



# Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

## Gopher News



WBCCI - Unit 059

April 2025

### President's Message

#### The 2025 Camping Season is Underway!

It kicked off with the **Mo-Kan Spring Rally** at Lake Paradise in Lone Jack, MO, and the **Region 8 Rally** in Amana, Iowa.

We had a fantastic turnout at the spring rally with seven new members joining us and everyone having a great time.



Special thanks to **Tawnya & David Madl** and **Karen Lay & Gene Harpster** for organizing our Spring Rally.

Next up is the **Just-for-Fun Rally** at Melvern Lake from May 29 to June 1.

**Happy camping season!**  
**Get ready to make some memories!**  
- Monty



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## Welcome New Members!

**Julie Stewart**

Pittsburg, KS

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

We're still looking for a volunteer to fill the *Third Vice President board position*. If you're interested, please reach out to **Ed O'Connor** or any current board member.

Our club thrives on volunteers who help organize rallies and luncheons, so your participation is invaluable. Feel free to ask if you have any questions about volunteering!



## Community Service Update

I wanted to thank all of you who all of you who provided and purchased silent auction items at the Spring Rally!

**We raised \$680.00 for our Common Cents fund.**

Our goal for the Common Cents fund this year is \$2,000 and we are well on our way!

We have raised \$1,097.60 this year through our luncheons and Spring Rally.

**Your generosity is so appreciated!**

- Christine Embers



## Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

### LUNCHEONS

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

**May 3, 2025 – 11:30am**

**Jess & Jim's**

517 E. 135<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO

Hosts – Julee Fields & Bud McFie

**June & July 2025**

**No June or July Luncheons due to Rally and Holiday conflicts**

### RALLIES



**May 29 – June 1, 2025**

**"Just-for-Fun" Rally**

**Melvorn, 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>

**August 23-28, 2025**

**Airstream Club Int'l Rally**

**York, Pennsylvania**

Info and Registration at

[airstreamclub.org/rally2025](http://airstreamclub.org/rally2025)



**September 18-21, 2025**

**Mo-Kan Fall Installation Rally**

**Topeka, KS**

Lake Shawnee Campground

**Book your campsite reservations NOW by calling 785-251-6934**

**DEADLINE to book site is MAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

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



**On Facebook?**

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





**April Luncheon – April 5, 2025  
Stone Canyon Pizza, Gladstone, MO**



**It is time to book your campsite for our Fall Installation Rally!**

Our Fall Rally will be held at **Lake Shawnee Campground**, in Topeka KS. September 18-21.

Our hosts are the **Armstrongs** and **Hoseas**.

The Campground is holding all of the campsites in Sites B, D and E for our club members.

***You will need to call the Lake Shawnee Campground at (785) 251-6834 to make individual reservations.***

You cannot make your reservation online because those sites have been held for our members. You can talk with Grace or another staff member at the campground - and be sure to let them know that you are a member of the Mo-Kan Airstream Club.

***DEADLINE TO BOOK YOUR CAMPSITE IS MAY 12TH, the campground will release these site to the public after this date.***

(Mo-Kan Members will separately register and pay for the rally later this year.)

Please email questions to:

[dave.hosea@outlook.com](mailto:dave.hosea@outlook.com) or [michaeljonarmstrong@gmail.com](mailto:michaeljonarmstrong@gmail.com)



