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## Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter

### May, 2021

#### President's Message

WOW!!!! I'm not sure, but it sure seemed like April flew by. We definitely had a busy month if you attended region 6 (make up rally) in Vidalia, La. That is where a lot of the energy (lightning storms) started! We had some storms move through the second day there. The storms came in after midnight and they lit up our trailer like daytime and were happening almost right next to us! Everyone survived!

A good time was had by all, especially the BBQ brisket supper from BB's BBQ and Fish house in Vidalia, La.

We then had 7 rigs rally together at Meaher State Park in Spanish Fort, AL. We enjoyed being right on the Mobile bay, but sometimes like this one, things don't turn out exactly as planned. Remember those storms, they followed us and they were predicting HAIL!! The park manager gave us the option to leave with a REFUND! We all decided to head south to Foley, AL to get away from the

storms as well as being a day early for our state rally.

I would like to THANK all the people who made the food, decorated the club house and cleaned up for our state rally. I believe we had a GREAT TIME and the food and games were spot on. We had a new member Collena Burt come with one of her twin daughters, Elizabeth and we were also joined by another Airstream couple (non WBCCI) from Baton Rouge, La. and his comment...  
'this is a rally, how do we join?'

Oh, did I mention the STORMS? yes, we had an additional FOUR-FIVE more inches but the best part of the rain was putting us in a place together to build on our friendships! I do believe fun was had and more fun is scheduled for the May rally with living history.

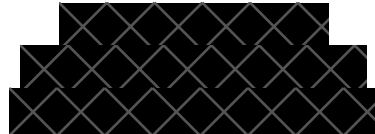
I must say with 18 rigs at our state rally it is looking good for our future rallies, stay tuned in because we have more planned!! Be safe and see you down the road.

Tony  
President of 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.

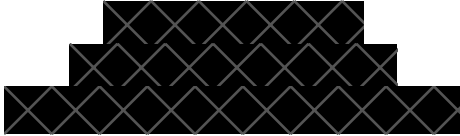
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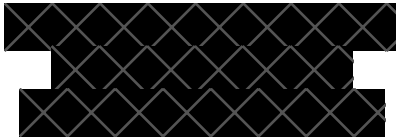
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Don & Jean Russell



## Rally Report

### Region 6 "After Action Report"

Boy, what a time we had at the Region 6 Rally! The weather was perfect with the exception of one stormy night and I do mean STORMY. Our host campground was River View RV Park in Vidalia, LA, directly on the shore of the Mississippi River. There were 2 nights of band entertainment, one was our very own, Bill & Betty Lancaster, who put on a great sing along concert.

Across the river was the Historical City Of Natchez, Mississippi. Did you know between 1840- 1860 there were more Millionaires on the Mississippi River than in all of the Northeast. Most of the

Millionaires were from the north who came south and made a fortune on King Cotton.

Thursday night, we had dinner and a tour of the Magnolia Hall. Construction of Magnolia Hall is believed to have begun in 1858 and the residence of Thomas Henderson. The table was set like it was in the 1800s and the food and service were superb. The home was restored by The Natchez Garden Club of Mississippi and they were our hostess for the evening.

Friday, some of the guys played 18 holes of golf at the Beau Pre Country Club while the ladies enjoyed shopping and sight-seeing in the old-town.

Saturday, we took an open-air tour of the city with Sally, who lives and grew up in Natchez. She was very knowledgeable of the Antebellum Homes, stories, and legends of the city. That night, we had a catered crawfish boil.

Sunday was a free day to relax and do whatever. That afternoon the Alabama Airstream Club members enjoyed a Bar B Q Dinner on the grounds.

As Wally Byam said, "Adventure is where you find it, any place, every place, except at home in the rocking chair."

John L. Burton  
1st VP Alabama Airstream Club



Alabama Club enjoying BBQ at the  
Region 6 Rally

Lebanon, TN

## **Athens Old Time Fiddlers Special Event Rally**

Sep 27 - Oct 3, 2021

Athens, AL

(See Below)

## **Area Meetings**

The area meetings will be starting up soon. The Montgomery Area dinner meeting will be at the Olive Garden Restaurant on June 14 at 6:00 PM.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **An American Living History Rally**

May 13-16, 2021

Chattanooga, TN

### **Wally Byam 64th International Rally**

July 11-24, 2021

### **Favorite Apps for Camping, Part 4**

Submitted by Steve and Becky  
Padgett

(See the attachment below)

See you down the road

John Rylee, Editor



Favorite Apps for Camping, Part Four  
Weather, Safety and Others  
—Steve and Becky Padgett (WBCCI #3160)

We discussed navigation, campground and restaurant apps for the smartphone in our first three articles. We will look at weather, safety and a few miscellaneous favorites in this, our fourth installment of apps for camping.

