



# Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club



## Keeping the Stream Rolling Across the Ozarks July 2026

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy July, MGO Family, and Happy 250th Birthday, America!

As we gather around campfires, share meals, and explore the beauty of our great nation, we're reminded of the freedoms and opportunities that make these experiences possible. This year, our country celebrates an extraordinary milestone – 250 years of American independence.

Since 1776, generations of Americans have embraced the spirit of adventure, community, and discovery. Those same values continue to inspire us as Airstreamers. Whether traveling scenic backroads, visiting historic landmarks, or creating memories with friends old and new, we have the privilege of experiencing firsthand the diverse landscapes and rich heritage that define our nation. This month, we get to celebrate all of it together at our 1st ANNUAL Ozark Riverways Exploration Rally and Float! We are so excited to launch this brand-new tradition centered around one of the true treasures of our region, the beautiful waterways of the Ozarks,

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### Hot Topics

#### MGOAC Club and Garden Flags

We are excited to offer club flags and customizable garden flags for our members! We will bulk order and ship to one central club address for distribution at an upcoming rally or by special arrangement.

Please complete the following:



[Club Flag Interest Form](#)

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### Upcoming Rally

1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
OZARK RIVERWAY EXPLORATION RALLY

OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAYS  
Big Spring Campground, Pea Vine Road, Van Buren, MO

Dates: July 23 – 26, 2026

Contact Peter Hartmann at  
[PeterandCalee@airstream.ing](mailto:PeterandCalee@airstream.ing)

### Find Us on FaceBook

We have launched our FaceBook Group page. You will find rally notes, member news, shared group events and photos. Follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mgoaclub>



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# Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club

## You Need to Know!



## MISSOURI GREATER OZARK CLUB FLAGS

### WE ARE ORDERING MISSOURI GREATER OZARK AIRSTREAM CUSTOM CLUB FLAGS & CUSTOMIZED GARDEN FLAGS



The motion for our official name change, MISSOURI GREATER OZARK AIRSTREAM CLUB, and our NEW CLUB LOGO and NEW CLUB FLAG have received unanimous approval by the Airstream Club International governing body, the International Board of Trustees by electronic ballot. We have been waiting for this approval and been making plans to order a new club flag and also adding smaller garden flags to our new club branding.

We are excited to offer club flags and customizable garden flags to our members! To help everyone save money on shipping, all orders will be placed together as a bulk order and shipped to one central club address for distribution at an upcoming rally or by special arrangement.

An interest form has been included in your monthly email and linked below. It does not constitute a final order. No money is due at this time. Final pricing will be determined after total quantities are received and vendor discounts are calculated. Payment instructions and ordering deadlines will be provided in a future email.

Approximate prices are included in the link as well as photos of the new club flag and customizable garden flag. Bulk ordering helps reduce costs for everyone, if interested so please respond promptly by July 10, 2026.

Thank you for supporting the MISSOURI GREATER OZARK AIRSTREAM CLUB and our new club branding!

“They are going to look so nice at the campsites!!!”

[Club Flag Interest Form](#)



### Congratulations, Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club!

We are pleased to announce that the Airstream Club International (ACI) International Board of Trustees (IBT) has officially approved our new name: Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club. In addition, our new club flag and logo have also been approved.

Thank you to all of our members who took the time to vote and share their input throughout this process. We look forward to ordering our new flags and proudly displaying our updated logo and club name at future rallies and events.

A special thank-you goes to our Executive Board for their dedication, patience, and countless hours spent preparing and submitting the motions that made this possible.

Congratulations to everyone on this exciting milestone for our club!

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**Please note:** If you haven't seen your birthday or anniversary listed in the newsletter, it's because we don't know it! In the old days that information was collected each year on your renewal slip. The ACI database no longer collects that information, but we'd still like to include these celebrations in the newsletter.

Please email [plk58@hotmail.com](mailto:plk58@hotmail.com) and she will make certain to include your information in the upcoming issues.



## July Celebrations



### Happy, happy birthday to:

- 1 – Gary Rush
- 7 – Ali Kleekamp
- 12 – Steve Mathias
- 17 – Craig King
- 17 – Kevin Spoering
- 20 – Bruce Adib-Yazdi

### High 5 to our Anniversary couples. Here's to many more!

- 9 – Harry & Patti Kelly
- 23 – Doug & Carol Gerard



## 2026 STARS (1 star awarded for every 5 years)



### 5 Year Star

- Holcomb (June)
- Morgan (July)
- Winkler (July)
- Drane (August)

### 10 Year Star

- Eiken/Adib-Yazdi (April)

### 20 Year Star

- Rush (July)



## IN OUR THOUGHTS

Please keep our fellow Airstream Club member, **Gary Rush**, in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recuperate from heart surgery. We are wishing him strength, comfort, and steady healing during this recovery period. May each day bring renewed energy and encouragement, and may he and Linda know their Airstream family is thinking of them and looking forward to seeing them back around the campfire again soon.

