



STREAM'N & DREAM'N

The newsletter for the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club

International Rally

August 22 - 27, North Dakota
State Fairgrounds, Minot, ND.

September Rally

September 17 - 20, Northeast
Missouri (NEMO) Fairgrounds,
Kirkville, MO.

October Rally

October 15 - 18, Double J
Campground, , Chatham, IL.

December Luncheon

December 12, Defiance Ridge
Vineyards, Defiance, MO.

A Word from our President

Hello friends and neighbors! Time for another newsletter tell all.

Let's begin with the most recent and very successful rally at Ozark Outdoors RV Resort, Leasburg, MO., complete with kayaking, canoeing, (those that floated did 8 miles!) tubing, eats, chatting, Jenga and bingo. This was the largest number of attendees, ever! Rose and Drew Garland with Roxanne and David Votaw pulled off this event that almost wasn't because of the previous weekend's flooding. (The resort didn't open until Thursday!) The staff of the resort and associated cleanup crew had the facility up and running. An outstanding effort.

With their positivity/perseverance along with their "it will happen" attitude, Rose, Roxanne, Drew and David presented all of us streamers with a "Highway 66" themed and decorated rally that even included Ted Drew's Frozen Custard. Hurrah!!

Previous to the July rally, the June rally was held at the I-64 KOA in Grayville, IL which is across the Wabash River and a short jaunt to New Harmony, IN. New Harmony was founded in 1814 by a group known as the Pietist from Germany. Now it is a delightful, beautiful community where one can enjoy unique shops, eats and history as well as the local region in both IL and IN. Many thanks to Rose and Drew, who arranged two separate hikes on Saturday, each leading one. (Oh, at this time of year don't forget the mosquito spray as you're close to the river bottoms.)

The rally with its focus on New Harmony was well attended and enjoyable (although a little warm). Bill and Debbie Rigsby graciously helped Deb and I. The onsite eatery, The Smokin' Pig, provided meat and accessories and our group brought their wonderful variety of sides and desserts for Thursday's evening dinner. Yum!

As there is no GSLAC rally in August, some of us are headed to Minot, ND. And as they say, "why not Minot? Chuckle. The 69th Annual International ACI rally is next meet up. GSLAC has a large (if not the biggest) contingent of units heading for Minot. Again,

two members of our club have been arranging a caravan with campground procurement to facilitate travel and group arrival as well as onsite group camping. We need to acknowledge Dan Atchison and Joe Hauser for their time, planning and organization of this endeavor. Many thanks, gentlemen!

Upcoming events:

Kirksville or "my hometown rally" dates have changed. I hope you received the earlier e-mail regarding the change of dates. The focus event is the "Red Barn" Arts and Crafts Festival which takes place on September 19th and therefore the rally takes place 9/17 to 9/20. (Sorry for this hiccup but I was going on information given initially.) This is the 52nd "Red Barn" which includes the whole square, shops as well as the real "Red Barn" on the Truman University campus.

Planned events are group camping at the Northeast MO District Fairgrounds in Kirksville. Camping is on the grass with electric and water at \$25.00 a night **payable to GSLAC** as no reservations are made by the fairgrounds. ****PLEASE**** make your reservation with Deborah Schuetz, dschuetz73@gmail.com or text to 573-263-1398. As of this writing we have 8 units attending.

Our Thursday evening dinner, at 6:00, takes place at the "Point" shelter at Thousand Hills State Park so check in early, get setup and then join all at the "Point." In addition, Friday morning includes a hosted tour of my alma mater ('74), Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine which is now part of Andrew Taylor Still University. You will tour the museum, library with interesting learning tools and the simulation lab. This all starts at 9:30.

Noon o'clock is lunch on your own. With the College in proximity to uptown, there are several restaurants to choose from. At 1:30 we gather at the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce for a discussion on sustainable energy, solar and wind, with Mary Beth Turner. Kirksville has a large wind farm just north and a solar farm just south. The rest of Friday as well as Saturday is on your own. Of course, coffee on Friday and Saturday mornings. The complete agenda will be available to attendees.

Kirksville is my hometown. Hence all stories, fabrications or rumors will be filtered and/or amplified!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE SEPTEMBER RALLY. The annual meeting takes place at this rally. We will vote for the 2027 executive board and hear our next president's rally itinerary for 2027. An announcement for a future meeting of the current executive board will be forthcoming.

October rally will be our installation of 2027 GSLAC leadership. We meet at Double J Campground in Chatham, IL, (just minutes south of Springfield) and hosted by Louise and Carl Richards along with Berta and Rick Everson. Please call the campground (217-438-9998) to reserve your spot. Let them know you are with GSLAC at that time. **Please** text Louise (217-473-0774) and let her know you are attending. Louise has begun an extensive organization of the rally with optional adventures.

ATTENTION PLEASE! Kristen Kallansrud, daughter of Karen and Gary, and a GSLAC favorite young lady, always brightening a rally with smiles and greetings, donated the collecting of 47 pounds of aluminum tabs and donated them to the Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis. Congratulations on your achievement, Kristen!

As a reminder, the Christmas Luncheon on 12/12/26 will occur at Defiance Ridge Wine Garden in Defiance, MO. The facility was extremely well appreciated by all that attended the 2025 Christmas Luncheon hence we are returning.

Well not quite information overload but close. More to follow mid-August. I look forward to seeing you who are going to Minot, as well as the September and October rally participants.

One more very special note. Thank you, Steve Mentz, for making these newsletters “rock!”

Tha, tha that’s all folks (for now.)

Hugh

Photos from the June Grayville Rally



Photos from the July Ozark Outdoors Rally





Welcome New Members!

Colleen Beckemyer

Webster Groves, MO #5457

Richard & Sandra Stonestreet

Columbia, IL #19965

Service to the Community



The Kallandsruds dropped off \$10 in cash donations and 43 pounds of aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Member Travels

Greg & Marsha Haefner headed to southwest Colorado, starting in Durango then up to Ouray. Some of the best adventures were the Durango Silverton scenic train, Mesa Verde, Telluride, and an off-road jeep ride in the Million Dollar Highway area. We loved it and the scenery was absolutely beautiful!





GSLAC Schedule

Note: Please let the luncheon host know you will be attending the luncheon. Also let the rally host know you will be coming to the rally, and that you have made reservations at the campground. Do not make campground reservations through their website but by calling and stating you are with the GSLAC.

August: International Rally
North Dakota State Fairgrounds
Minot, ND 58701
Caravan organization and parking:
Dan Atchison: 859-380-1579
Joe Hauser: 636-278-0535

September Rally: September 24 - 27, 2026
Northeast Missouri (NEMO) Fairgrounds
2700 E Illinois St
Kirksville, MO 63501
Fairgrounds: 660-665-8800
Hosts: Hugh & Deborah Schuetz
Deborah: 573-263-1398
Co-hosts: John & Debbie Lange

October Rally: October 15 -18, 2026
Double J Campground
9683 Palm Rd
Chatham, IL 62629
Campground: 217-483-9998
Hosts: Louise & Carl Richards
Louise: 217-473-0774
Co-hosts: Rick & Roberta Everson

December: Christmas Luncheon
December 12, 2026, 11:30 AM
Defiance Ridge Vineyards
2711 S. Highway 94
Defiance, MO
Hosts: Bill & Kathy Wharton
Bill: 314-541-6086
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Due to the fantastic contributions of our members this month I'm going to save my photo story from the Canadian Rockies Caravan for a shorter newsletter. Keep your travel photos coming to mentz3281@icloud.com.