



# REGION 8 HEARTLANDER

April 2026

## Hello Region 8!

**I don't know about you, but I'm ready to camp!**

**Yes, it was a long winter, but it's now time to de-winterize and get on the road!**

Plans are well underway for our annual **Spring Rally**.

This year we will travel to Hutchinson, Kansas. Between the great campsite facilities and the activities in-and-around Hutchinson, I know it will be fun for all.

**Read all about it starting on page 3!**

Then in August, plan to travel to Minot, ND for the **69<sup>th</sup> International Rally**. I always look forward to the activities and fellowship found at the International Rally.

*I'm always open to new ideas and questions about Region 8 - just let me know. Have a great 2026 camping season!*



- Ed O'Connor #263  
Region 8 President

**While you're thinking about, why don't you just register for the Spring Rally right now!**

Click this link <https://pci.jotform.com/form/252955716888174> or scan this QR code →



**But Hey!**

The **Region 8 Rally** isn't the "only game in town!" As a member of Airstream Club International, you're welcome to attend *any* Club Rally! (Depending on registration, availability and such)

Here are all the Region 8 rallies scheduled so far in 2026:

	Dates	Club	Location	Campground
April	April 23-26	Mo-Kan Club Spring Rally	Topeka, KS	Lake Shawnee
	April 29-May 3	<b>Region 8 Rally</b>	Hutchinson, KS	Hutchinson Fair Grounds
May	May 14-17	Greater St. Louis Club Rally	Rosebud, MO	Rosebud Resort & RV Park
	May 14-17	Iowa Club Rally	Mason City, IA	MacNider Campgrounds
	May 15-17	Nebraska Club Fix-it Rally	Ashland, NE	Mahoney State Park
	May 28-31	Mo-Kan Club Just-For-Fun Rally	Melvern, KS	Outlet Melvern
	May 28 – June 4	Greater MO Ozark Spring Rally	Greenbrier, AR	Wooly Hollow St. Park

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	Dates	Club	Location	Campground
June	June 4-7	Iowa North Club Rally	Webster City, IA	Briggs Woods Campground
	June 4-7	Mo-Kan/Greater Ozark Club Rally	Morrilton, AR	Petit Jean State Park
	June 11-14	Greater St. Louis Club Rally	Grayville, IL	I-64 KOA
	June 11-14	Mo-Kan Club/ Bill Thomas Rally	Wentzville, MO	Bill Thomas Dealership
	June 12-14	Nebraska Club Kearney Rally	Kearney, NE	Fort Kearney State Recreation Area
	June 25-28	Iowa Club Spring Rally	Muscatine, IA	Salisbury Bridge Recreation Area
July	July 16-19	Greater St. Louis Club Rally	Leasburg, MO	Ozark Outdoor Riverfront Park
	Jul 23-26	MO Greater Ozark Rally (Float)	Van Buren	Big Spring Campground
	July 30–Aug 2	Mo-Kan/Iowa/Iowa North Rally	Stanton, IA	Viking Lake State Park
August	August 6-9	Nebraska Nat’l Balloon Classic	Indianola, IA	Crow’s Nest RV Resort
	August 18-22	Nebraska Club Caravan to Minot, ND	Sioux Falls & Fargo, ND	TBD
	August 22-27	<b>ACI International Rally</b>	Minot, ND	ND State Fairgrounds
Sept.	Sept 10-13	Iowa North Rally	Eldora, IA	Pine Lake State Park
	Sept 17-20	Mo-Kan Club Installation Rally	Maryville, MO	Mozingo Lake RV Park
	Sept 24-27	MO Greater Ozark Installation Rally	Arrow Rock, MO	Arrow Rock State Historical Site
	Sept 24-27	Greater St Louis Annual Mtg/Rally	Kirksville, MO	NEMO Fairgrounds
	Sept 24-27	Nebraska Club Installation Rally	Raymond, NE	Branched Oak Lake Recreation Area
	Sept 24-27	Vintage Airstream Club Midwest	Abilene, KS	Walt’s Four Season Campground
Oct.	Oct 1-4	Iowa North Club Rally	TBD	TBD
	Oct 2-4	Mo-Kan Club Hometown Rally	Baxter Springs, KS	Town Square
	Oct 8-11	Iowa Club Fall Rally	Spillville, IA	Riverside Park Campgrounds
	Oct 15-18	Greater St Louis Installation Rally	Chatham, IL	Double J Campground

Spam Rally just added! See page 7

For more information about each event, please contact the Club Presidents:

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# Get Ready!

