



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

March 2025

### President's Message

**It's hard to believe that spring is just a few weeks away.  
After the winter we've had, I know I am ready!**

We are still *seeking volunteers* to assist our club for our board. Every year we have a rotation of board members. In 2026 we have a Vice President position that will need to be filled. Nominations are open now, let any board member know you are interested, it's that easy!

I am *forming a caravan* to enter the International Rally in York, PA. This will be one day early on August 22, 2025. If you have registered already, *you will need to register for that extra day*. Please email me at [montysowder@gmail.com](mailto:montysowder@gmail.com) if are interested entering with the group to park together. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Looking forward to camping with you at the *Spring Rally* in Lone Jack, MO. (Details on Pages 2 & 3)

- Monty



### Meet the Coadys!

**Calvin** retired from Bankers Bank of Kansas at the end of 2023, and we spent the next year searching for the perfect, used Airstream. We found it in October of 2024 and we are just getting started on our travel bucket-list.

We have two daughters and three granddaughters, and we can't wait to take the grandkids camping this summer.

Our labradoodle Louie will be our traveling and hiking companion!

- Angie Coady



**Hey New Members!** Want to introduce yourself to the Club?  
Send your Bio and Photo to [KCUnitNews@gmail.com](mailto:KCUnitNews@gmail.com)!

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## Mo-Kan Club Spring Rally Update

Our Rally co-hosts have been busy planning the Spring Rally! We have over 30 campsites already booked, and you can still reserve campsites based on availability near our club. Details on campsite registration, rally registration and fee payment are below.

Rally Co-hosts: **Dave, Tawnya & Teyler Madl, Gene Harpster & Kara Lay**

1. *Spring Rally Registration and Fee Payment Form*  
<https://form.jotform.com/250554187705157>  
*The deadline to register and make fee payment is March 17th.*

2. If you have not made *campsite reservations*, (original deadline was February 1<sup>st</sup>) please send an email to Tamara Kirk, [tkirklp@gmail.com](mailto:tkirklp@gmail.com) to see availability. They have extended the deadline to March 1<sup>st</sup> on reserving campsites near our Mo-Kan Club.

*Please include this information in you email:*

- Subject line: Reservation for – Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Rally
- Date arriving/departing (check-in is at 3 pm, checkout is at 11 am)
- Camper specs:
  - Camper type: bumper pull, motorhome
  - Length
  - Electrical - 30 or 50 amp
  - number of guests
- Name/phone number: will contact for detailed guest info and payment

## Survey for International Rally, York, PA

In order to help us plan for our club to camp together at the International Rally this year, please fill out this short survey:

<https://form.jotform.com/250508415006144>

*This will help arrange group-parking for the Mo-Kan Club.*

ALSO, the traditional **Region 8 gathering** at the International Rally in York, PA, has been set! We will be having lunch on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am. The lunch will be catered by the locally-owned Mission BBQ, and a menu follow as we get closer to the date. The cost is \$20.00 per person and tickets will be available via Jotform in the near future.

## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### LUNCHEONS

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

**March 1, 2025 – 11:30am**

### **Olive Garden**

6750 W. 95<sup>th</sup> 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](#)

**May 3, 2025 – 11:00am**

**More Details to come...**

### RALLIES



**April 24-27, 2025**

### **Mo-Kan Club Spring Rally**

#### **Lone Jack, MO**

Lake Paradise Camping Resort  
*See page 3 for more details!*

More  
details on  
page 3

**May 29 – June 1, 2025**

### **“Just-for-Fun” Rally**

#### **Melvern, KS**

Melvorn Lake Outlet Campground  
**Make your own site reservations at:**

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

**April 30 – May 4, 2025**

### **Region 8 Club Spring Rally**

#### **Amana, Iowa**

Amana RV Resort  
 Registration at

<https://form.jotform.com/242925697306062>

More  
details on  
page 4

**August 23-28, 2025**

### **Airstream Club Int’l Rally**

#### **York, Pennsylvania**

Info and Registration at  
[airstreamclub.org/rally2025](http://airstreamclub.org/rally2025)



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

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

## Mo-Kan Club Spring Rally at Lake Paradise Resort, Lone Jack, MO – April 24-27, 2025

### ***A note from Tawnya, David, and Teyler Madl, and Kara Lay & Gene Harpster Co-Host for this event:***

We'd like to let you know just a few of the events and activities we are planning:

### **Pop Top Tabs**

We'd like to help you and our club to participate in the yearly collection of pop tabs at International. Upholding the Airstream Club's long-standing tradition, the tabs will be cashed in for monies and donated to a good cause. Last year in Sedalia, MO., the aluminum tab donations benefited the Ronald McDonald House. Bring/save your aluminum tabs to turn in at this Spring Rally! We will send them to International, York, Pennsylvania with Monty and Tonja Sowder.

