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### **<u>President Message:</u>** Missouri Greater Ozark Unit

Well, it has been a busy couple of months. Steve and I traveled to the International Rally in York, PA in August. Other Missouri Greater Ozarks members in attendance were Ed and Stacy Drane and Patti and Harry Kelly. We had a great time, learned a lot, laughed a lot, and toured the beautiful countryside. It was my first time in most of the area, and I was Impressed!!

At the end of September, the Missouri Greater Ozarks unit had its annual meeting and installation of officers for the coming year. We were at the Big Red Barn RV Park in Carthage, MO. The campground was great; the weather was super and the campfires full of love and laughter. There were 8 member trailers PLUS, two visitor trailers and two couples without trailers in attendance. Region 8 President Ed and Jill O'Connor from Region 8 also attended and Ed installed the officers for 2026.

Congratulations to our officers for 2026

President, Patti Kelly

1st Vice President, Bryan Nelson

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Stacy Drane

Recording Secretary, Char Nelson

Treasurer. Marsha Keith

Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter and Webmaster, Colette Krupco-

Trustee (2025, 2026 year), Pat King

Trustee (2026, 2027 year), John Baker

In addition, Membership Chairman, Steve Mathias and Directory Editor, Charles McFarland. Charles McFarland redesigned and printed new unit directories which we will get to you by hand delivery or mail by December.

• Missouri Greater Ozarks Unit must update/amend/verify both our Bylaws and our - Constitution every 5 years—and that time is here. Grab your copy of the Bylaws and Constitution in your directory and read through it to see what you feel should be changed---and let me know by text or email (417-619-2097 or <a href="mailto:5jmathias12@gmail.com">5jmathias12@gmail.com</a>) Colette will be forwarding to you a Template of what ACI requires to be included in the By-Laws and Constitution, as well as what "may" be included. Speak Up if you have an opinion!!!!!! One change will be whether we want to be called a "UNIT" or a "CLUB." In our present documents, we have both, and it needs to be consistent throughout.

- Jill O'Connor (Membership Chairman for MO/KAN, is developing a Region 8 Rally Calendar which we can each utilize to schedule the rallies hosted by Region 8 clubs.
   If you would like to organize a rally and have questions, please feel free to text me. It can be a no-host, co-host or hosted rally.
- You will receive an invite to a luncheon on December 16<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday hosted by me and Steve at our home. It will be a casual get together to share time together. Please check out the invitation and let us know if you can attend. We would love to see EACH of you.
- We are investigating starting a Club Facebook page. Postings would be sent by email
  to members, not on Facebook. Each member who joins will be able to post needs, wants, for
  sale items, repair questions, comments on campgrounds, restaurants, repair shops, etc. and
  suggest a pop-up-luncheon.
- Thanks so much for the honor of serving as your President during 2025. I am very
  confident that the new board will energize, enlighten, and encourage our growing unit
  membership.

Be Blessed, Jane Mathias

President, -Missouri Greater Ozarks Airstream Unit

**September Fall Installation Rally** WOW!!!! What a fantastic rally. We give our host Steve and Jane Mathias a big applause for a great rally. Those that were in attendance Bryan and Charlene Nelson, Ed and Stacy Drane, Rick and Marsha Keith, Harry and Patti Kelly, John and Colette Krupco, Gary and Linda Rush, Region 8 President Ed O'Connor and first Lady Jill, Guest Mike, and Joyce past members.

Things we did were visiting the Carthage Historic Square, Precious Moments Chapel, Route 66 Attractions, George Washinton Carver Monument, Civil War Museum, driving tour of Historic Homes, and some drove down to Diamond, MO., for the World's Largest Small Appliance Museum. We went to the Lucky J Steakhouse and Arena for lunch fantastic food and there was Team Roping competition in the Arena.

