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Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter

February, 2021

President's Message

Now we are into the 2021 season. I know there are still concerns over the Covid situation for us as an Airstream Club trying to have Rallies, and the subject has some varied opinions from members, so if you do not feel COMFORTABLE coming to a rally it is understandable.

We do have a scheduled rally in April 15-18 in Foley, Al at Anchors Aweigh so, email me (hamboneto@gmail.com) to let me know you are coming so we can plan on sites and food for the attendees by March 12,2021. We have 15 sites reserved, but we can potentially get more if needed, so the sooner you let me know the better planning I can do.

Also, our Region 6 rally is April 8-12, 2021 which is the weekend before our Foley Rally. This is going to take place in Vidalia, LA and Natchez, MS. If you have not made reservations, now is a good time to go to our regional website (see above) for all the information. This rally is for the October 2020 one that got cancelled. I plan to caravan from that rally to our rally in Foley, let me know if you are interested so we can plan out our route.

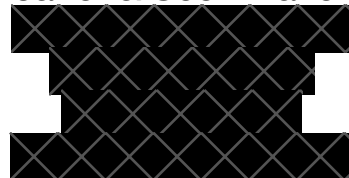
Again let me say, I pray all of you stay safe from illness and hope to see you "DOWN the ROAD"

Tony Olm
President AAC

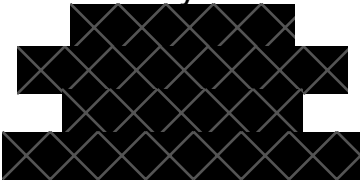
New Members

Welcome to these new members that have joined the Alabama Airstream Club. We hope to see you soon at an upcoming event.

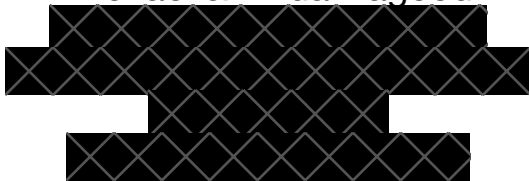
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Gabriel & Mary H. Chamblin



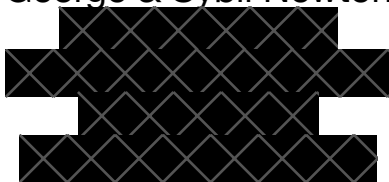
Michael & Linda Hagood



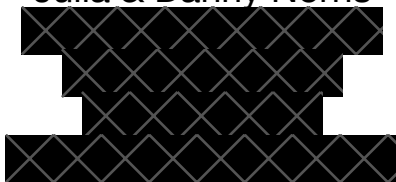
Jim Lety



George & Sybil Newton



Julia & Danny Norris



Jerry Roethig



Neil & Sue Sutphin



Mandy & TJ Thomas



Airstream Humor

Submitted by
Steve & Becky Padgett

One night while out camping in their Airstream trailer, a husband realized to his horror that his wife's birthday was the next day and he forgot to get her a present. Feeling guilty, he softly asked his wife what she really wanted for her birthday. Without hesitation, she said she really wished she was six again.

The husband woke his wife up early the next morning. He cooked blueberry pancakes for breakfast because he remembered she once said that was her childhood favorite.

Next, they rushed off to an amusement park where they rode all of the rides, ate cotton candy and had hot dogs for lunch.

Their afternoon was spent at the theatre for the matinee movie. They had soft drinks, popcorn and jumbo boxes of candy,

For dinner, they went to McDonalds and he ordered the Happy Meal and a chocolate milkshake for her.

She was exhausted by the time they returned to their Airstream for the night. The husband was so excited when he proudly said that they did it! They were six year-olds for the day.

Surprised, the wife responded, "Six? I was talking about my dress size, not age last night."

anonymous

Upcoming Events

Joint Rally with the Pensacola Club.

Feb 18-21, 2021

Mystic Springs Airstream Park
591 Mystic Springs Rd
McDavid, FL 32568
(Registration form attached)

Region 6 Rally

April 8-12, 2021

Riverview RV Park & Resort
100 Riverview Parkway
Vidalia, LA 71373

Alabama State Rally

April 15-18, 2021

Anchors Aweigh RV Resort
Foley, AL

Wally Byam 64th International Rally

July 11-24, 2021
Lebanon, TN

Athens Old Time Fiddlers

Special Event Rally

Sep 27 - Oct 3, 2021
Athens, AL

Area Meetings

Due to the caronavirus, area meetings have been suspended until further notice.

