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Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter

March, 2021

President's Message

This has been an on again off again type season with Covid still hanging around, people setting appointments to get the vaccine and there again the weather! Things like this have a tendency to damper our FUN!

The Hamiltons and the Olms were able to go to Mystic Springs for our annual combined club rally. Let me just say, it started out cold but ended up at 70+ degrees. Yes we had some great meals and the gumbo was the best yet for Pam. Mike and I got in on the action making Hashbrown breakfast casserole and biscuits. It was fun times getting with old friends and meeting some new ones.

They had an auction after our GUMBO Saturday night to raise money for a new roof for their club house. Well, we got the high bid on a four day/three night package for a stay at Mystic Springs. The weather turned nice, so the wife and I used our prize and stayed another week and a VERY nice quiet week there.

Okay, March is now upon us and the weather is starting to change so get your rigs ready because things are going to start fast, so here goes!

March 18-21 Mystic Springs Cove joint rally with the Pensacola Airstream Club

April 8-11 Region 6 make up rally
Vidalia,LA

April 12-14 Meaher State Park (caravan after regional) Spanish Fort, AL

April 15-18 Alabama State Rally at
Anchors Aweigh RV Resort, Foley, AL.

May 13-16 An American Living-History
Rally, Chattanooga, TN.

Like I said, here we go! Anyone can join in on the caravan after the region 6 rally going to Spanish Fort but, you need to make your reservations yourself and trust me campgrounds are filling up fast, so if you want to go, get your reservation in ASAP!

Let me know if you are able to make the caravan by March 15, that way I know before regional who is going to Spanish Fort

If you would like to go to Mystic Springs shoot me an email (hamboneto@gmail.com) by March 15 so I can give them a count for food planning.

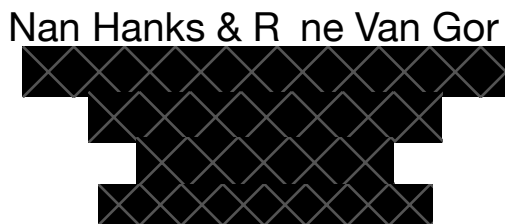
We will have visitors from the Arkansas club and the Pensacola club coming to join us at the Anchors Aweigh rally, so let's get registered and see if we can get over 20 rigs to show up! That would be awesome.

HERE we go down the road, see YOU there!

Be SAFE,
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.



State Park Full ? Try this.....

(Reprinted from the Florida Airstream Club Newsletter)

Have you been excited about camping at a Florida State Park or other public campground only to be disappointed when you find it is full? If so, then you may want to try this link to secure a site as soon as an opening appears.

<https://reserve.wanderinglabs.com>

This website monitors popular campground reservation websites looking for new availabilities every few minutes. Tell them where and

when you want to camp. When one matches your request, it notifies you via email or txt msg.

If you are willing to pay for an annual Premium Membership, then the benefits are they check twice as often (every 3-5 minutes), no pausing (free version pauses every week), and up to 500 Text alerts. Cost \$15-50 per year (depending what you think this service is worth).

Several Florida Airstream Club members have tried it and were excited to find it worked! They were able to get into Fort Desoto Park near Tampa over New Year's weekend.

The site was created by Tim Watson, who lives full-time with his wife in an Airstream, so they could stay in popular campgrounds without planning months in advance.

Airstream Humor

Submitted by
Steve & Becky Padgett

A couple was pulling their Airstream trailer through a very rural area while heading to the next campground on their WBCCI Caravan. They slammed on the breaks when they saw a sign in

front of an old rundown farm house that read, "Talking Dog for Sale."

They could not believe it and parked their Airstream on the side of the road. The husband asked the man sitting on the porch about the dog. The owner said the dog was in the back and they were welcome to go see him.

A beautiful Labrador Retriever was sitting in the shade. "You talk?" asked one of the Airstreamers.

"Yep" the Lab replied.

After recovering from the shock of hearing a dog talk, the Airstream wife asked, "What's your story?"

The Lab looked up and said, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA. In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running. But the jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger so I decided to settle down. I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The Airstream couple was amazed. They asked the owner what he wanted for the dog.

"One dollar" he said.

"A dollar? That dog is amazing! Why on Earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar. He hasn't done half the things he says." - anonymous

Upcoming Events

Joint Rally with the Pensacola Club.

Mar 18-21, 2021

Mystic Springs Airstream Park
591 Mystic Springs Rd
McDavid, FL 32568

(Notify Tony Olm at

hamboneto@gmail.com by March 15)

Region 6 Rally

April 8-12, 2021

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

[Here is the direct link to the registration form.](#)

https://airstreamclub.org/sites/default/files/2020-11/Region%206%20registration%20April%202021_3.pdf

[Disregard the Feb 8 deadline.](#)

**Caravan to Alabama State
Rally from Region 6 Rally**

Meaher State Park

April 12-14, 2021
Spanish Fort, AL

Alabama State Rally

April 15-18, 2021
Anchors Aweigh RV Resort
Foley, AL
(Registration form is attached)

