land of the Indians.”

- **Iowa** – The name “Iowa” comes from the Native American *Dakota Sioux* word “Ayúxba,” which means “sleepy ones” or “drowsy ones,” referring to the tribe’s relaxed or peaceful nature.
- **Kansas** – The name “Kansas” is derived from the *Sioux* Indian word “Kansa” or “Kaw,” which means “south wind people.”
- **Kentucky** – The name “Kentucky” is an anglicized version of the *Iroquoian* Indian word “Ken-tah-ten,” which means “land of tomorrow.”
- **Louisiana** – The state of Louisiana was named in honor of *King Louis XIV* of France.
- **Maine** – The name “Maine” is derived from the *French* province of Maine. The origin of the French name is uncertain, but it may come from the Latin word “Mediolanum,” meaning “middle” or “center.”
- **Maryland** – The state of Maryland was named in honor of *Henrietta Maria*, the wife of King Charles I of England. The name “Maryland” means “Land of Mary.”
- **Massachusetts** – The name “Massachusetts” comes from the *Algonquian* Indian language and means “at or about the great hill.”
- **Michigan** – The name “Michigan” is derived from the *Ojibwe* Indian word “mishigamaa,” which means “large water” or “large lake,” referring to Lake Michigan.
- **Minnesota** – The name “Minnesota” is derived from the *Dakota Sioux* word “Mnisota,” which means “clear blue water,” referring to the state’s many lakes.
- **Mississippi** – The name “Mississippi” comes from the *Ojibwe* Indian word “misi-ziibi,” which means “great river” or “gathering of waters.”
- **Missouri** – The name “Missouri” comes from the *Algonquian* Indian word “mihsoori” or “ouemessourit,” meaning “wooden canoe people” or “dugout canoe people.”
- **Montana** – The name “Montana” is derived from the *Spanish* word “montaña,” which means “mountain” or “mountainous region.”
- **Nebraska** – The name “Nebraska” comes from the *Otoe* Indian word “nebrathka,” which means “flat water” or “broad water,” referring to the Platte River.
- **Nevada** – The name “Nevada” is derived from the *Spanish* word “nevada,” which means “snow-capped” or “snowy.”
- **New Hampshire** – The state of New Hampshire was named after the *English* county of Hampshire.
- **New Jersey** – The state of New Jersey was named after the *English* Channel Island of Jersey.
- **New Mexico** – The name “New Mexico” comes from the country of Mexico, named after the Aztec capital of Mexico-Tenochtitlan. The term “Mexico” may have originated from the *Nahuatl* word “mexitli,” referring to the Mexica tribe.
- **New York** – The state of New York was named after the *Duke of York* (later King James II of England) when the British captured the area from the Dutch in 1664. It was previously known as New Netherland under Dutch rule.
- **North Carolina** – The state of North Carolina was named to honor *King Charles I* of England, who granted the Carolina territory to a group of proprietors. “Carolina” comes from the Latin word “Carolus,” meaning “Charles.”
- **North Dakota** – The name “Dakota” comes from the *Dakota Sioux* word “Dakhóta,” meaning “friend” or “ally.” “North” was added to differentiate it from South Dakota.
- **Ohio** – The name “Ohio” comes from the *Iroquoian* Indian word “ohi:yo,” which means “great river” or “large creek,” referring to the Ohio River.
- **Oklahoma** – The name “Oklahoma” comes from the *Choctaw* Indian words “okla” meaning “people” and “humma” meaning “red,” translating to “red people.”
- **Oregon** – The origin of the name “Oregon” is *uncertain*. It may come from the French word “ouragan,” meaning “hurricane” or “storm,” which early explorers used to describe the region’s strong winds.
- **Pennsylvania** – The state of Pennsylvania was named in honor of Admiral *Sir William Penn*, the father of William Penn, the founder of the Pennsylvania Colony. “Pennsylvania” means “Penn’s Woods.”

- Rhode Island** – The state of Rhode Island’s full name is “Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.” It was named after the *Greek island of Rhodes*.
- South Carolina** – Like North Carolina, the state of South Carolina was named to honor *King Charles I* of England. “Carolina” comes from the Latin word “Carolus,” meaning “Charles.”
- South Dakota** – The name “Dakota” comes from the *Dakota Sioux* word “Dakhóta,” meaning “friend” or “ally.” “South” was added to differentiate it from North Dakota.
- Tennessee** – The name “Tennessee” comes from the *Cherokee* village of “Tanasi.” The meaning of “Tanasi” is uncertain, but it is thought to have native roots.
- Texas** – The name “Texas” is derived from the *Caddo* Indian word “teysha” or “tejas,” which means “friends” or “allies.” The Spanish explorers later used this term to refer to the area.
- Utah** – The name “Utah” comes from the *Ute* Indian tribe and means “people of the mountains.”
- Vermont** – The name “Vermont” comes from the *French* words “vert” meaning “green” and “mont” meaning “mountain,” translating to “green mountain.”
- Virginia** – The state of Virginia was named after *Queen Elizabeth I* of England, who was often referred to as the “Virgin Queen.”
- Washington** – The state of Washington was named after the first President of the United States, *George Washington*, to honor his leadership during the American Revolution.
- West Virginia** – The name “West Virginia” (named after *Queen Elizabeth I* of England)was given when Virginia seceded from the Union during the Civil War. The western counties that remained loyal to the United States formed the new state of West Virginia.
- Wisconsin** – The name “Wisconsin” comes from the Native American *Ojibwe* word “Ouisconsin,” which means “grassy place” or “gathering of the waters.”
- Wyoming** – The name “Wyoming” is derived from the *Munsee* Delaware Indian word “xwé:wamənk,” which means “at the big river flat” or “large plains.”