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## In the Spotlight

**Peter and Calee Hartman BRN 14144**



We are Peter and Calee, and we really enjoy Airstreaming. We have spent most of our lives camping together, most of that in a tent on the ground. Some of our favorite weekends are the simple ones: hitching up, heading to a campground or rally, walking the dogs, visiting with friends, looking at old trailers, and ending the day around good people. Airstreams have been part of Peter's family for generations. His grandparents and great-grandparents were part of the club, so being involved now feels like carrying on a family tradition.

Our 1966 Caravel came through Peter's family, and we have tried to take care of it in that same spirit. We like vintage trailers because they have stories, quirks, scars, repairs, and personality. Keeping one going takes work, but that is part of what makes it fun.

We enjoy learning from other Airstreamers, hearing how people solved problems, seeing what they have built, and getting ideas from trailers that have been loved for decades. We have spent plenty of time polishing, fixing, updating, and maintaining our trailers, but our favorite part is still using them.

For us, the club is about the people as much as the trailers. We love the rallies, campground walks, trailer tours, dogs, shared meals, casual conversations, and friendships that come from showing up again and again. Mostly, we are just grateful to be part of the Airstream community and to keep making memories down the road.

**Peter and Calee are hosting our 1st ANNUAL OZARK RIVERWAYS EXPLORATION RALLY**

**Be sure to come join us and meet them in person!**



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## President's Page

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including the breathtaking Ozark National Scenic Riverways. These spring-fed rivers are part of what makes southern Missouri such a remarkable place to camp, explore, and connect with nature.

This rally is about more than just floating a river. It's about:

- Slowing down and soaking in the scenery
- Sharing laughter as we drift downstream
- Gathering around campfires after a full day outdoors
- Welcoming new friends into our circle

Whether you're a seasoned paddler or simply plan to dip your toes in the cool current, this event is designed for everyone. Airstreaming has always been about adventure balanced with fellowship – and this rally captures both beautifully.

I'm especially proud of our members who had the vision to create something new for our club calendar. Launching a first annual event takes courage, creativity, and teamwork. If this year is any indication, the Ozark Riverways Exploration Rally is sure to become a favorite tradition for years to come.

As we gather this month, let's:

- Extend a warm welcome to members-at-large and first-time rally attendees
- Order a new club flag or customized garden flag to proudly display by your camp site
- Take lots of photos (for future newsletters!)
- And remember how fortunate we are to explore this incredible region together

Thank you for your enthusiasm, your volunteer spirit, and your willingness to try new adventures. Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club continues to thrive because of YOU.

Here's to our nation's past, present, and future – and to many more miles of friendship and adventure ahead.

Let's roll, let's float, and let's make memories. See you by the river!

Warm regards,  
Patti Kelly



# Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club

COME JOIN US



## MGO Club Events - 1st ANNUAL OZARK RIVERWAYS EXPLORATION RALLY

### OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAYS

Big Spring Campground, Pea Vine Road, Van Buren, MO / Dates: July 23 - 26, 2026

For reservations, book online at <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234044>

Let us know you are coming. Email Peter Hartman at [PeterandCalee@airstream.ing](mailto:PeterandCalee@airstream.ing)

If anyone needs to make a Big Spring Campground cancellation for July 23-26, please let me know right away so I can try to coordinate a trade with one of our fellow MGO members as soon as it is released. All of the electric sites in LOOP 200 are taken at this point. Several members would like to join this rally! Thank you. Email [plk58@hotmail.com](mailto:plk58@hotmail.com)

### Loop Amenities Breakdown

Loop 200: The designated electric loop (50/30/20amp service) tends to have the most mature tree cover and shade. Loop 200 is full unless someone cancels their reservation. Check in often for cancellations!

Loop 100 & 300: Primarily standard, non-electric campsites. These loops are largely open and grassy with some shaded areas, placing you close to the trails and the Current River. For those of you who have solar, 20 sites are still available in the non-electric LOOP 100 which is right beside LOOP 200. Come and float with us!

### What to expect:

- Float trip on the Current River on Friday, July 24
- Open grilling and potluck
- Optional Airstream Sealing 101 workshop
- Walking Taco Dinner / Happy Hour

### Nearby attractions:

- Big Spring Lodge – built by CCC/Peck Ranch/Rocky Falls/Klepzig Mill/Alley Spring Mill/Blue Spring
- Another float
- Informal bike ride
- Park Interpreter's Talk
- Spring-viewing walk

**Natural Wonders & Hiking / Dining & Coffee / Drinks & Evening Fun / Shopping & Browsing / Discovery**  
(more information found in attachment)

**We really have to conserve water to go three to four nights without water hookups while at Big Spring Campground in Van Buren, Missouri:**

!Arrive with full fresh water tanks & empty gray/black tanks.

!Use dishpan for washing dishes, dumping gray water into toilet. Use paper plates.

!Navy showers - wet down, turn off water, soap up, then rinse.

!Use a portable waste tote "blue boy" if you need to.

