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Get Your Kicks on Route 66 Rally At the Ozark Empire FG, 3001 N. Grant, Springfield, MO.

We are talking about a good rally coming up on April 25-29th. A good rally is one where you have time to be together, time for a few good events, time for exploring, time for quilt shops, time for some good entertainment, and time to relax and eat a nice dinner.

At Springfield, we have taken all of those thoughts and put them into a rally. Our tours, for example will give you a diverse view of Springfield. They are, of course, optional but we think you will find at least one of special interest to you.

Our Airstream dealer for Region 8 is Reliable RV, located right in Springfield. They stock quite a few Airstreams and are a full service dealer carrying both the trailers and the Interstate coaches. See below for their special offer for this rally.

We are offering seminars of high interest to Airstreamers. We will have a live hookup with Dave Schumann at the Air-

stream factory. You will be able to ask him anything about Airstreams. Dwight Olsen will talk about safety, Dan Zile will give you the latest on membership, Betty Sullivan will provide Officer training, John Tetzlaff will tell you about Sky-Med and Blair Prestin, local Airstream dealer, will say more about the newest Airstreams.

We will have GREAT entertainment. You will experience a Dinner Mystery Theater written and acted especially for this Rally. It's a WhoDunIt. Each Unit will have an actor in the play. We will have a Professor speak to us on the Civil War battle at Wilson's Creek and Gary Ellison will treat us to some Ragtime.

We will have a board meeting after lunch on Friday 4/27. It will be kept short and concise. Barry Heckenswiler will answer any questions after the meeting.

There are lots of good restaurants in town. Springfield is an easy city to get around. Looking forward to seeing you.

FREE Airstream Parts Installation

At the upcoming Region 8 Rally, our Airstream dealer/vendor will be Reliable RV located in Springfield, MO., close to the rally site. Reliable RV is offering FREE installation of Airstream parts ordered from them before the Rally. To obtain the FREE installation offer, you must

contact Reliable RV's Service Manager, Robert Beverly at rbeverly@vtaig.com or by telephone at 417-864-6800. Tell Robert what you need or what symptoms you are experiencing that you want fixed. Robert will take it from there.



Fred Steurer

President's Message

Do you know what Skype is? Skype is a free service that, among other things, can provide you with a two way video and audio connection using either your laptop or home computer. If you are using an I-Pad,

you would use Apple's Face Time which is similar to Skype.

Skype and Face Time are good ways to see your grandchildren while you talk to them, much like talking to them on the telephone but with video. Another way to use Skype or Face Time is having a meeting with someone. You and yours would see each other and hear each other.

During the Region 8 Rally, we will use Skype to connect with Dave Schumann at Airstream. You will be able to see him projected on a screen and hear him answer your questions. You will be able to ask him questions which he will hear live.

To get on Skype for yourself, you must first have a PC computer with a camera either built in or added on. The add-on camera is available in many stores. It plugs into your USB connector on your PC. Face Time is very similar. For using Skype, you must download the Skype software by going to <http://www.skype.com> and clicking on Skype for Windows, then click Download Now. Follow the directions and you're set to go.

POST REGION 8 RALLY – BRANSON

For info contact: Ed Knernschield cell: 573-480-5441 or email: ehk9559@aol.com

At the close of the "Region 8 Route 66 Rally" in Springfield, Missouri on Sunday, April 29, 2012, travel 45 miles south to Branson, Missouri and join fellow Region 8 Airstreamers to enjoy 4 nights camping and five (5) group discounted shows.

Our schedule: Sun. April 29 Travel to Branson, Mon. April 30 Enjoy the Hughes Brothers, Tue. Morning May 1 Enjoy Cassandra, in the Evening, enjoy the Haygoods, Wed. Afternoon May 2 Enjoy Yakov Live, In the evening, the Shoji Tabuchi Show, Thurs. May 3 Morning: Depart Branson.

