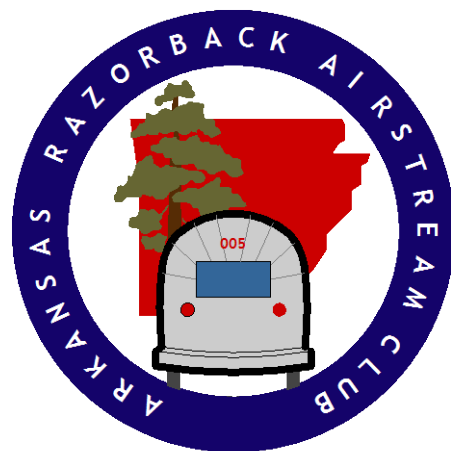


# RIVETED RAZORBACK



## FEBRUARY 2022

### **President's Message** By Michael Shelley

Happy New Year! Many of our Razorback Club members kicked off the New Year in style at Canopener, the first rally of the year, held at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach, FL. Sadly, Judy and I had to cancel this year because we are moving her mother into assisted living. We are enjoying the many pictures and Facebook posts from the rally. Our first Canopener, back in 2016, was the second day of Airstream ownership for us. We have scores of good friends first met at that very fun rally.

Despite the pandemic that just keeps on giving, we have a full year of rallies planned. Look through the schedule and find some rallies that appeal to you and work in your schedule. Lots of fun times ahead in 2022!

Travel safe and see you down the road!

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## Member Spotlight: Bob & Dorothy Cooney

By Laura Wessinger

Bob & Dorothy Cooney are living the good life. Not only do they live on 40 acres in western Arkansas with a river running through their property, they are the proud owners of a rare breed of Airstream trailer – a 26' Land Yacht Travel Trailer. In fact, if you look up Squarestreams on the internet, you will find the history of the Airstream Land Yacht 1989-1992 which was written and compiled by AIR Forum members. This is a comprehensive, three-page history of the Land Yachts. The last sentence of the last paragraph states that the Airstream brochure for the 1991 Land Yacht says “watch for the 26' Land Yacht Travel Trailer coming soon.” However, it was unclear if any were ever actually manufactured. But the first thing Bob will tell you is that he knows for certain that they were --- because he has one!

Bob and Dorothy spotted their rare vintage trailer in 1994 when they took their SOB in for repairs. Bob says it was exactly what they were looking for – a 26' trailer with a queen bed in the back that was in pristine condition. Their trailer is all original except for new a/c, fridge, and floor. It's a sight to see!

The Cooneys have traveled extensively over the years and have been active in the club for many years. Bob says when they first bought their land yacht, their type of trailer wasn't allowed in the club. Only silver bullets qualified! Bob says that changed when the officers started buying motorhomes. Then, the club opened to all Airstreams. They have been to 48 states in the continental U.S. The Cooneys love participating in the unit and Vintage Airstream caravans and have attended five international rallies.

Although they often have inquiries on selling the trailer, Bob says, “if it ends up in a sale, it will be an estate sale!” Not likely. Of their five grandchildren, all five have expressed interest in inheriting the trailer, and the Cooneys plan on leaving a legacy trailer for the grandchildren and great-grandchildren to treasure for many years to come.



## The Silver Lining

By Larry Madden, President, Region 6

2022 is going to be an exciting year for ACI. Cooperate Manager Lori Plummer reports record growth in new memberships in the years 2020-2021, with the expectation this growth in membership will continue. While this increase in membership is a very positive metric, it poses challenges for our club's leadership. A major concern is what changes are needed to the current structure of the club's governing body to help promote the recruitment of future leaders from the historically talented membership of ACI. A committee of five dedicated, hardworking club members, which included our own club President Michael Shelley took on this challenge. The committee has submitted its recommendation for review and approval. I anticipate a vote on the committee's recommendation during the midwinter IBT in Savannah, GA.

The seven clubs of region 6 have been very busy and engaged in planning rallies and caravans. Historically October is a very busy month for rallies in Region 6. While it was impossible to avoid all conflicts, I recently revised the dates for the 2022 Region 6 Rally to avoid as many conflicts as possible. The new dates for the Region 6 Rally will be October 13-16, 2022. We will be returning to Johnny's Lakeside RV Resort in Foley, Alabama. Many factors went into my decision, but the decisive reason was, a persuasive number of this year's attendees approached me and requested we return to Johnny's in 2022. Johnny's is currently accepting reservations for the 2022 Region 6 Rally. Their phone number is: 251-970-3773. When you make your reservations, please mention you are with the Airstream Rally.

Jan Heavener and Katie Gully are teaming up to develop a new Region 6 Facebook page. They will also serve as the administrators, which will ensure no undesirable content is posted on the page. I think this will be another great tool for communication within the region.

Wishing each of you and your families a blessed and Happy New Year!