**American Living History
Rally**

May 13-16, 2021
Holiday Travel Park
Rossville, GA 30741
(Registration form is attached)

**Wally Byam 64th
International Rally**

July 11-24, 2021
Lebanon, TN
See Blue Beret for registration form

Athens Old Time Fiddlers

Special Event Rally

Sep 27 - Oct 3, 2021
Athens, AL
See Blue Beret for registration form

Area Meetings

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

Submitted Articles

**Favorite Apps for Camping,
Part Three**
By Steve & Becky Padgett

See below

See you down the road

John Rylee, Editor



Favorite Apps for Camping, Part Three - Restaurants and Things To Do

—Steve and Becky Padgett (WBCCI #3160)

We looked at navigation and campground apps in previous newsletters. This article highlights some apps that can help you find good places to eat and things to do while on the road.

Two apps tend to lead the pack in this category. They are TripAdvisor and Yelp. Both appear to be battling for the position of the “Swiss Army Knife” of reviews as they cover restaurants, hotels, flights and things to do. I get the feeling from using these apps that Yelp targets a younger crowd than TripAdvisor.

TripAdvisor reports that more than 490 million unique visitors use their site every month. They don't tell us how many of those visitors found what they were looking for.

In addition to restaurants, TripAdvisor reviews things to do and will help you reserve a flight or hotel room.

Yelp's database covers many things. If you need a plumber, physician, painter, photographer or a pharmacist, you will find their reviews on Yelp. As your parents used to say, if you specialize in everything, you will end up doing well in nothing. Yelp is worth checking, but we look at it only if TripAdvisor came up empty.

Another app that features user reviews of restaurants is FourSquare. Our Garmin GPS always refers to FourSquare when it finds a restaurant along our route. FourSquare can be helpful if you are using your GPS to see what is at the next exit.

Zomato has the smallest number of users and, by default the fewest reviews. This app was originally called UrbanSpoon and was our favorite. It was purchased by an Asian company and it suddenly became harder to search for restaurants. While we still have Zomato on our phones, we usually find what we are looking for in TripAdvisor or Yelp.

Of course, the biggest database of restaurants and things to do is Google. You are already an expert on Google and know how to find these types of reviews using it.

RoadTrippers is an app that fits this category. It helps you find interesting and sometimes quirky things to do along your route. It is always fun to see what RoadTrippers is going to come up with.

Are there apps that you use to find restaurants and things to do? If so, please share them with our Club.

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.

Alabama Airstream Rally

An American Living-History Event

May 2021

May 13, Thursday

- Arrive:** Holiday Travel Park/Chattanooga
1623 South Mack Smith Rd, Rossville, GA 30741
- 4:30 "Meet an' Greet Hour" at the Club House
- 6:00 Potluck Bar B-Q Dinner: Club to furnish meat, members bring side-dishes.

May 14, Friday

- 10:00** Visitor's Center. Enjoy the film about the Battle and tour the museum.
- 11:00** Ranger Guided Car-Caravan Tour (free) of the Chickamauga Battlefield. This is an excellent 2-to-3-hour tour. (Consider bringing a snack and a drink)

For those not interested in taking the tour, Chattanooga, has many great points of interest, shopping, and eateries. Close to the campground, are several antique/flea malls.

Gateway Antique Mall is known as one of the best! (5 Stars).

Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner: OYO "On Your Own".

May 15, Saturday

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8:00 Pancake Breakfast at Clubhouse (Cooks Needed – Men Only)

11:00 Depart Campground, to Living History Reenactment Battle of Resaca, GA, about 30 to 40 min drive. The event will take place on the actual battlefield site.

There will be an entry fee to see the Battle.

We will tour the Authentic Reenactor's Encampments and visit the "Sutlers" area where merchants set-up tents and sell authentic Civil War Period guns, uniforms, civilian clothing, accessories, and snacks.

2:00 **"Battle of Resaca"** Honoring the men both North and South who fought in this Great Civil War.

Bring water and lightweight chairs.

Lunch, Dinner: "OYO"

May 16, Sunday

Breakfast, Lunch: "OYO"

Free Day Points of Interest: (tour as a group or individually) Ruby Falls, Rock City, Chattanooga Aquarium, Look-Out Mountain, Shopping, or just a day for relaxing.

4 PM Free Wine Tasting

North Georgia Winery, 6469 Battlefield Parkway, Ringgold, GA

6 PM Pizza Dinner – Clubhouse, provided by the Club.

May 17, Monday

Rally Ends! "See Ya Down the Road."

Alabama Airstream Rally
An American Living- History Event
May 13-16, 2021

Where: Holiday Travel Park/ Chattanooga

1623 S. Mack Smith Rd

Rossville, GA 30741

Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail _____

WBCCI # _____

Rally Fee * Per Person _____ x \$10.00= _____

Camp Site* Per night is \$43.35 full hook up.

You must call to make your reservation.

Tell them you are with the Alabama Airstream Rally.

Holiday Travel Park: 1-706-891-9766

Make check to: Alabama Airstream Club

Sent to: Mike Hamilton, Treasurer

3106 Quail Run, Opelika, Al 36801