On Your Own: More Shows, Outlet Malls, Shops, etc. This Rally will operate as a caravan on the Kitty Fee Basis. Total Kitty Fee: 2 in RV: \$480 1 in RV: \$325 Guest in RV: \$170. Kitty Fee includes 4 nights camping with full hookups & 5 Shows .

Final count must be on April 13th. Call Ed by April 13th and let him know you will be joining him.

Region 8 Breakfast Tickets Available

Get your tickets for a Region 8 Breakfast at Seda-lia on Thursday June 28th at 7:30 AM at the MEC Building (Missouri Electric Company) on the fairgrounds.

You can get the tickets where you get your Kicks on Route 66, right at registration for the Region 8 rally. Otherwise contact Len Sullivan, Region 8 First VP at 316-655-4702 or basullivan@prodigy.net.

A Sad Note

Bill Braden, husband of Mary Ann Braden passed away in late February. Mary Ann is Region 8's Community Service chairperson. She and Bill have worked very hard for the Greater St Louis Unit, Region 8, and the whole WBCCI RV organization. Bill will always be remembered carrying



America the Beautiful.

pop top tabs and bags and bags of blankets and bears and so many things. Bill was a past president in the Greater St Louis Unit as is Mary Ann. We miss him and wish he was once again helping with parking or helping with Mary Ann's Community Service here at the Region 8 Rally.



SPRINGTIME IN SPRINGFIELD

Ah, springtime a great time to travel Route 66 to Springfield, MO. The city lies on the northwest rim of the beautiful Ozark Mountains, a region of crystal running streams and rocky outcrops over-

looking picturesque lakes and valleys. The Ozark country has a long tradition of rustic camping, scenic byways, great fishing, crafts, mountain bluegrass music, food and most important friendly fun-loving folks.

Springfield and the surrounding region is an outdoorsman's paradise! It is no coincidence the Bass Pro Shop Outdoor World is located here. In addition there is General Sweeny's Museum of Civil War History, Fantastic Caverns, a drive through cave, Dickerson Park Zoo, Frisco Railroad Museum, Art Museum, Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, plus great restaurants.

Old Route 66 passes through Springfield and for many offers a nostalgic road adventure. The trip from Rolla to Springfield on Old Route 66 is hilly and curvy. The route was once described by Bunk Launius, a Route 66 driver in the 50's, as having been laid out on a deer trail. This route gives one a sentimental feeling about the countryside and roadside stores reminiscent of one's youth. Route 66 was the premier highway from downtown Chicago to the Pacific Ocean and an official map can be obtained from the Missouri Hwy Department. Be sure to come to Springfield and travel this old road.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Region 8, "Get Your Kicks on Route 66 Rally" in Springfield. Don't forget to register early to get your discount. Y'all Come!

Congratulations

To all Units in Region 8, Congratulations! You are the only Region in WBCCI to have both 100 per cent participation AND 100 per cent Superior Merit Award.



ADVENTURE IS WHERE YOU FIND IT

Where have we heard that phrase before? I know how some people feel about watching vacation slides of other trips people have gone on but since this will not be slides I thought I would share my March adventure with you.

For the past 30 years or so every trip that I have gone on with the Airstream has been club related in one way or the other - either to a rally or on a caravan. This past January I was getting ready to go the IBT meeting which again was club related. I do not think it was widely known but two days before leaving I ended up in the hospital for the next two days. Needless to say I did not make it to the IBT meeting. After sitting around for 5 weeks it occurred to be that there were round tires on that Airstream for a reason and that it just might go out without it being a club related trip. So I thought I would find out if she would protest on this type of a trip or not.

I have never done this before even though a very, very close family member (I wonder who that might be) had suggested it. I went state park hopping in the big state of Texas. There is a big variety of parks in Texas with a lot of things to do in them. I like to hike the trails in the parks so I picked some that had the trails.