### **T-Shirts**

***We hope to see you sporting your handpicked "Airstream Attire" on Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>.***

Suggestions include our MO-KAN Club T-Shirt, or perhaps your favorite Flamingo attire, Rally T-Shirts or Airstream Company Logos. Anything and All-things Airstream!

If you have yet to own a MO-KAN Airstream Club T-Shirt

Please Contact: Chris Whitney via email [chriswhitney1@gmail.com](mailto:chriswhitney1@gmail.com)

Price: \$20.00 Payment:

Via Venmo @ChrisWhitney1 or

Make a Check Payable to: Chris Whitney

14009 W 47th Terrace, Shawnee KS 66216

**The deadline to order is: March 1st**

Delivery options: April Luncheon, Spring Rally or add \$7 postage.



### **Silent Auction**

We are encouraging you to participate in our fundraiser for Kids TLC.

Kids TLC provides care to bring hope and healing to young lives and their families through residential and outpatient programs.

We would like you to bring one item for us to auction in a silent auction.

We are hoping you can bring a new or gently used item that supports your Airstream Lifestyle.

Are you artistic and crafty? Do you have handcrafted hot pads, hand-made wooden coasters, an Airstream painting? Perhaps you bought two sets of flamingo earrings? Perhaps you got a great deal on a set of walkie talkies? Or, you just upgraded and your old set is still in excellent condition?

Find your generous spirit and donate an item and then participate in the auction. By you bidding for these articles know that our charity will benefit greatly.

### **Bracelet Making**

The Rally Reg Jotform includes a question on bracelet making.

<https://form.jotform.com/250554187705157>

This activity is a generous gift from Tawnya Madl. She is sharing the supplies and her gift of creating these bracelet keepsakes.

Answer YES on jotform if wish to participate so we have a count for supplies.



There may still be campsites available in the surrounding area where we are camping. If you do not have a campsite, contact the campground via email [tkirklp@gmail.com](mailto:tkirklp@gmail.com) mentioning the Airstream Rally. We would LOVE to have you! Perhaps you don't have the ability to camp with us at the moment; however, you would like to visit the Rally during the day or for an evening fireside chat. Please reach out to Kara @ 816-942-1577 and leave a message or text. We'd love to make sure you can be a part of this exciting event.

Please reply to the Jotform in as timely manner as possible. We would like to have numbers for catering by March 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Pat's). After March 17<sup>th</sup> please reach out directly to a host.

Look for Newsletter 2 of 2 to follow in March with more details and instructions.

**- "The Rally Crew"**

## 2025 WBCCI Region 8 Club Spring Rally

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Amana RV Resort

3850 C Street, Amana, Iowa 52203

319-622-7616 - <https://amanarvpark.com/>

Campsite Cost = \$41 per night - Rally Fee = \$78 per person, (\$25 kids 6 – 12)

### Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

- 12:00p – 5:00p – Arrivals
- Dinner on your own
- 6:00p – Ice Cream Truck – sponsored by Bill Thomas / Gateway Airstream
- 6:30p – Welcome Gathering (Pioneer Building) / Bill Thomas Intro
- 7:00p – Amana history presentation (Pioneer Building)
- 8:00p - Campfire

### Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

- 8:00a – Coffee and Donuts in Pioneer Building (sponsored by KleenTank)
- 9:00a – Kleen Tank presentation / demonstration, Monty Montour
- Lunch on your own
- 1:00p – Walking Tour (Group A – L) (Meet at Amana Heritage Museum – 705 44<sup>th</sup> Ave.)
- 3:00p – Amana Woolen Mill Tour or Furniture Store Tour
- 5:00p – Happy Hour at Ox Yoke Inn (Cash Bar)
- 5:30p – Dinner at Ox Yoke Inn (Included in Rally Fee)
- 7:30p - Campfire

### Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

- 8:00a – Coffee and Donuts in Pioneer Building (sponsored by SkyMed)
- 9:00a – Region 8 Business Meeting
- 10:30a – SkyMed Presentation, Stan Schwenke
- Lunch on your own
- 1:00p – Walking Tour (Group M – Z) (Included in Rally Fee) (Meet at Amana Heritage Museum – 705 44<sup>th</sup> Ave.)
- 2:30p, 3:00p, 3:30p – Amana Woolen Mill Tour or Furniture Store Tour (three groups rotating)
- 5:00p – Food Trucks for Dinner (Pay for your own)
- 7:30p – Campfires

### Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

- 8:00a – Coffee and Donuts in Pioneer Building (sponsored by Gateway Airstream)
- Free Day to Explore Amana and the Maifest Activities (Woolen Mill is open all day, 10:00a – 4:00p for self-guided tours)
- Dinner on your own
- 7:00p – Farewell Gathering, Stan “Bumpy” Schwenke presentation, then drawing for door prizes. (Must be present to win)
- 7:30 – Campfires

### Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Depart for home

**Pioneer Building will be open each day until 10:00pm**

To register for the rally, either go to  
<https://form.jotform.com/242925697306062>

or scan this QR code:



## Looking for more Airstream fun after the Mo-Kan Club *Fall Rally*?

... maybe consider joining the **Region 5 Airstream Club** at the Madison-Chautauqua Festival of Art in Madison, Indiana? The dates are September 24-28, 2025.

