



# Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club



## Keeping the Stream Rolling Across the Ozarks May 2026

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy May, Everyone!

May always feels like the true beginning of our camping season here in the Ozarks. The dogwoods have bloomed, the campgrounds are filling up, and that familiar shine of polished aluminum is back on the highways. It's the month when our wheels really begin to roll.

I'm so proud of the energy within our club right now. Our executive officers recently met and had thoughtful, forward-looking discussions about where we're headed as a group. That kind of engagement is a sign of a strong, healthy club – one that cares about its future and about creating meaningful experiences for its camping members.

As we move into rally season, I encourage each of you to participate, volunteer, and invite someone new to join us around the campfire. Whether you're attending your first rally or your fiftieth, your presence is what makes this club special.

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### Hot Topics

#### NAME CHANGE, BYLAWS, AND OUR CLUB CONSTITUTION

Our new name and changes to our Constitution and ByLaws have been approved by our members. Next step is ACI approval.

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#### A HUGE THANK YOU

Marsha Keith has decided to step down from the Treasurer role. Steve Mathias will be interim Treasurer for the remainder of the year. Both deserve a huge thanks.

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### Upcoming Rally

WOOLLY HOLLOW STATE PARK –  
NO-HOST RALLY  
Greenbrier, AR  
Dates: May 28 – June 4, 2026

Contact John Baker at  
[johnbaker598@protonmail.com](mailto:johnbaker598@protonmail.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!

### THE VOTES ARE IN!

We Did It!

After a long journey of collaboration, discussion, and thoughtful work, we're excited to share that our updated Constitution and Bylaws—along with our official name change—have been submitted to the IBT and the Constitution & Bylaws Chair!

This has truly been a team effort, and it reflects the dedication, care, and Airstream spirit of our entire club. From gathering input to reaching approval, every step brought us closer together and helped shape a strong foundation for our future.

Now, we look ahead with excitement as we move into the next chapter as the:

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Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and encouraged this process along the way. This is a big milestone—and one worth celebrating! Onward and upward!

### CLUB FLAG AND GARDEN FLAG ORDERS



We're excited to introduce a coordinated merchandise package for our Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club!

Starting with club flags and garden flags, and expanding into club shirts, mugs, and more, this effort will help us proudly represent our club and easily spot one another at rallies and campgrounds.

Watch for ordering details soon!



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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.



## Celebrations

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

27 – Lynnette Callahan

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

12 – Jane & Steve Mathias

22 – Pat & Craig King



## CONGRATULATIONS

Wishing Lynnette a day filled with fun, laughter, and all the best things that make you happy - we bet it comes in silver!

High 5 to our Anniversary couples. Can't wait to celebrate on the road with you!



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



### 5 Year Star

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

### 10 Year Star

Eiken/Adib-Yazdi (April)

### 20 Year Star

Rush (July)

## We are looking for your travel adventure stories and photos

Have a great trip you want to write about?

Tell us about your travels and experiences on the road.  
Thank you to those who have sent us stories and photos.

Send them to: [plk58@hotmail.com](mailto:plk58@hotmail.com)



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## In the Spotlight

### John and Colette Krupco BRN 4748



In June of 2000, we bought our 1st Airstream trailer - a 1977 Overlander 27 foot. We had taken a few trips in it and in August of 2000, we went to Spring Lake Resort in Kansas. We noticed there was another Airstream in the park. We went to check out some of the towns around. When we arrived back at our campground, there was a man sitting out in front of his Airstream. He hollered at John and said, "I need to talk to you. Bring your chair over."

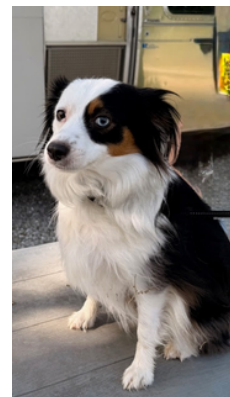
The man, Jack Bronson, was a Region 8 Vice President from the Greater Wichita Unit. He told John about the W.B.C.C.I. (Wally Byam Caravan Club International). John came back to the camper and told me about it. We decided to join The Greater Wichita Unit, and we joined that weekend. We figured if we didn't like it, we wouldn't rejoin. Well, we went to our first rally at Marion Lake in September, and we were hooked.

Couple years later, we upgraded to a 1985 Excella 32 foot with two doors. We bought it from a couple in the Kansas Unit. Then in 2010 the Greater Wichita Unit changed their name to the Greater Kansas Unit. John and I both served as the Unit President and then I served as the recording secretary for several years. Then in October 2013, the Greater Kansas Unit disbanded. When the Greater Kansas Unit disbanded, we went Members At Large (MAL's) for 5 years. We were getting ready to retire from our jobs, and we had some long trips we were wanting to take and knew we wouldn't be active in a Unit like we wanted to be.