## REGION 6 RALLY • OCTOBER 2021

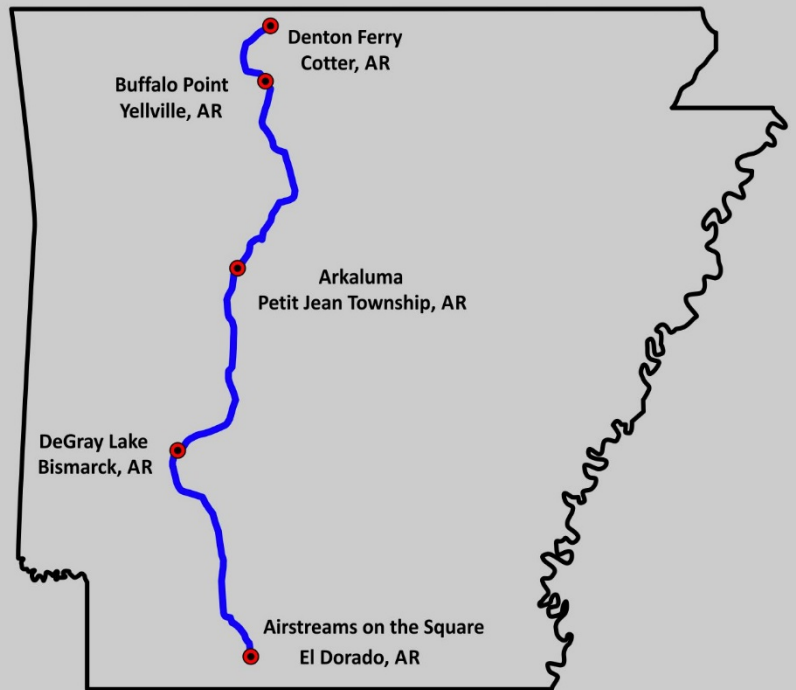




This past Fall, we turned three annual rallies into a come-and-go caravan called the “Rivet Hog Road Trip.” We started at Airstreams on the Square in El Dorado Oct. 21-24 (with a pirate theme); continued on to DeGray Lake State Park; had Arkaluma a/k/a Burning Mouse at the Museum of Automobiles on Petit Jean Mountain Oct. 28-31; and camped near Cotter, AR, for a few days before meeting up again at Buffalo Point Nov. 4-7. Good times and just a few misadventures were had!!!



*We celebrated Jan and Charles' 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with lunch at Gaston's White River Resort*

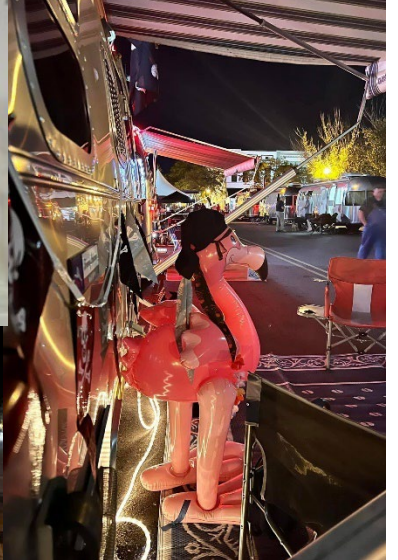


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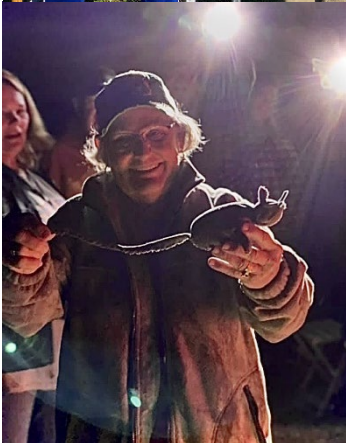


AIRSTREAMS ON THE SQUARE • EL DORADO, AR





**ARKALUMA  
a/k/a BURNING MOUSE  
PETIT JEAN MOUNTAIN**





**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUFFALO POINT RALLY**  
DUTCH OVEN COOKING • HIKING • HANGING OUT



## El Dorado Christmas Parade 2021

Our unit participated in the El Dorado Christmas Parade for the second year. This year our float was "Pooper's Full" in a nod to Cousin Eddie in the movie Christmas Vacation. At the parade, we donated \$4,000 to Main St. El Dorado for their support of our Airstreams on the Square street camping rally held earlier in 2021 around the Union County Courthouse square. Over the past four years, the Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club has donated a total of \$10,000 to the Main Street program to be used in revitalization efforts in downtown El Dorado.