Submitted Articles

Congratulations to Steve and Becky Padgett for having their last article "Communicating in Reverse" selected for publication in the January issue of the Blue Beret.

Thanks again to them for submitting the below attached article on "Entertainment Good Enough to take on the Road".

See you down the road

John Rylee, Editor



Entertainment Good Enough to take on the Road
—Steve and Becky Padgett (WBCCI #3160)

It all started one day while Becky was paying bills. She asked a simple question. Were we getting more than \$125 worth of entertainment from our satellite TV service to justify paying that bill month after month?

The answer was a resounding NO. We enjoyed going out in Rosie, our Airstream trailer, too much and were not home to watch TV. Even when we were home, we couldn't justify spending that much because we only watched a few of the stations in our service package.

The remedy was easy. We cancelled our paid TV service, ordered a TV antenna for the attic and two over-the-air DVR systems. The DVRs allowed us to record and save TV shows for later. We were able to recover the costs for our new equipment in less than four months.

One of the first questions we are typically asked about “cutting the cord” is about what we are able to see from our antenna. The answer is that we have more choices than simply the major TV networks.

The move to digital HD signals in 2009 did more than force everyone to buy a new TV set. It opened the door to embedded sub-channels that we think are often more entertaining than the network programming.

We know you are familiar with these embedded digital channels because you find them when you scan for local TV stations at campgrounds. These are the Antenna-TV, ME-TV, ThiS, H&I, Comet, Retro and Decades type channels that tend to carry “classic” TV programs from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s.

Live sports is partially missing. You can see any sporting events carried by the major networks, but not the ESPN type coverage.

If that is a deal-breaker, you can subscribe to ESPN online or pay-per-game.

How does this help us when we are out camping? We record many TV shows and movies while at home then take one of the DVR systems with us when we go camping. This gives us an option to watch some of our recorded programs or local stations our Airstream TV found. The bonus is that the DVR can record shows on the road. That allows us to pause and rewind local TV, just as we can at home, when needed.

Have we missed cable? Not really and the benefit of being able to take shows we recorded at home on the road means we have dependable entertainment on rainy days in the campground.

Registration Form
Alabama Airstream Club RALLY

Where: Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park
591 Mystic Spring Road, McDavid, FL 32568

Dates: February 18-20, 2021

Name_____

Address_____

State_____ Postal Code_____

Phone_____

E-Mail_____

WBCCI #_____ (Big Red Number)

Rally Fee *per person _____ X 20.00= _____

Camp site *per night _____ X \$20.00= _____

Full Hook-up, 30 amp, water, and sewer

Pay by check at Rally

Deadline: Feb. 12, 2021, Email to:

Tony Olm, Club President,
hamboneto@gmail.com

ALABAMA STATE RALLY APRIL 15-18, 2021

ANCHORS AWEIGH RV RESORT

19814 COUNTY ROAD 20 SOUTH, FOLEY, AL 36535

Make your reservations with the campground by calling
251-971-6644.

Tentative Schedule

Thursday, April 15

5:15PM Leave for DeSoto's Restaurant for Dutch treat dinner

Friday, April 16

8:00AM Breakfast - Provided

9:15AM Leave for tours

6:00PM Dinner-Provided

7:15PM Games-Bingo, Dominoes, etc.

Saturday, April 17

8:00AM Breakfast - Provided

6:00PM Dinner Provided

7:15PM Games

Sunday, April 18

7:30AM Continental Breakfast

Please bring your own table service and plates to each meal.

REGISTRATION FORM
ALABAMA STATE RALLY
APRIL 15-18,2021

Please send this registration form and check to Mike Hamilton by Tuesday, April 6th. Rally Fee is \$20.00 per person.

Name_____

ACI/WBCCI #_____

Guest(s)_____

Arrival Date_____

Number of Persons_____X \$20.00 = _____

Number of members and guests going to DeSoto's on
Thursday_____

Emergency Contact Information

Name_____

Relationship to You_____

Telephone Number_____

Make your check out to "Alabama Airstream Club" and mail to
Mike Hamilton, 3106 Quail Run, Opelika, AL 36801.