My first stop was Brazos Bend State Park. It is around 20 miles south of Houston. I think that this is one of the biggest parks at around 5000 acres. It has 35 miles of hiking trails. (I did not even get 25% of them done so that is another reason to go back.) One of the highlights in the park is the wildlife. They have the largest number of alligators in any park. I think they said over 300 and they are all along some of the trails. They were from baby size to 10 to 12 feet long. They also have over 300 different types of birds.

Next was Lake Texana just east of Victoria. It of course had a lake and hiking trails—and yes I did every one of those more than once. They also had an alligator or two even though they were probably on vacation when I was there because I never saw them.

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Upcoming at the next Region 8 Rally April 25-29, 2012



Sneak Preview of activities at the
Get Your Kicks at the Route 66
Region 8 Rally
April 25-29, 2012

Tuesday, April 24

Register, sign up for activities, tour Springfield, practice for BBB (bean bag baseball), line dance

Wednesday, April 25

Register, sign up for activities, tours, line dance, practice for opening ceremonies, actors rehearse play, opening ceremonies, games

Thursday, April 26

Breakfast, 1st round BBB, geocache, workshop for merit awards, membership seminar, tours, line dance, actors rehearse play, doll tea party, 2nd round BBB, Rendezvous at Slippery Slope mystery play, **Dinner**, ice cream

Friday, April 27

Breakfast, line dance, final round BBB, seminar by Dave Schumann via Skype, seminar about Sky-med, **Lunch**, Board/business meeting, Safety Seminar, Reliable RV seminar, presentation about Wilson's Creek Battle, door prizes and ice cream.

Saturday, April 28

Breakfast, flea market, **Lunch**, seminar about Airstream interiors, open house for vintage and others, indoor and outdoor games, line dance, Ragtime Piano, awards, closing ceremony, door prizes, ice cream

Sunday, April 29

Breakfast, church, clean up



Get Your Kicks
at the

Region 8 Route 66 Rally

At the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds
Springfield, Missouri
April 25-29, 2012

REGISTRATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

WBCCI # _____ Unit _____ Region _____

Adults _____ Children _____ Guests _____

Type of Airstream TT _____ MH _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Handicap _____ Vintage _____

Rally Fees	Before	After	Amount
	4/1/12	4/1/12	
2 adults	\$220	\$240	\$ _____
1 adult	\$180	\$190	\$ _____
off site 2 adults	\$140	\$160	\$ _____
off site 1 adult	\$100	\$110	\$ _____
Guest (16+)	\$100	\$110	\$ _____
Total Rally Fee			\$ _____

Make your check payable to WBCCI Region 8

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Wichita, KS 67204-2335

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Next was McKinney Falls in Austin. Even though it is located in the city limits of Austin you would never know. It is a wonderful park (this was my 3rd time there) The trails are all paved and of course I hit all but one. That is a story in and of itself. You also have all that Austin offers to visit, It is the state capital.

Do not ask about the three days of rain. (but they needed it) From McKinney falls I made two day trips - one to Lyndon B Johnson State (and National) Parks and another day trip to Pedernales Falls Park. Both were interesting side trips.

The last state park was Dinosaur Valley State Park. Here you can walk in the footprints of the dinosaurs, (if the water is not too deep.) Again we will not talk about the rain. Over night the river came up 8 feet and so of course the prints and trails were all closed. I still enjoyed the park.

As I write this I am at NTAC (North Texas Airstream Community) OOPS the club just popped into this trip. This is a very nice place the unit has. Full hooks for club members \$15 a night. I will leave here Monday and hook up with a caravan to the Region 9 Rally.

A couple of things to remember if you want to state park hop in Texas - get a state parks pass. You can get them at any state park and they will more that pay for themselves. Also plan ahead - I was here in March and I could not always get the number of days that I wanted because Spring Break was in full swing and some of the parks were full.

See you in Springfield and Sedalia and keep those tires rolling. See you down the road.

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