**Spring Rally Bracelet Making**

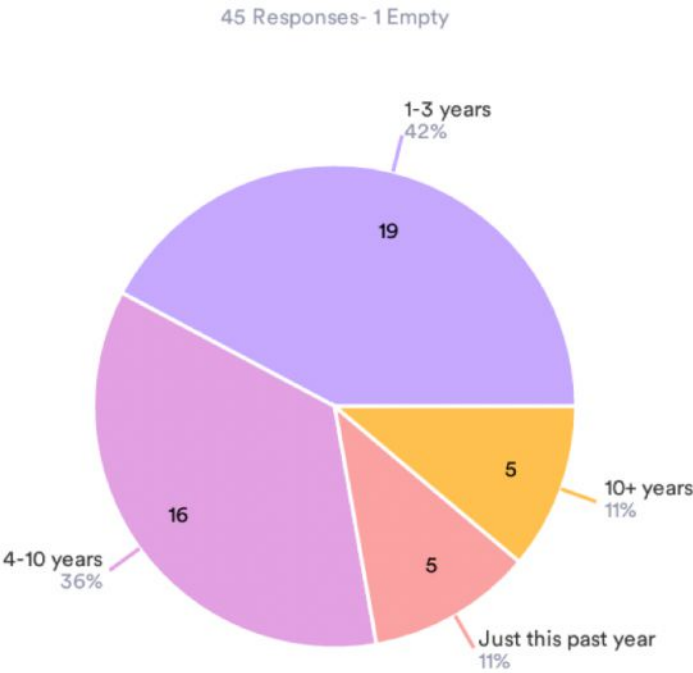
Thank you **Tawnya Madl** for sharing your expertise (and supplies) to make fun bracelet keepsakes at our Mo-Kan Spring Rally



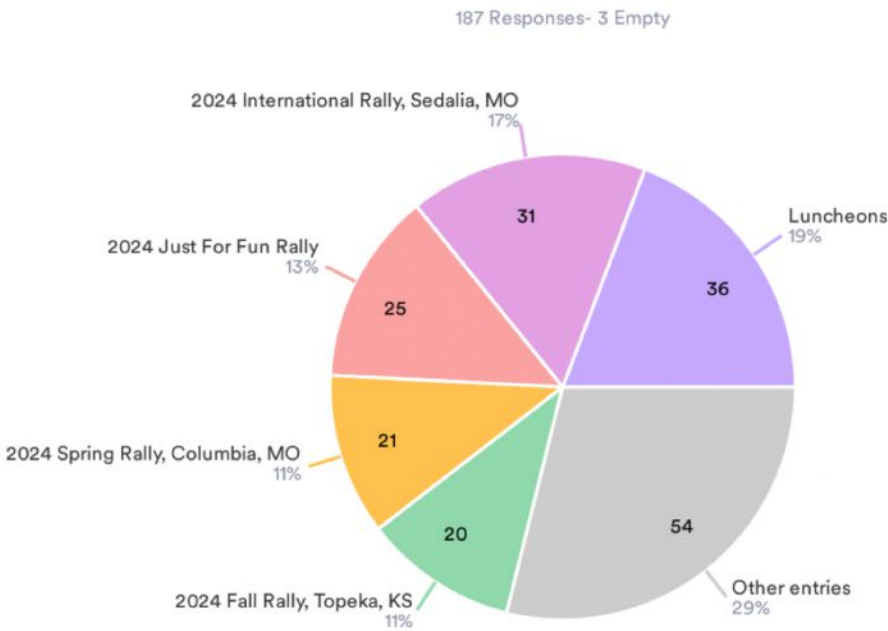
Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club Survey Results

If you have any questions about the data, please contact Christine Embers - [cembers1@gmail.com](mailto:cembers1@gmail.com)

How long have you been in the Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club?

