



Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club



Keeping the Stream Rolling Across the Ozarks AUGUST 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear MGO Family,

August has arrived, and what a season it has already been! Our wheels have been turning, our friendships growing stronger, and our calendars happily full. This is truly the heart of Airstream travel — sunshine, open highways, and gatherings that remind us why we belong.

One of the highlights this month is the Airstream Club International Rally in Minot. What an incredible opportunity to connect not only with fellow Missouri Greater Ozark members, but with Airstreamers from across the United States and beyond. International is more than just a rally — it's a celebration of our shared lifestyle, a showcase of creativity and volunteerism, and a reminder that no matter where we travel, we're always part of something bigger.

For those making the trip north, safe travels and enjoy every mile. Take time to explore, attend seminars, volunteer if you can, and most of all — build new friendships. Bring those stories home with you! We look forward to hearing about your adventures, the highlights, and maybe even a few "you won't believe this" moments.

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Hot Topics

Volunteers Needed!

Serving is a wonderful way to meet fellow members, contribute new ideas, and help keep the Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club active and welcoming.

Please contact Bryan Nelson at nelsonsrnomads@gmail.com or Steve Mathias at yellowhare@gmail.com to learn more about making a difference.

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Upcoming Rally

FALL INSTALLATION RALLY

ARROW ROCK STATE HISTORIC SITE
CAMPGROUND

Arrow Rock, Missouri
September 24 – 27, 2026

Host: Contact Stacy Drane
esdrane96@gmail.com

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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You Need to Know!

2027 Officers and Rally Hosts Needed

As we begin planning for an exciting 2027 camping season, we're looking for members who are willing to share their time and talents by serving as club officers or hosting a rally.

Our club thrives because members step forward to help. Whether you have experience or are volunteering for the first time, you'll find plenty of support from current and past officers. Serving is a wonderful way to meet fellow members, contribute new ideas, and help keep the Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club active and welcoming.

Please contact Bryan Nelson at nelsonsrnomads@gmail.com or Steve Mathias at yellowhare@gmail.com if you would like to know more about being an officer.

We're also looking for Rally Hosts! You don't need to plan everything on your own. Rally hosting can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose, and many members are happy to help with meals, activities, and local sightseeing. It's a fun way to share one of your favorite destinations with the club.

Please contact Bryan Nelson at nelsonsrnomads@gmail.com if you're interested in hosting or co-hosting a rally in 2027!

If you've ever thought about getting more involved, this is the perfect opportunity.

Please consider volunteering for an officer position or hosting a rally during the 2027 season. Your participation makes a difference and helps ensure our club continues to grow and provide enjoyable experiences for all. To volunteer or to learn more about any position, please contact one of the current club officers. We'd love to have you on the team!

Share Your Talent!



One of our talented fellow Airstreamers, Lora Spoering, created this beautiful watercolor of our Airstreams parked together at the Region 8 Rally at the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Isn't it gorgeous? We hope she'll consider teaching a class at one of our future rallies – it would be so much fun to learn from her!

Thank you, Lora, for creating such a wonderful keepsake for our Airstream family.

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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 and she will make certain to include your information in the upcoming issues.

New Members - Welcome!

Kenton and Jennifer Pember (Mansfield, MO) BRN 14634
Mark Conley and Debra Pace (Republic, MO) BRN 7456



August Celebrations

Happy, happy birthday to:

14 – Linda Rush
16 – Pat King
25 – Shelly Davis



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)

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In the Spotlight

Craig and Pat King BRN 2053



We began our camping journey together before we were married, over 50 years ago! Pat had never been camping and Craig wanted to show her how much fun it would be. We camped in a tent on a gravel bar of the Current River and it actually wasn't horrible! From there, we tent camped, even taking our just-turned-three-year-old and her older sister on a 2-week trip to Colorado. It became obvious that we (especially Pat) would prefer a little more "comfort".

