



STREAM'N & DREAM'N

The newsletter for the Greater St. Louis Airstream Club

October Rally

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

December Luncheon

December 12, Defiance Ridge
Vineyards, Defiance, MO.

May Rally

Coming soon!

A Word from our President

Hello to all GSLAC members! It's story time!!

The September Rally was held at the NEMO Fairgrounds and "Aquatic" Park in Kirksville, MO. It was my "hometown" rally. Therefore, recounting the events is my honor and pleasure.

The fairground's campsites were H2O, electric and grass, an acceptable setup overall and close to all activities. However, it had rained 4" the day before most arrived and added another 1" the night prior to leaving which did add to the flavor of the campsites.

Brenda J. left her campsite altered. Best described as her attempt to recreate the historic Oregon Trail ruts she might have seen on her travels to and from Minot. More details may be obtained from her at the October Rally, which does make it obvious she extracted the Airstream from that site intact.

Rick and Berta found their "prairie schooner" to be possessed. After completing setup and separating the horsepower, the schooner moved itself 2-1/2 feet west down the gentle slope. Might not be good to revisit that event.

The remaining five silver schooners were able to 'float' on 4 wheels and support posts successfully.



Thursday evening was BBQ and carry in at the Point Shelter at Thousand Hills State Park and Lake. The highlight was the food and watching Bill Wharton and Dale Haudrich prove that with a full bag of charcoal briquettes blazing they could prepare the meat faster and better than the best restaurant or microwave.

Friday was a wonderful day of discovery, history and discussion. The morning was a special tour of ATSU/KCOM (Andrew T Still University/Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine). Beginning in the atrium of the museum with Andrew Still's (founder of Osteopathy) log cabin and first clinic, our tour was led by a most pleasant young woman beginning her year as a student Fellow and ambassador. The group followed her through the campus and the library which holds an extensive collection of "hands on" teaching aids as well as an amazing collection of literature. The final highlights were the Human Simulation labs and ending in the museum.



The Simulation labs demonstration was led by 4 student Fellows whom Deb and I met fortuitously on Wednesday evening at dinner. We had quite a lively discussion and finding these 4 were to provide the "hands on" Simulation demonstrations. They did not disappoint!

The "Sim-lab" replicates via very sophisticated manikin scenarios of medical procedures and challenges that will be in their futures. Extremely professional life like scenarios cement all the "book learning" into reality.

After lunch, MaryBeth Turner, a lifelong (her life) friend who is an educator at Truman University and a local entrepreneur led a most interesting discussion about wind and solar energy, the grid, and local effort directed at, the difficult to define, goal of sustainability.

An open and on your own Saturday, members could enjoy the area along with the Farmers Market and Red Barn Art Festival on the Kirksville town square. Topping off the rally was the evening meal at Lakeside Grill back at Thousand Hills State Park.

October, GSLAC's final rally of 2026. Carl and Louise Richards along with Rick and Berta Everson have great plans for those attending. This will also be our annual business meeting with installation of our 2027 leadership on Friday morning. Coffee before and meeting starts at **9:00!** The business meeting was postponed until October.

Good News! Hugh Bartlett continues to progress with recovery from a very challenging last year and half. Likely to see him and Jane at the Christmas Luncheon in Defiance, MO on December 12th. If you plan to attend the luncheon please, PLEASE be sure to contact Kathy and Bill Wharton on 636-388-3613. The "head count" is needed.

The GSLAC lost its oldest member at 98 years, Ed Knernshield. The following is a recount of his life and association with Airstream from Greg Vadner: "With sadness I want to let you know of the passing of Ed Knernshield. Ed was a long time ACI member and a two-time President of the Greater St. Louis Club. He formed and led many unofficial club caravans and at least one official numbered caravan. For many years Ed was in charge of the Early Workers site-seeing tours at our International

Rallies. One of the most organized individuals I've known, his activities were always top notch. Ed loved our club with a passion, even remaining a club member when he could no longer travel."

In closing, thank you for indulging me on the recount of my "hometown" rally. Thank you, to the club, for giving me the opportunity to organize this excellent and personal event.

Hugh

Ed Knernschield

8/18/1928 - 9/13/2026

Obituary:

Edward Henry Knernschield, 98, a resident of Holts Summit, Missouri passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at SSM Hospital in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was born August 18, 1928, the son of Theodore Edwin Knernschield and Leona (Huff) Knernschield, both preceding him in death. His only sibling, Edna Mae Irene Knernschield, also preceded him in death.

Ed was a graduate of Trinity Lutheran School, Jefferson City High School and Jefferson City Junior College. He received a BS in Administration from Missouri University Columbia and an MBA from St Louis University. During college he was elected to three honor societies: Phi Theta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma and Alpha Pi Zeta.

He enlisted in the US Army and received an honorable discharge after serving three years. He worked for Consumers Cooperative, Kansas City, MO before being employed by Monsanto Company, St. Louis, MO. During his Monsanto career he lived in Brussels, Belgium, London, England and Mexico City, Mexico. He enjoyed his work which required extensive travel allowing him to work and visit 42 countries. He retired from Monsanto after 31 plus years. After retiring he traveled in his motor home in the USA, Mexico, Canada and for 20 years spent winters in Arizona.