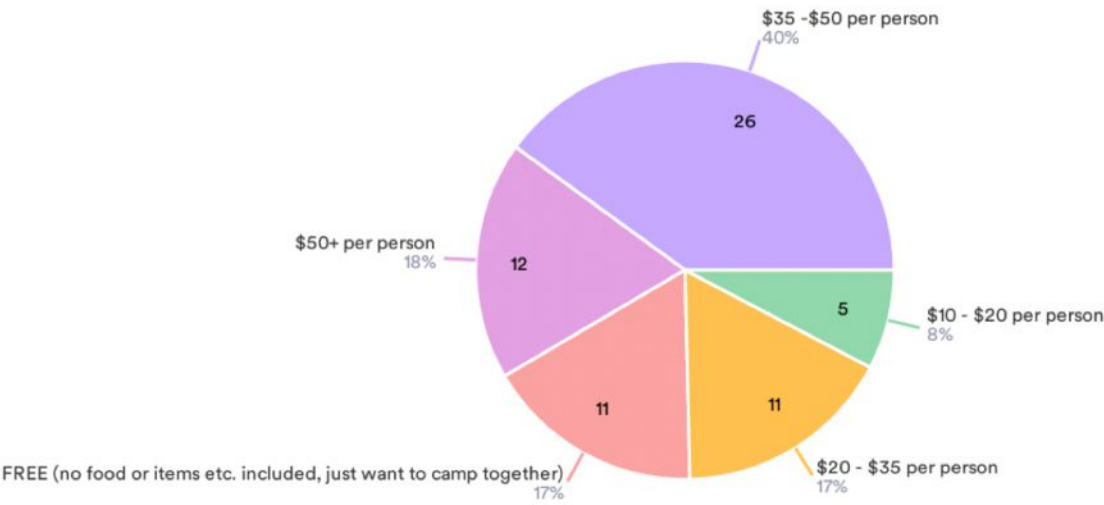


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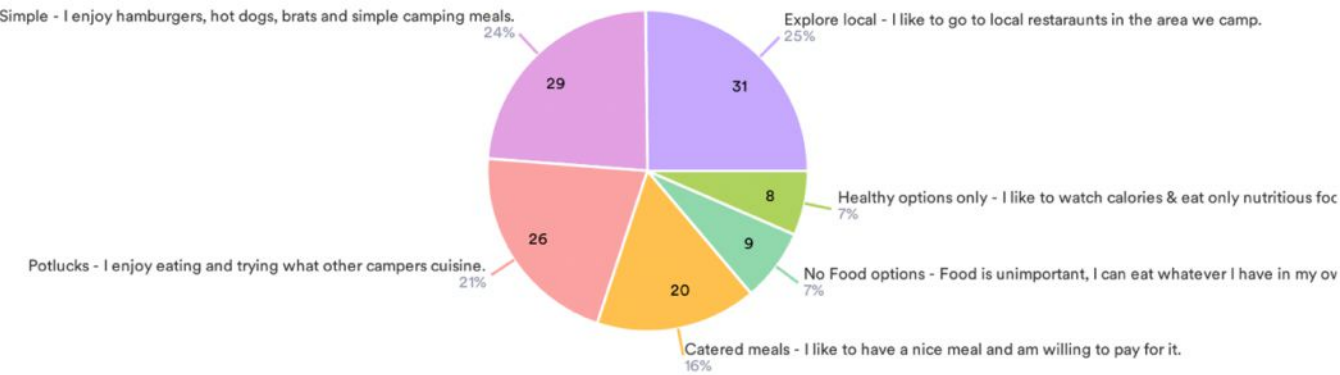
How much are you willing/wanting to pay for our rallies? (past rally fees \$25-\$55)

65 Responses- 3 Empty

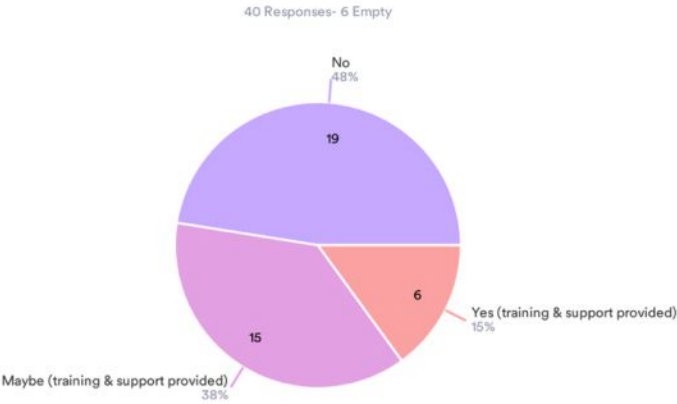


What are your preferences or expectations of food at a rally?