So, when our daughters were little, we camped almost every weekend in the summer in our pop-up camper (off the ground but still no AC!) Fast forward a few years, and we decided it was time to experience even more camping comfort and we bought our first camper trailer (an SOB, with AC!). Now we were talking!

However, from an early age, Craig had always loved Airstreams! His first introduction to Airstreams was seeing ads in National Geographic, and having that once in a lifetime experience of seeing one on the highway. As an adult, he would always point them out as we were traveling and he dreamed of having one someday. Well, that "someday" came in 2018 when we bought our first Airstream, a 26 ft 2018 Flying Cloud. Wow! That was a great day and we were thrilled to join the Airstream community. We traveled over 52,000 miles in that camper and loved every minute. In 2024, we had a terrible flood at our river property on the North Fork River in southern MO and we lost both our camper and our truck in the flood. Thank goodness for insurance because in less than 3 months, Craig found a "new to us" camper in South Dakota. We took a harrowing trip in January, experiencing snowy winter weather on the way, to pick up our 27 ft 2022 Flying Cloud. We were back on the road and loving it!

One of our goals is to visit as many National Parks as we can – we've been to 33 so far and look forward to many more! We named our Airstream, "Happy Wanderer", based on the song that we often sing while we're camping and hiking! A huge perk of Airstreaming is that we can travel with our favorite companion, Walter; he's a good camping dog, just a little noisy at times (stop barking, Walter!!) We feel so lucky to have the opportunity to camp in "luxury" and to be a part of the Airstream community, where we have made so many new friends!

Meet Walter "Wally" - the KING mascot (pun intended)!

Wally is an energetic pup who loves to greet everyone. He won't object to a treat or two if you have some as well. Be sure to stop by and say hello!



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President's Page

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Closer to home, our club continues to shine. I continue to be impressed by the enthusiasm of our executive officers and members. We are actively working on updates that will strengthen our organization and better reflect who we are and where we're headed. Your participation, ideas, and encouragement make all the difference.

As we roll through August, remember that every rally – big or small – is an opportunity. Opportunity to welcome someone new. Opportunity to step up and serve. Opportunity to laugh a little louder around the campfire. That spirit is what makes the Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club so special.

Let's keep rolling, keep connecting, and keep representing our corner of the Ozarks with pride.

See you down the road,

Patti Kelly

FACEBOOK

We've reached 32 members in our Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club Facebook group—thank you for being part of our growing camping family!

Let's hear about your adventures:

- Where are you camping this year?
- What campground would you recommend to other members?
- Is there a destination you've always wanted to visit in our region?
- Do you have any ideas for 2027 club rallies?



Whether it's a hidden gem, a favorite state park, a beautiful COE campground, Harvest Host, or a fun rally location, we'd love to hear your suggestions. Your ideas help us plan future adventures and introduce fellow members to great places to camp.

Share your recommendations, photos, and travel tips in the comments. We can't wait to see where your Airstream has taken you!

Happy Camping!

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COME JOIN US



FALL INSTALLATION RALLY ARROW ROCK STATE HISTORIC SITE CAMPGROUND Arrow Rock, Missouri September 24 – 27, 2026

There are still several sites available for those interested in attending this rally. Electric sites are #13-46. Check daily for cancellations that may occur right up to the rally dates.

For reservations, call (877) 422-6766 or book online Missouri State Parks - Missouri State Parks Reservation System.

For group discounted Lyceum Theatre tickets, call (660) 837-3311 and let them know you are with the Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club under Stacy Drane's name for the Saturday show on September 26 at 2:00PM. You can make plans to reimburse her by contacting her directly at esdrane96@gmail.com and let her know you have ordered Lyceum Theatre tickets and are interested in J Huston Tavern lunch reservations.

We are excited by the fantastic response to the Arrow Rock Rally! It's going to be a wonderful weekend of fellowship, fun, and making memories. We can't wait to see everyone there!