Upon retirement he moved to Lake of the Ozarks where he became a real estate agent and was a member of Lake of the Ozarks Elks, Lake Ozark Rotary Club and a Rotary Paul Harris Foundation Fellow. He moved to Holts Summit, MO in 2011.

He was a life-long member of Trinity Lutheran Church remaining a member while traveling, living and working in foreign countries. He spearheaded the formation of the Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association and was its first President. For 20 years he was a very active member of the Wally Byam Caravan Airstream Club serving as President of the Greater St. Louis Unit and held numerous positions in the International Organization. He planned and participated in caravans and rallies. He enjoyed traveling, photography, playing cards and watching TV Game shows. He was very appreciative his cousins Bob Huff, Linda (Huff) Smith and Dennis Smith for their frequent contacts and visits.

Services are private with burial at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran School Alumni Association, 803 Swifts Highway, Jefferson City, MO 65109 or a charity of donor's choice. Condolences may be left online for the cousins at www.millardfamilychapels.com.

Ed was much more than a fellow club member to me. He taught me and instilled in me the traditions and spirit of WBCCI and the Greater St. Louis Club.

He was always gracious with his time, generous with his knowledge, and willing to share his experiences with others. He was my club mentor in the early days of our membership and continued to guide, encourage, and support me for many years.

I am grateful for all that Ed taught me and, even more, for the friendship he gave me. His influence on our club and on those he mentored will not be forgotten.

I will miss him dearly. Rest easy "Easy K". (that was his CB "handle")

Jane Elgin Bartlett, BRN 4544

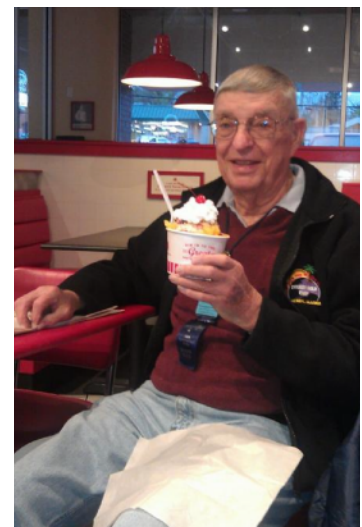


Jane mentioned "mentor". That is probably the most important role he played for me. He was 1. A mentor who taught me the skill of touring in my Airstream, 2. A good leader who taught me leadership skill for the organizational meetings, rally planning and caravan leading and 3. A good friend which brings tears to my eyes. He was always there for EVERYONE! He never let a member get lost or be invisible. He cherished everyone, was inclusive, gave us each important jobs, made sure we were able to get to each event and left no one behind. I truly felt loved, protected and put in many awesome learning experiences with that precious Airstream circle led by Ed. He changed my life for good.

Suzy Shephard, BRN 24240

Ed Knernschield was a long time (over 20 years) Greater St Louis club member that is remembered for several of his contributions to the local club and internationally. Ed was twice President of the GSL Unit, 1999 and 2010. He was also Chairman of the Purchasing committee at many international rallies. Ed was a very detailed person leaving no stone unturned when he planned an event. For many years when you were 1st VP of the GSL Unit Ed would ask you where you would like him to plan a caravan for you during your year as President. He planned many Unit caravans to region and international rallies in addition to those other requested locations.

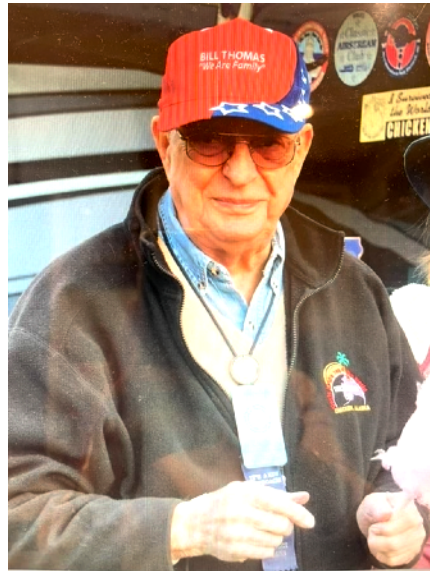
Ed LOVED ice cream. He considered Dairy Queen as the lowest form of ice cream and would only go there as a last resort! Culver's was his favorite. I was shocked and amused when I was behind Ed in the ordering line at Culver's when he ordered a kids meal and then asked for a Senior Discount while in his mid eighties! I teased him about that



for many years.

Ed sold his last airstream about 3 years ago as it just became too hard for him to get around and participate, but he maintained his membership in WBCCI/ACI and the GSL Unit. I called Ed about every 2-3 weeks. He always wanted to know where we in the USA. I will miss those calls.

Dan Zile, BRN 9068



Remaining 2027 Schedule

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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2nd Vice President Dale Haudrich slithers through the storage hatch after getting locked out of the trailer at the International Rally in Minot.