



Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club

Gopher News

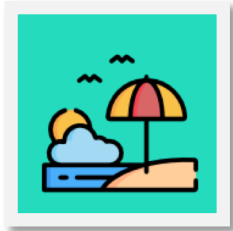


WBCCI - Unit 059

August 2025

President's Message

As summer winds down...



Summer will soon be behind us, and with fall comes cooler weather, new sports to enjoy, and a ***time to reflect on your summer adventures***. We'd love for you to share your travels in our upcoming newsletter! Please email your stories and photos to KCUnitNews@gmail.com, and Kirk will include them in the next issue.

I'm thrilled to announce that ***we have 3 new candidates for our Executive board*** for 2026!

In addition, all of our remaining 2025 luncheons have hosts, and the ***Holiday Luncheon*** is already planned:

Saturday, December 6, 2025

6 Mile Chophouse & Tavern

4931 W 6th St., Lawrence, KS 66049

Social time: 11:00 a.m. | Lunch served: 11:30 a.m.

We will be sending out a jotform for reservations and payment for Holiday luncheon soon.

We hope to see all of you there!

All of this is possible because of you - our amazing members who continue to volunteer and support our club. We simply couldn't function without your time, effort, and enthusiasm.

- Thank you!
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Mo-Kan Fall Installation Rally

The Mo-Kan Fall Rally will be hosted by **David & Heather Hosea** at *Lake Shawnee Campground*, 9/18-21.

You should already have made your campground reservations, and can register with this [Jotform](#)

Registration will be \$34/person.

We have a good mix of fun, food, and relaxation time - come join us for an ice cream social, the third annual chili cookoff, and street taco night!

Also, don't forget we have our *Installation Meeting* occurring during the rally as well.

We will be collecting donations for our charity, *Common Cents*, via a raffle. We'll sell tickets – 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5, 5 for \$10 - so don't forget to bring some cash to help kids in our community!

Stay tuned for more details - plus a survey for those of you interested in helping with any of the food or events!

Schedule:

Thurs 9/18

- 3pm – Check-in
- Dinner on your own
- 7pm - Ice cream social (bowls/spoons provided)
- 8pm - Kindling conversations

Fri 9/19

- 9am - Bike ride
- 6:30pm - 3rd Annual chili cookoff (BYO plates/utensils)
- 8pm - Glow night, light 'em up!

Sat 9/20

- 9am - Installation meeting
- 11am - Group tour. Brown vs Board of Education
- 12pm HAM - POTA (at Brown vs Board of Education)
- 6:30pm - Street tacos and raffle (BYO plates/utensils)

Sun 9/21

- 9am - Rally closeout
- 12pm - Campground checkout



Upcoming Mo-Kan Club Activities

LUNCHEONS

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

August 2025

No August Luncheon

September 6, 2025 - 11:30am

Jack Stack BBQ

8721 Ryckert St., Lenexa, KS
Hosts - [Rick & Christine Embers](#)

October 4, 2025 - 11:30am

Sickies Garage

7111 W 95th St., Overland Park, KS
Hosts - [James & Kristal Thompson](#)

RALLIES



August 23-28, 2025

Airstream Club Int'l Rally

York, Pennsylvania

Info and Registration at
airstreamclub.org/rally2025



September 18-21, 2025

Mo-Kan Fall Installation Rally

Topeka, KS

Lake Shawnee Campground
If you missed the window to reserve a camping spot, please contact a Mo-Kan Executive Officer

April 29 – May 3, 20²⁶

Region 8 Spring Rally

Hutchinson, KS

Kansas State Fairgrounds
More Details to Come!

Jun 4 - 7, 20²⁶

Joint Rally Get-Together

Mo-Kan Club and Greater Ozark Club

Morrilton, AR

Petit Jean State Park

If you missed the window to reserve a camping spot, please contact a Mo-Kan Executive Officer

Save the Date!

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

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

New ACI National Event Rally just announced!

Jason Grendahl (Region 12 – Greater Bay Area Airstream Club) has asked us to share this invite in the Gopher News:

The inaugural *ACI National Event Rally Cruise to Alaska* just concluded, and it was a great success! So we're doing another one next summer - but this time on a river in France.

The dates are July 15-22, 2026, and departing Lyon, France. More details about the cruise are at the website for the event (<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>) and in the registration link below.

Our travel agent, "Leave It to Mel Travel", will also be arranging pre- and post-cruise touring opportunities in France. There are no details on this yet, but consider it already in your travel plans that getting to France or staying later by a few days will have fun things to do, potentially with fellow Airstreamers, too.

For any questions about the event, I welcome an email at jasongrendahl@gmail.com.

And now, your link to reserve: https://app.tern.travel/trips/Ai5yRdiyfi_Hq7MoGWqzOA/landing_page

- Jason Grendahl, Event Host, Silver on the River 2026



...and here's more upcoming **National Event Rallies** you may be interested in attending:

September 8-14, 2025

Pendleton Round-Up

Host: Stacey Rovinelli

Questions: icuffm@att.net

October 1-5, 2025

National Storytelling Rally

Host: Harry and Teresa Hermann

Questions: harry22222@gmail.com

October 3-7, 2025

Balloon Fiesta

Host: Richard Girard

Questions: balloonfiestarally@gmail.com

November 6-9, 2025

Texas Country Air

Host: Bill Price

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December 28, 2025-January 1, 2026

Rose Parade

Pasadena, CA

Margaret Handshoe

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2026

April 16-21, 2026

Stitchin' and Fishin'

Hillsboro, TX

Host: Anna Brandon

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July 15-22, 2026

Silver on the River

Lyon, France

Host: Jason Grendahl

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