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1st ANNUAL OZARK RIVERWAYS EXPLORATION RALLY - RECAP

Big Spring Campground | Van Buren, Missouri



What an incredible weekend! Our First Annual Ozark Riverways Exploration Rally in beautiful Van Buren, Missouri, was everything we hoped it would be – and more.

With 11 Airstreams gathered at Big Spring Campground, the weekend was packed with adventure, laughter, fellowship, and memories. Whether reconnecting with longtime friends or welcoming new ones into the Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club family, there was never a shortage of great conversations, storytelling, and plenty of tall tales shared around camp

Activities kept everyone busy. Members explored the breathtaking beauty of Big Spring, floated the crystal-clear waters of the Current River, enjoyed a sweet treat at the famous Jolly Cone, a few took in the scenic beauty of Rocky Falls Shut-Ins, and spent time antiquing and sightseeing around historic Van Buren.



One of the educational highlights of the weekend was an Airstream Sealing 101 class presented by Peter Hartman. Peter shared practical tips and techniques for inspecting, maintaining, and sealing an Airstream to help prevent leaks and protect our trailers for years to come. His knowledge and willingness to answer questions made the session both informative and appreciated by everyone who attended.

We also enjoyed two park talks presented by Ozark National Scenic Riverways ranger interpreters. On Friday evening, we learned about the important role of fire in the National Scenic Riverways – how prescribed burns benefit forests and wildlife, while also discussing the challenges and dangers of uncontrolled wildfires. On Saturday evening, we gathered for a presentation on the night sky, and the importance of preserving dark skies so future generations can continue to enjoy one of nature's greatest spectacles.

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Recap Con't..

Back at camp, there was always something happening. We enjoyed a delicious Grilling Night, a fun Walking Taco Night, trivia, relaxing campfires, and, of course, the campground's infamous "raccoon thieves," who managed to provide a story we'll be laughing about for years to come! (Ask Lora).

The greatest part of the rally wasn't just the places we visited — it was the friendships we strengthened and the new ones we made. Weekends like this remind us why we love the Airstream lifestyle: exploring beautiful places together, sharing meals, learning from one another, helping each other, and simply enjoying each other's company. By the time everyone packed up to head home, there was one common feeling — we loved every minute of it!

The excitement is already building for the 2nd Annual Ozark Riverways Exploration Rally. Planning is already underway, and we'll be sharing dates and details as soon as everything is finalized. If this year's rally was any indication, next year's event is one you won't want to miss!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and helped make our First Annual Ozark Riverways Exploration Rally such a memorable success. We wish everyone safe travels until we meet again around another campfire. Here's to many more adventures together!



2026 MGOA Club Rallies

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

September

FALL INSTALLATION RALLY
ARROW ROCK STATE HISTORIC SITE CAMPGROUND
Arrow Rock, MO

Dates: September 24-27, 2026

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

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Keep'er Rollin'

We are still two months from the SPAM Rally in Sabetha, Kansas. October 15th thru 18th. This is not a Region rally nor a club rally; it is a rally hosted by Jeanine and Jim Wright (Nebraska Club), Jill and Ed O'Connor (Mo/Kan Club), and Lynn & Sue Anderson (Mo/Kan Club). It is a "just for fun" type of rally. There is no rally fee, you only pay for your campsite. But there will be a potluck and all food must be made with SPAM.

But you **MUST** call to Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch to reserve your campsite:



Sycamore Springs Whitetail Ranch RV Park
3126 Bittersweet Road
Sabetha, Kansas 66534
785-285-8800
sycamorewhitetails@gmail.com

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

Where Do You Call Home?



Where Our MGO Members Call Home - 2026

Keeping the Stream Rolling Across the Ozarks



From the Ozarks to Beyond – We're More Than a Club, We're Family on the Road.

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2026 Club Officers

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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 10th of each month. Send to 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...