### Please Welcome Our Newest Affiliate Members & Their Rigs! By Michael Shelley, November 2021

**Calee & Peter Hartman:** Home Club Missouri Greater Ozark, have a 1966 17' Caravel (it is just fabulous!) and a 1972 21' Globe Trotter. These guys joined us for the Float Rally last June, Airstreams on the Square in October, and Buffalo Point in November. **Barbara & Tony Olm:** Home Club Alabama, where Tony is President, have a 31' 1998 Excella; they camped with us at International. **Gayle & Frank Steed:** Home Club Texas Highland Lakes, have a 2018 19' Tommy Bahama; they joined us at Airstreams on the Square this year. **Ronnie & Jo Harris:** Home Club Southeastern Camping Unit, have a 2016 24' Interstate (named "The Little White House" with BRN 16000 - one less zero was unavailable), have camped with us several times. **Lorrie & John Mark Jackson:** Home Club Music City, have a 1973 23' Safari; we met them at the Region 6 Rally. **Rick & JJ Foley:** Home Club Mississippi, have a 1955 22' Flying Cloud (restored beautifully!) and a 2021 27' Globetrotter; Rick is the owner of Foley RV in Gulfport, MS, where many members purchased our Airstreams and return there for service. Rick and his GM, Ron Lester, are great supporters of our Arkansas club; recall they helped sponsor our recent Airstreams on the Square event, and they are the principal sponsors of Canopener!



**2022 RALLY SCHEDULE****Feb 25-27: UBT at Jeff Dalrymple and Cindy Kugel's place, Jay, OK**

All sorts of fun and some sort of meeting. *Emphasis on fun.*

**March 12-19: Bourbon Trail Caravan**

Join us as we experience the wonders of bourbon and the beauty of Kentucky. Hosts: Michael and Judy Shelley. [michaelalanshelley@gmail.com](mailto:michaelalanshelley@gmail.com) More info coming later.

**March 25-27: Community Service Rally, Arkansas Food Bank, Little Rock, AR**

Join us at the Arkansas Food Bank for our second annual community service rally. We will camp at the food bank. Contact Trent Roberts at [dtrentr@gmail.com](mailto:dtrentr@gmail.com) for more information.

**April 24-(7-10 days): "Let's Crash Jennifer's Party" Rally, Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, AL**

Jennifer's trip sounded so fun we decided to join her! Make your own reservations.

**May 12-15: Bikes, Buddies, and Brewpubs at Downtown Riverside RV Park, N. Little Rock, AR**

Sites are along the river. Campground is 50-amp (bring 30-amp adapter if needed). Please RSVP to Paul Beck at [pacbeck@gmail.com](mailto:pacbeck@gmail.com). Make reservations through the park at 501-340-5312.

**June 9-12: Buffalo River Float Trip, Shady Oaks RV, Harrison, AR**

Call 870.743.2343 for reservation; say you are with the Arkansas Airstream Group. More details later. Host: Jan Heavener [bassnjan@gmail.com](mailto:bassnjan@gmail.com)

**July 23-29: International Rally, Fryeburg, Maine****Sept 8-11: Girls Just Want to Have Fun Rally, Tompkins Bend, Lake Ouachita, AR**

Join us for a Girls Only Weekend! We will eat, drink, swim and whatever else floats our boat. Make your own reservations in Loop D (as close to #50 as you can get) beginning March 8 (contact host before canceling). Hosts: Laura Wessinger [lwessinger@gmail.com](mailto:lwessinger@gmail.com) and Terry Madden [blowdry@cox.net](mailto:blowdry@cox.net)

**Oct 13-16: Region 6 Rally, Johnny's Lakeside RV Resort. Foley, Alabama (251-970-3773).** Contact Larry Madden [h70man@cox.net](mailto:h70man@cox.net). Note: Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally in Athens, Alabama will be held from 10/3/22-10/9/22. Some people like to stop there on the way to Region 6 rally.

**Oct 20-23: Airstreams on the Square, El Dorado AR**

It's back! The extremely popular urban camping weekend around the Union County Courthouse square. Contact Jan Heavener at [bassnjan@gmail.com](mailto:bassnjan@gmail.com) for more information.

**Oct 27-30: Arkaluma aka "Burning Mouse", Museum of Automobiles, Petit Jean Mountain, AR**

Sixth annual boondocking rally in wagon wheel. Evenings by the campfire in the middle of the circle, potlucks, a big sky full of stars, and hiking nearby. Hosts: Paul Greene [1pggreene@gmail.com](mailto:1pggreene@gmail.com), Dave Wessinger [wdwessinger@me.com](mailto:wdwessinger@me.com), and Jason Landrum [jlandrum@icloud.com](mailto:jlandrum@icloud.com)

**Nov 3-6: Buffalo River Rally, Buffalo Point Campground, Hwy 268 E, Yellville, AR**

Always beautiful on America's first national river. We return for this annual rally to take in the wildlife, changing colors of leaves, hike to Indian Rock House cave, tour of Rush - an abandoned mining town, and feast on Dutch oven cooking! RSVP to Jason Landrum at [jlandrum@icloud.com](mailto:jlandrum@icloud.com), and reserve a site in Loop C (or Loop D) beginning March 3, 2022. Please contact host before canceling any reservation.