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## 2026 WBCCI Region 8 Spring Rally

April 29, 2026-May 3, 2026

Kansas State Fairgrounds – Hutchinson, Kansas  
2000 N Poplar St, Hutchinson, KS 67502  
620-669-3600 - [www.kansasstatefair.com](http://www.kansasstatefair.com)

Campsite Cost = \$30 per night, Rally Fee = \$76 per person; kids under 12, no fee

### General Information:

- Enter through **Gate 4 only**. It will be closed by 9pm.  
After 9 pm, enter through Gate 1, open 24/7.
- All rally activities will take place in Dillon Hall nearby.  
It will be open from 8am- 10pm daily.
- Solo Stoves and gas stoves **ONLY** are allowed.  
Please bring your Solo Stoves.
- Absolutely no open wood burning fire pits are allowed and there is no large group campfire pit.
- Coffee will no longer be provided for breakfast;  
*always bring your own coffee.*



### Wednesday, April 29th

12:00p - 5:00p **Arrivals** through Gate 4 only

Once you get set up, please go to **Dillon Hall** to confirm your check in, pick up your goodie bag and review sign-up sheets. Sign up for Joyce Tait's class and Kleen Tank. *Dinner on your own.*

5:30p - **Sweet Rolls and Boba Pearls** (rolled ice cream like Coldstone) parked by Dillon Hall. An **ORANGE** ticket will be in your 'Welcome Bag' for each attendee. Find their page on Facebook at [Sweet Rolls & Boba Pearls](#).



6:00p - Welcome Gathering in Dillon Hall. **Bill Thomas** Intro. Joyce Tait will talk about her class.

6:30p - **Kansas State Fair Association** will give a presentation of the history of Hutchinson, the fairgrounds and the Association. **James Fisher** with the organization will be the speaker.

<https://ksfairgroundsfoundation.org/about-us/>



7:00p – **Trivia Contest** in Dillon Hall



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## 2026 WBCCI Region 8 Spring Rally

### Thursday, April 30th – 2 Morning Presentations

8:00a - **Donuts** in Dillon Hall (sponsored by Kleen Tank). **BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE**

9:00a - **Kleen Tank** presentation, click here to read about his services and to *make an appointment*:

[kleentank.com/airstreamregion8spring2026/](http://kleentank.com/airstreamregion8spring2026/)



10:00a - **Briter Products** solar presentation [briterproducts.com](http://briterproducts.com),  
[www.facebook.com/briterproducts/](https://www.facebook.com/briterproducts/)



Lunch and afternoon on your own.

Explore the **Amish Community of Yoder, the Cosmosphere,** or the **Strataca Salt Mines.** (Info on page 3)

5:30p - Dinner at the **Amish Community Building**, 5917 Mills Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67501 (12mile drive) (Included in Rally Fee)



### Friday, May 1st – 2 Morning Presentations and Business Meeting

8:00a - **Donuts** in Dillon Hall (sponsored by Sky Med).

**BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE**

9:00a - **SkyMed** Presentation [www.skymed.com](http://www.skymed.com)



10:00a - **Region 8 Business Meeting**; all are encouraged to attend. Thank you.

11:00a - **Vern Wirka** presentation on weather awareness and AS camping

Lunch and afternoon on your own.

Explore the **Amish Community of Yoder, the Cosmosphere,** or the **Underground Salt Museum.** (Info on page 5)

5:00p - Food Truck: **There's No Taste Like Home**

parked by Dillon Hall (Pay for your own).

Visit [Russ and Annie's on Facebook](#). Burgers,

Loaded fries, pulled pork, funnel cakes and more.



5:30p - **Color Green**, Blue Grass Band



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# 2026 WBCCI Region 8 Spring Rally



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

9:00a - **Dusek concession:** breakfast burritos, breakfast biscuits, Breakfast quesadillas, breakfast potatoes. (Sponsored by **Bill Thomas**)

**BRING YOUR OWN COFFEE**

10:00a - Joyce Tait class **Make and Take: Guide to Toxin-Free Cleaning** on “making your own” healthy cleaners to use in your AS and home—make sign-up sheet for registration (\$5 fee for class spray bottles and ingredients to make your own take home items)

Lunch and afternoon on your own.

Explore the **Amish Community of Yoder, the Cosmosphere, or the Underground Salt Museum.** (Info below) (Info below)

4:00p to 5:30p - **Flea Market in Dillon Hall.** Bring those things you thought you needed and/or find that item you always wanted!

Dinner on your own, try the *Dutch Kitchen Restaurant* (fabulous pie!), *Anchor Inn* (Mexican), in Hutchinson or *Bull's Eye Grill* in Yoder (Info below)

7:00p - **Farewell gathering,** drawing for door prizes in Dillon Hall. *Must be present to win.*