Saturday, we had the annual business meeting. (Will be sent out separately]. We had a foil pack of shrimp and sausage with veggies for dinner,

#### 2025 Rallies and Luncheon

**December 16, 2025, Tuesday Holiday Luncheon 11:30 am** Host Steve and Jane Mathias place their home at 237 South Elder, Springfield, MO. Please let your host know you are coming. E-mail Jane at <a href="mailto:5jmathias12@gmail.com">5jmathias12@gmail.com</a>

#### 2026 Rallies and Luncheons

**Future Rallies** It is time to start thinking about the 2026 rallies. We are looking for places to have a rally and people to host them. Hosts can have rallies with an agenda, or you can do a just camp rally with no agenda. We usually have rallies in April through October, or someone can set up a time and place for a luncheon or just let us know of someplace you would like to camp. If interested in doing a rally, or luncheon please contact the Missouri Greater Ozark

President Jane Mathias e-mail 5jmathias12@gmail.com or Newsletter Editor Colette Krupco e-mail krupjc15@outlook.com. All the rallies will be in the newsletter and on the website. We would like to get these rallies set up as soon as possible for our working families.

April 25<sup>th</sup>, - 27th 2026, Spring Rally Rolling to Region 8 Rally Hutchison, KS, we will meet at the Needmore RV and Campground, 1894 S 2001 Rd., Fair Play, MO. 65649. To make reservations call 480-236-4142 and tell them you are with the Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club, which costs \$48 per night. There will be a \$25 dollar deposit at reservation and remainder payable in April when you park. Please let your host Steve and Jane Mathias know you are coming. Jane's email is <a href="mailto:5jmathias12@gmail.com">5jmathias12@gmail.com</a>.

We will be staying at Needmore RV and Campground 2 nights then head west.

Saturday night will be a jam session in their event center with area musicians from 6-9 pm or so. Drinks and snacks are available for purchase at the event center.

Sunday we will have a shared meal and games (TBA). Their website

At this time the following two camping spots do not take advanced reservations.

is https://www.needmorervcampground.com to check out pictures of their facilities

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, we will meander west, maybe have lunch along the way and park at Downstream Casino's Joplin location, across from their Q Store (right off interstate 44's exit 1). At this time, one night camping is included with Q Club membership. Electricity and water provided as well as a dump station. Happy hour at 4:30 and dinner (and any gambling) on your own.

**Tuesday, April 28** we will travel to Winfield, Kansas. Camping will be at Winfield City Lake campground at 10348 141<sup>st</sup> Road, eight miles NE of Winfield. At this time, resident permit is \$22/night for full hook ups and \$25/night for non-residents (price may change in January). Happy hour, 5pm, dinner TBD!!!

**Wednesday, April 29** we drive to Hutchinson, Kansas Fairgrounds to join our fellow Region 8 "streamers" and spring rally activities!!

**Region 8 Rally** April 29 to May 3, 2026, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS, Host Region 8 President Ed O'Connor and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Jill. More information coming later.

**June 4 to 7, 2026 Joint Rally** with Missouri Kansas Airstream Club. Where: Petit Jean State Park, 1285 Petit Jean Mountain Rd. Morrilton, Arkansas 72110' Contact Patti Kelly plk58@hotmail.com she will send you the information to make reservations.

**Joint Rally Get Together!** Join us for a Joint Rally Get Together, June 4 - 7, 2026 at Petit Jean State Park, Morrilton, AR.

More details about the joint rally will be coming!

#### Contacts:

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Missouri Greater Ozark Unit – Patti Kelly, (417)293-7091, or email pk58@hotmail.com

**August 22 -27, 2026 International Rally Minot, North Dakota** start making reservations August 27, 2025, go to International website to sign up Airstreamclub.org

#### **Announcements**

Please welcome new members Nate & Ali Kleekamp BRN 6303 Please welcome new member Brad Benton BRN 5623 Next newsletter January

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Missouri Greater Ozark Unit 2026 Executive Board Left to Right: Marsha Keith, Treasurer, Patti Kelly President, Stacy Drane 2nd Vice President, Bryan Nelson 1st Vice President, Colette Krupco Corresponding Secretarty, Charlene Nelson Recording Secretary, Jane Mathias Past President, John Baker Trustee, Region 8 President Ed O'Connor not pictured Pat King Trustee