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## ROLLING RALLY & REGION 8 RALLY IN HUTCHINSON, KANSAS - RECAP

Members of the Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club and the Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club enjoyed a fantastic weekend together at Petit Jean State Park. The rally was filled with fellowship, fun, and adventure as members participated in get-acquainted games, fireside chats, park ranger interpretive programs, hiking, biking, shopping, and exploring the area's many attractions.

Highlights included a delicious dinner at Mather Lodge, a dessert social, pastries and donuts from a local bakery, a tour of the Museum of Automobiles, and plenty of laughter during Left-Right-Center games and evening gatherings.

Members also enjoyed a craft session, creating personalized Cricut tote bags to take home as rally keepsakes.

From great food and beautiful scenery to new friendships and lasting memories, the joint rally was a wonderful success. Thank you to everyone who attended and made the weekend so enjoyable.

We look forward to camping together again soon!



# Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club

Travel with us!

## UPCOMING ROLLING RALLY AND MINOT INTERNATIONAL RALLY 69th Airstream Club International Rally in Minot, North Dakota August 22 – 27, 2026

The Dranes, Mathias, and Kellys will soon be heading north to attend the International Rally in Minot, North Dakota.

This year's International Rally (IR) promises a week filled with fun, fellowship, learning, and adventure. Members will enjoy exciting entertainment, special events at the Rally Expo, educational opportunities, community service projects, and plenty of time to connect with fellow Airstreamers from across the country.

Each day offers something new to discover, making the IR the highlight of the Airstream Club International calendar. We look forward to representing the Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club and creating unforgettable memories in Minot!



## 2026 MGOA Club Rallies

### July

1st ANNUAL OZARK RIVERWAYS  
EXPLORATION RALLY

OZARK NATIONAL SCENIC RIVERWAYS

Van Buren, MO

Dates: July 23 - 26, 2026

For reservations, book online at

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234044>

Contact the Hartmans at

[PeterandCalee@airstream.ing](mailto:PeterandCalee@airstream.ing)

### August

69th AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY  
NORTH DAKOTA STATE FAIRGROUNDS

Minot, ND

Dates: August 22 - 27, 2026

Register at: <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026>

Contact Patti Kelly at

[plk58@hotmail.com](mailto:plk58@hotmail.com)

### September

FALL INSTALLATION RALLY

ARROW ROCK STATE HISTORIC SITE CAMPGROUND

Arrow Rock, MO

Dates: September 24-27, 2026

For Reservations call (877) 422-6766

or book online [Missouri State Parks - Missouri State Parks Reservation System](#)

Contact Stacy Drane at

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# Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club



**Keep'er Rollin'**

**WE NEED YOU!!!**



## **2027 VOLUNTEER OFFICERS NEEDED**

The Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club is seeking enthusiastic members who may be interested in serving as volunteer officers for the 2027 season. If you've ever thought about becoming more involved, now is a great time to explore the opportunity.

We are always excited to welcome new perspectives, fresh ideas, and members who want to help our club continue to grow and succeed. Serving as an officer is a rewarding way to build friendships, support club activities, and help plan the rallies and events that make the MISSOURI GREATER OZARK AIRSTREAM CLUB special.

If you'd like to learn more about available positions, please contact Bryan Nelson or Steve Mathias. Our club continues to gain momentum each year, and your participation can help shape its future.

Step up, get involved, make a difference—and most importantly, let's go camping!

## **It's not too late!!! ACI Rally 2027 Rally Registration**

We are excited to have you join us in Rock Springs! Below are the registration options for the 70th Airstream Club International Rally. Registration opens June 24, 2027 at 11:00 AM ET.

[Click on the link: https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2027](https://airstreamclub.org/Rally2027)

REGISTRATION OPENED JUNE 24, 2026 AT 11:00 AM ET

### Important Rally Registration Dates

- June 24, 2026 – Registration opens at 11:00 AM ET
- May 1, 2027 – Last day to request a refund and receive 100% Refund (Minus \$50 processing Fee)
- May 15, 2027 – Rally Traveling Group Registration Deadline
- June 1, 2027 – Rally Parking Change Request Deadline
- June 12, 2027 – Last day to request a refund or registration transfer (50% refund)

### Rally Registration Fees (per person) – Entire Rally

- Adult (18+): \$125
- Teen (13-17): \$75
- Child (4-12): \$50
- Toddler (3 & under): Free
- Lifetime Member Discount: - \$20

# Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club

## 2026 Club Officers

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## Get Linked!

**ACI website:** <https://airstreamclub.org>

**MGO Facebook Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1CPH4RnsBY/>

**MGO website:** <https://airstreamclub.org/missouri-greater-ozark>

**Newsletter submission:** Please submit all pictures and content to Patti by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Send to [plk58@hotmail.com](mailto:plk58@hotmail.com)



**Happy Travels, Airstreamers!**  
**Wherever the new month takes you**  
—near or far—  
**may your roads be smooth**  
**and your nights around the campfire warm.**  
**See you down the road...**