Take a look at the flyer they've sent out to all the clubs.

Use this link to register: <https://form.jotform.com/250084622874156>



**Airstream Region 5 Special Event Rally**

# Madison Fall Fest ~ Chautauqua Festival of Art

**Wednesday, Sept 24th –  
Sunday, Sept 28th, 2025**

Jefferson County Fairgrounds  
3851 IN-256,  
Madison, IN 47250

Online Registration Link

<https://form.jotform.com/250084622874156>

[ACI Region 5 Website](#)



### Points of Interest:

- Clifty Falls State Park
- Versailles State Park
- Belterra Casino Resort
- Historic Downtown Vevay
- Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge
- Stream Cliff Herb Farm & Winery
- Louisville, Kentucky

### Chautauqua:

- \* Hosted in Madison, Indiana's National Landmark Historic District along the Ohio River.
- \* Free Admission
- \* 175+ Exhibitors from across the nation displaying their handmade works (pottery, jewelry, glass, furniture metal, textiles, & more) in this juried fine arts & crafts show.
- \* Live Entertainment at several locations
- \* Food Trucks
- \* Kid's Activities
- \* Chalk Walk on Saturday on Elm
- \* Entertainment Garden featuring local craft beer & wine.
- \* Additional vendors set up throughout town.



### Rally Fee includes:

- \* 30-amp electric and water hookup, bathroom, dump station
- \* One Potluck Dinner w/entrée provided
- \* One Group Breakfast

\$130 for one Airstream with one person; \$30 each additional person; children under the age of six are free

## Exploring Cave Storage

Author: **John Gammel** (the 3D printing guy)

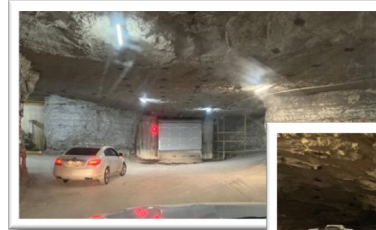
Deb and I needed a place to store our 2023 23FBT as we were buying a home in an HOA which doesn't permit us to keep our trailer outside. On 1/22/2025, I visited three major cave storage businesses: Interstate Underground Warehousing, Subtropolis and Interstate Storage. It was necessary to arrange each visit rather than just showing up.

### Interstate Underground Warehousing (IUW)

8201 East 23 St, KC, MO – 812.833.0000

It's actually on "Television Place" which has a street sign. After turning down the road, look for the yellow entrance markers before the main IUW facility with trucks. I called when I got to the doors and Abby drove down to meet me. The facility door has a keypad and 24/7 access. She drove me around the facility and there were some Airstreams.

Cost: \$135.00 per month with a 3 month minimum.



### Subtropolis

8760 NE Underground Dr – KC, MO – 816.455.0168

They currently don't have any available spots. However, if you join the waiting list now, a spot will likely become available in 2 years.

The "premium" option, which allows 24/7 access, costs \$140.00 per month and is paid quarterly.



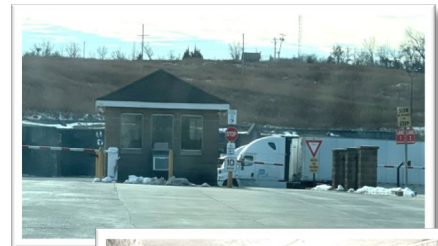
### Innerspace

1600 Rt 291, Independence, MO – 816.257.5252

The facility boasts incredibly tight security, with a guard stationed at the entrance. Before entering, you must unhook your Airstream in the parking area (note: it's not completely level). An employee will then use a forklift to store your trailer. They use paper documentation sheets for inspections. Customers cannot readily access the storage space; an employee must accompany you if you need access. The facility is large and has been in operation for about 50 years. It had the most Airstreams of the three storage businesses visited. Some spots offer electrical service for a charger.

Access is available only Monday through Saturday, and they request that you make an appointment at least one day in advance.

The cost is \$177.00 per month, and they accept payments in cash, ACH, or check. If you pay for a year, you get a discount by paying for only 10 months.



### SUMMARY:

All 3 have security cameras and require a title and proof of insurance. I would recommend that you have photographic evidence of the condition of your Airstream each time you leave it and copy it to your computer. I also have almost everything that goes in the outside storage compartments in containers and will everything for storage.

**In the end we selected *International Underground Warehousing*.**