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

Depart for home. **Safe Travels!**

### Addresses:

[Yoder Thrift Store](#) 9815 Main, Yoder, KS 67585

[Yoder Furniture Co.](#) 3405 Switzer Rd, Yoder, KS 67585

[Yoder Meats](#) 3509 Switzer Rd Ste 1/2, Yoder, KS 67585

[Cosmosphere](#) 1100 N Plum St, Hutchinson, KS 67501

[KS Underground Salt Museum](#) 3650 E Ave G, Hutchinson, KS 67501

[Dutch Kitchen Restaurant](#) 6803 KS-61, Hutchinson, KS 67501

[Bull's Eye Grill](#) 3408 E Red Rock Rd, Yoder, KS 67585

[Anchor Inn](#) 128 S Main St, Hutchinson, KS 67501



## Region 8 2026 Leadership *(All the leadership members are volunteers! Maybe YOU want to volunteer too?)*

	Region 8 (As of Aug '25)	Gr St. Louis (As of Jan '26)	Mo-Kan (As of Sep '25)	Gr. Ozarks (As of Jan '26)	Iowa (As of Sep '25)	Iowa North (As of Sep '25)	Nebraska (As of Oct '25)
<b>President</b>	Ed O'Connor	Hugh Schuetz	Christine Embers	Patti Kelly	Terie Taylor-Wolf	Pedro Hermon	Jeff Mann
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	Pedro Herman	Lyn Heald	Jill O'Connor	Bryan Nelson	Terry Cochran	Jamie Dailey	Chris Lehman
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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President.</b>	N/A	Steve Mentz	Teresa Bontrager	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Lange	Berta Everson	Doug Brown	Marsha Keith	Kathy Allen	Karen Cole	Kandi Smith
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Stephanie Porto	Joanne Pierro	Marsha Brown	Char Nelson	John Wolf	Gayle Wyma	Terri Bailey
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b>	N/A	N/A	Christine Whitney	Collette Krupco	N/A	N/A	Crystal Wieland
<b>Past President</b>	Rick Everson	John Lange	Monty Sowder	Jane Mathias	Tom Herron	Jeff Peterson	Ashley Kavan
<b>Trustee (1yr)</b>	N/A	Bill Grant	N/A	Pat King	Mugsy Jespersen & Shirley Herron	Jodi Jensen	Jim Perrin
<b>Trustee (2yr)</b>	N/A	Dave Votaw	N/A	John Baker	Scott Allen & Carol Heckman	Anna Schafer	Mary Pauba
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<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Mike Sisk	N/A	Vern Wirka	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Kirk Moore	Steven Mentz	Kirk Moore	Collette Krupco	Terie Taylor-Wolf	Jodi Jensen	Christine Mann
<b>Caravans</b>	Tom Herron						
<b>Nominations</b>	Rick Everson		Monty Sowder				
<b>Webmaster/FB</b>	Kathy Allen	Jim Mussulman	Kirk Moore & Christine Whitney	Collette Krupco	Kathy Allen	Jodi Jensen	Amy Knowles





This Just In!

# Spam Campout

Oct 15-18, 2026 (Thursday-Sunday)



Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch RV Park, 3126 Bittersweet Rd, Sabetha, KS 66534

You are invited to a SPAM Campout in Sabetha, Kansas. This is not a Region rally nor a club rally; it is a campout hosted by **Jeanine & Jim Wright** (Nebraska Club), **Jill & Ed O'Connor** (Mo-Kan Club). It is a "just for fun" type of campout.

This SPAM campout has taken place in the past from time to time and originated by **Joyce & Lee Cantrell** (Mo-Kan Club), (who have decided not to organize it again), and Jeanine & Jim Wright (Nebraska Club). They deserve major kudos for coming up with such a great idea! It was so much fun we decided to carry on their idea and open it up to the Region.

(We realize that this rally conflicts with the Greater St. Louis Club's installation rally, and we apologize. We set the date and reserved Whitetail Ranch long before the Region's clubs set the dates for their rallies. If we do this fun rally again, we will be aware of any conflicts.)

**Please call 785-285-8800 to reserve and pay for your own site.** There are 45 parking spaces with full hook-ups available at \$55/night. They will go fast so sign up soon!

**THERE IS NO RALLY FEE!**  **THERE IS NO RALLY FEE!**  **THERE IS NO RALLY FEE!**

All breakfasts and lunches are on your own. All dinners are in the building and begin at 6pm. There are fire pits at each camp site.

**Thursday dinner:** Hot dogs/bun, condiments (provided by the hosts).

A-L bring salads/sides; M-Z bring desserts; bring your own service and beverages.

**NO ALCOHOL IS ALLOWED INSIDE THE BUILDING**

**Friday dinner:** Food trucks \*\* Please plan on supporting the Grimm Girls Food Truck. Philly Cheese Steak \$8 Hamburgers and pork tenderloins \$7 Chicken Salad on Croissant \$9 Fries, onion rings, mac and cheese \$3 Water and Pop \$1 Pie by the slice \$3

**Saturday dinner: — SPAM FOOD —————→**



→ **ALL entrees, sides, salads, desserts MUST INCLUDE SPAM!**



**To make sure we know who's coming, please fill out the attached Jotform at**  
<https://form.jotform.com/260348095190155>

**You MUST make your call to Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch to reserve your campsite:**

**785-285-8800**

SUPER IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION

Check-in time is 2pm.

*Do not follow your GPS when coming into the park; it will take you on gravel roads!!!*

Go 6 miles North of Sabetha, or 1 mile South of the Nebraska border, to 330<sup>th</sup> Road. Turn East on 330<sup>th</sup> and go 2 miles then follow the curve south and go another 1.5 miles to the campground. This route is all oil road.