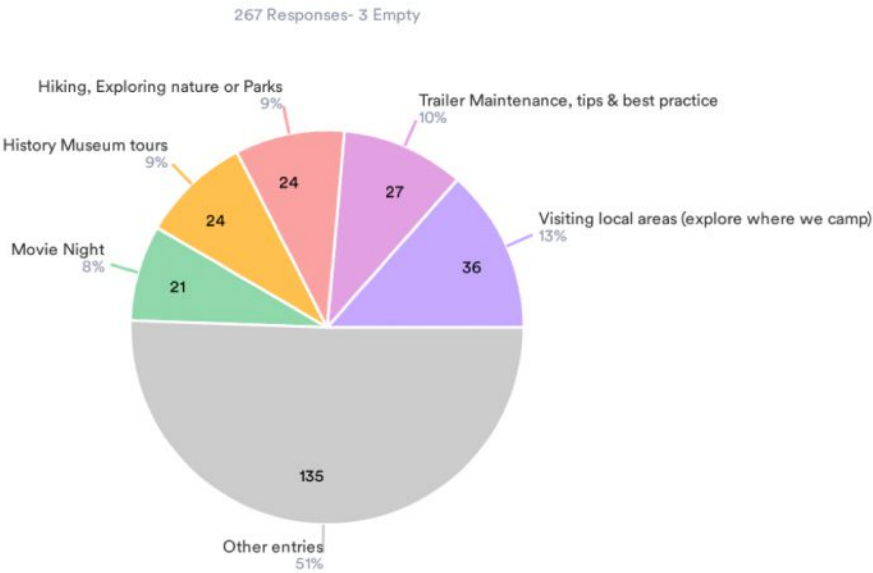
123 Responses- 2 Empty



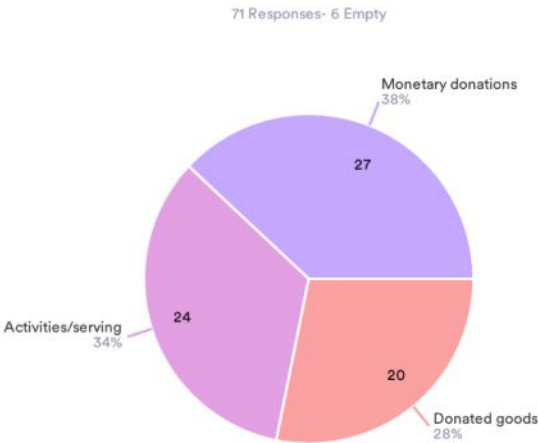
Would you be interested in Co-Hosting a rally? We need Volunteers to Co-Host rallies so we can continue to provide fun adventures for our club.



What would you like to do when at a Rally with 50 to 60 of your closest Airstream Friends? Choose up to 5.



How do you enjoy supporting our community?



**Help us update our club's website with some awesome RV resorts. Please share your favorite spots below** (RV Resort Name, location and why is it your favorite?)

- The 370 Lakeside Park, St Peters, MO is exceptional. Clean, it would be nice to secure an entirely semi-secluded area together. Lots to do and see in the St. Louis area.
- Sycamore Springs, Sabetha, KS
- Lake Dardanelle, views with full hook ups
- Crawford State Park, Crawford County, KS, nice clean park pretty views of lake Pomme de Terre Lake (Pittsburg side) beautiful waterfront views
- Mill Creek campground near Lampe, MO
- Army Corp. campground at Table Rock Lake, 67 reservable campsites
- Pony Express in Maysville, MO near St Jo
- Chicahomoney Riverside RV near Williamsburg Virginia- near family, site was very dispersed, full services, pool, golf range, kayaking, biking and during the week we were virtually on our own. The William and Mary Rowing crew practiced in front of us every morning in the first hour after dawn.
- Wilderness, Branson, MO
- Mark Twain RV Park, Hannibal, MO (Plenty of room, historical location, friendly staff)
- Caboose Lake Campground, Remington, IN (accommodating staff, lot of various activities)
- Ashland RV Park, Ashland, NE (convenience for Omaha NE and Lincoln NE)
- Sand Dollar RV Resort, Rock Port, TX (nice "long term stay")
- Blowing Springs, Bentonville, AR
- Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS Close, has golf, biking, clubhouse, fishing, a town with attractions and lots of camping spots.
- Basswood, North Kansas City, MO
- Topsail Hill, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, beautiful beaches and sites, proximity to local shops and restaurants
- Beaver Lake Dam Site campground, close to us and has Eureka Springs and lake kayaking
- Silver Dollar Campground, Branson West, MO, very pretty & the location
- Lakeshore RV, Hollister, MO, same as above
- WaKeeney KOA, WaKeeney, KS
- Cottonwoods, Columbia MO, nice facility, pretty
- Ozark Outdoor Resort - Huge place! Well run! They have long and short floating on the river options. We have camped there with Missouri Loves Company before.