In January 2014, we bought a 2006 30-foot Airstream Classic with a slideout. And in October 2018, we joined the Missouri Greater Ozark Unit. We both have served as President, and I am or have been Webmaster, Directory Editor, Newsletter Editor, and Corresponding Secretary. We have only missed 1 rally in all these years, been to 19 Internationals, and 20 Region 8 Rallies and many Unit caravans.

**Editor's Note:** The Krupco's dedication to the Airstream community is more than a record of participation – it's a legacy of service, fellowship, and a deep love for the Airstream lifestyle. It reminds us all of what makes this club so special: the people, the memories, and the roads still waiting ahead. What a remarkable Airstream journey!

Meet Lucy, who travels with John and Colette. Lucy is a sweet girl and the family mascot when on the road.



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## President's Page

### President's Message (con't from Page 1)

The laughter around shared meals, the stories told under awnings, the helping hands when someone needs them – that's the heart of who we are.

May is also a great time to check your rally calendar, dust off those lawn chairs, and get ready for the adventures ahead. From rolling rallies to regional gatherings, we have wonderful opportunities to represent our club with pride and friendship.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's make this a month full of safe travels, warm fellowship, and plenty of miles behind us. Please come and join us for any or all of our rallies this year!

Hope to see you down the road!

Patti Kelly  
President

## MISSOURI GREATER OZARK TREASURER RETIRES



For the past ten years, **Marsha Keith** has faithfully served as Treasurer for the Missouri Greater Ozark Unit. While many of us were enjoying rallies, caravans, and fellowship, she was making sure the details behind the scenes were handled – keeping the books balanced, the reports accurate, and the finances of our unit in excellent order.

On behalf of the entire Missouri Greater Ozark Airstream Club, thank you for ten years of outstanding service, dedication, and friendship. Please join me in thanking Marsha for her service.

## REGION 8 RALLY AND OUR TRAVEL ADVENTURES

This year's Region 8 Rally in Hutchinson, Kansas (4/29-5/3) is shaping up to be a wonderful mix of fellowship, fun, and Airstream spirit. We are excited about the good food, live music, group activities, and most importantly the camaraderie.

Several members from our club will be traveling to Hutchinson as a Rolling Rally. We will spend 5 days/4 nights together starting on April 25th and moving across Missouri to Kansas. Along the way we will be enjoying live music, a silk-screening class with Jane Mathias, a classic Fish Fry, and lunch at the famous Hangar Kafe in Miller, MO.

Our journey is a warm-up to the Region 8 Rally where we will enjoy seeing members from other clubs in our Region. These clubs will be joining us from parts of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska! Together we will enjoy more live entertainment featuring a bluegrass band, "dark rides" through a Salt Mine, dinner at the Amish Community Building, and plenty of social time. Be sure to check out our June newsletter to read all about our tours and good times.

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COME JOIN US



## MGO Club Events

### WOOLLY HOLLOW STATE PARK – NO-HOST RALLY



Tucked into the rolling hills of central Arkansas, Woolly Hollow State Park is a hidden gem that blends peaceful lakeside camping with a touch of local history and small-town charm. Whether you're relaxing under the pines or setting out to explore, this area offers plenty to enjoy just beyond your campsite.

Join us for a few relaxing days at Woolly Hollow State Park anytime from May 28 - June 3. Stay for the whole week or just a few days – it's totally up to you! Come explore Lake Bennett, the state park trails, hiking, and biking. There is a daily tour of Historic Woolly Cabin and Interpretive Programs posted in the Visitor's Center.

If you are a river enthusiast, you can canoe or kayak with Cadron Creek Outfitters! (17 miles NW of the park). Visit [CadronCreekOutfitters/Arkansas.com](http://CadronCreekOutfitters/Arkansas.com)

History lovers will appreciate a visit to Cadron Settlement Park, a scenic site along the Arkansas River that tells the story of early settlers and trading routes. Walk the grounds, take in the river views, and imagine life in the early 1800s.

If treasure hunting is more your style, plan a stop at Arkansas Peddler's Antique Mall. This sprawling antique shop is full of unique finds, vintage décor, and conversation pieces—perfect for browsing on a laid-back afternoon.

And don't miss the charm of the historic Spears House, a beautifully preserved home that offers a glimpse into the area's past and architectural heritage. (Check the attachments for more information about Woolly Hollow State Park Interpreters' schedule for tours and hikes.)

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Petit Jean State Park is Arkansas' first state park (est. 1923) with tons of character and history. We've planned this Joint Rally with the Missouri-Kansas Airstream Club. If you haven't made reservations, check on their website daily for cancellations – maybe you will be lucky!!! **We'll be there June 4 -7.** Full hookups are in Area A & B.