There are some mixed feelings when it comes to weather apps. The two leaders of the pack are WeatherBug and The Weather Channel. Both provide adequate weather information and weather maps. The big difference may be in the ads. The Weather Channel seems to have more “click-bait” type ads than WeatherBug.

We use the AccuWeather app when camping because it projects out 15 days instead of the normal 10. While meteorologists are quick to say forecasts out that far are not reliable, they can give you a feeling about weather trends.

DarkSky is an amazing hyperlocal weather app. DarkSky's future is fuzzy since it was recently purchased by Apple. Speculation is that DarkSky's proprietary code will be incorporated into the iPhone's operating system.

Since we live in Alabama, we also have the National Weather Service's Hurricane Tracker app. You never know when you need to pay attention to the tropics.

Another group of apps that Airstreamers should have on their smartphones is medical. Most of these apps are directly related to your physicians, insurance providers and pharmacies you use. In addition to these “must have” apps, there are some medical related apps that deserve a place on your phone.

First Aid is an app published by the American Red Cross. It is a great first resource for dealing with both life threatening and



non life threatening issues. This app will also help you find the nearest hospital and call 911 in emergencies.

Pet First Aid is another app from the American Red Cross. As its name states, this app focuses on the health of your pets. A feature that pet-owning Airstreamers will appreciate is that the app will help you find a veterinarian and nearby vet hospitals.

There are two more apps we want to highlight. They are 1Password and AnyList.

We all know we need to use complex and hard to guess passwords for our protection. The problem is that good passwords are hard to remember. This is where a trusted password program helps.

For security reasons, we don't know any of our passwords, but they are highly encrypted and stored in 1Password. All we have to remember is our one password needed to access this app. We also store medical files and important documents in this program. We pay for the premium version of this program so that we have a shared secured database between our phones. That means we always have the current passwords and important documents on both of our phones, our tablets and laptop computer.

AnyList is another program that is helpful to us while on the road and at home. As the name implies, it allows users to create shopping and other lists. We pay for their premium service because it allows us to share lists in real time. That means if one adds something to a list or crosses off something, the other person instantly sees that action on his or her phone. That is handy when you are trying to quickly shop by splitting up and going to opposite ends of the store. It is amazing how many lists you will create in this program.

We are positive that you have some apps that you want to share with the club. It is easy to do so and our members would appreciate learning about the apps that help make your Airstream adventures better.

# **Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally**

Athens, Alabama

September 28 - October 2, 2021

By

Russ Pry

Rally in Athens, Alabama for the 54th Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Early parking for the volunteers available on September 27. The Airstream rally starts on September 28 with welcome dinner. Upon arrival, sign up for tours to area destinations. A free concert opens the convention on September 30. The \$55/person rally fee includes two-day convention entrance fee, and two evenings of featured performances by headliner entertainers. Competitions include playing instruments, singing and dancing. Craft and food concessions are found throughout campus. Exclusive WBAC parking includes 20 AMP power, water and one (1) pump out for \$25/night located within 3/10 mile of the main venue. Parking reservations requires four (4) night minimum. Rally attendees are also welcome to stay at nearby RV Parks with full hook ups. Rally reservations and deposits are required by August 15. Visit <http://region6.airstreamclub.net> for Airstream Rally updates. Visit <http://www.tvotfc.org/> for convention information and schedule updates. All rally attendees are encouraged to bring their musical instruments. Jam sessions planned at the WBAC camp site and/or the Domino room at Athens - Limestone County Visitors Center.

ATHENS OLD TIME FIDDLERS RALLY  
Includes Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention  
Athens, Alabama  
September 28 - October 2, 2021

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
WBCCI # \_\_\_\_\_  
Club # (no names or abbreviations) \_\_\_\_\_  
Rally Fee: Per adult # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Per child # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Softball Field WBAC

Camping per night # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(4 night minimum ) Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to: **Alabama Airstream Fiddlers Rally**

Send registration & check to:  
Mike Hamilton, Treasurer  
3106 Quail Run, Opelika, AL 36801

***Receipt acknowledged via email***

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