The Park's rustic stonework was built by the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in the 1930s and sits on Petit Jean Mountain with sweeping overlooks of the Arkansas River Valley. PJSP is also part of the historic Trail of Tears route.

The top things to do at PJSP include hikes to Cedar Falls Trail, Bear Cave & Seven Hollows Trails, Stout's Point overlook to learn about the Petit Jean legend, Lake Bailey fishing/kayaking/pedal boats, or scenic drives and overlooks during rally downtime. Mather Lodge is a must see with iconic bluff views and a restaurant where you will want to catch a meal.

We plan to have fireside gatherings, games, tour the Museum of Automobiles, donuts, desserts, heavy appetizers, and more! With plenty of space to gather – it's the perfect mix of nature, history, and rally fun! (Check out the attachments for more information about the schedule of events and the Petit Jean State Park Interpreters' schedule.)

## FROM THE SILVER SIDE

### YOU KNOW YOUR AN AIRSTREAMER WHEN....

1. backing in becomes a group activity
2. your calendar revolves around rally weekends
3. potluck sign-up sheets fill up fast
4. you arrive as campers and leave as friends
5. you judge a campsite first by shade, second by level, and third by how good your awning will look
6. you can back into a tight site with an audience - and somehow enjoy it
7. you've said, "It's just a quick overnight" and still spend 30 minutes setting up



The Nectar Nomad: Patti and Harry Kelly

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## 2026 MGOA Club Rallies

### May

WOOLLY HOLLOW STATE PARK – NO-HOST RALLY

Greenbrier, AR

Dates: May 28 – June 4, 2026

For reservations, call (501) 679-2098 or book online at [Camping at Woolly Hollow | Arkansas State Parks](https://www.arkansasstateparks.com/camping-at-woolly-hollow)

Contact John Baker at [johnbaker598@protonmail.com](mailto:johnbaker598@protonmail.com)

### June

JOINT RALLY

MISSOURI GREATER OZARK & MISSOURI-KANSAS AIRSTREAM CLUBS

Petit Jean State Park, Morrilton, AR

Dates: June 4 – 7, 2026

For reservations, call (501) 727-5441 or book online at <https://reserve.arkansasstateparks.com/petit-jean/camping>

Contact Patti Kelly at [plk58@hotmail.com](mailto:plk58@hotmail.com)

### 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@airstreaming.com](mailto:PeterandCalee@airstreaming.com)

### 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](https://www.missouri-state-parks.com/reservation)

Contact Stacy Drane at [esdrane96@gmail.com](mailto:esdrane96@gmail.com)



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## Keep'er Rollin'

### Traveling Pets

Many of us travel with our fur babies and can't imagine a trip without them. The Airstream life is great for us and our pets, but they come with extra needs and considerations.

For starters, where are they allowed, and not allowed? Are they comfortable traveling? Is your pet calm when left alone in the trailer? Do they get along with other animals?

All of these things, and more, must be planned for well in advance of hitting the road. Let's look at a few things that might make things easier on your furry friends, and you.



Finnegan travels with Joanne and Joe Pierro

**Welcome:** When making plans and reservations, make plans for your pet too. A few things to consider:

- Call the campground in advance, or check websites, for rules regarding pets.
- Are there breed restrictions? Bias against breeds is a thing. Sad, but true. Not all breeds are treated equal no matter how well trained and loving they are. Be sure your pet is allowed. Not only at your campground, but any place you plan to visit such as dog parks, trails, restaurants, etc.
- Are pets allowed to stay unattended in your trailer for short period of times? Many campgrounds have strict rules about leaving your pet behind. Especially if they are a talker when you are away. An unfortunate event with your campground host can lead to unfortunate consequences to your stay.

**Time Alone:** There may be times when you will need to leave your pet behind at the trailer. If your campground allows this, and you know your pet is comfortable there are some tips and tricks to make the time pass calmly for everyone:

- Set up a kennel or create a designated safe spot your pet knows is for them. A place they feel safe and can relax. A kennel can be your pet's friend and something they should know how to use before you start your trip.
- Offer a frozen treat or safe toy that will keep them occupied for a few minutes after you leave. This tells your pet that something good is going to happen when you do leave them and can help with separation anxiety.
- Leave a window unlocked and, if possible, open. Many airstreams have quick exit windows that can be punched out/in for emergency entry.
- Place a sticker on your window letting others know you have a pet inside



Walter travels and Pat and Craig King

**Finally,** research and contact pet sitters in the area who can either come check on your pet, or host them at their house while you are away. Some well-established organizations are:

- Rover
- Wag

These are simple acts of kindness and preparation that will support your pet, and keep them safe.

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## 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...**