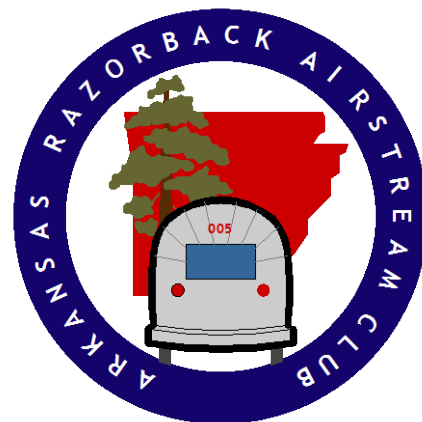


RIVETED RAZORBACK



JULY 2022

President's Message by Michael Shelley

First off, let me say I hate being an absentee President; we so enjoy the company of our fellow Arkansas Airstream club members. We have been dealing, once again, with illness in the family. We were called away after the first night of the Bourbon Caravan, and after many weeks, had one funeral, one move to a nursing facility, and one move to assisted living (Judy's mom). Judy and I feel we now need to move home to Houston to be near our daughter and her family, where we will have help in dealing with future health issues, especially as relates to Judy's mom. Much

thanks to Vice President Dave Wessinger and Past President Jeff Dalrymple, as well as Membership Chair Trent Roberts, and so many more of you who have pitched in to keep things running smoothly. And now for stuff that is a lot more fun . . .

Summer is definitely here in Arkansas; many of you enjoyed the recent Buddies, Bikes and Brewpubs V, led by Paul (New Paul) Beck as well as the Float Rally! We really do have a fun time, do we not? It is wonderful to see so many new Members and Affiliate Members join our group. Membership Chair Trent Roberts does a really good job

of making new folks feel at home, and it is good to see so many other members reach out to new members and visitors at our club rallies.

The International Rally is upcoming in July, and as usual, our club will have a strong presence both in attendance and leadership of the rally. These rallies are always fun; however, some of us have not enjoyed the club business aspect of the rally . . . that will change if the proposed Constitutional Amendments are passed by membership.

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Member Spotlight: Paul & Jeannie Beck

by Laura Wessinger



Q: You have a beautiful vintage Airstream. Can you tell us how you found it/restoration work you have done on it/other stories about it?

A: In 2009, Paul had just returned home from his second deployment to Iraq and was looking to treat himself. We had done a little tent camping in the past and wanted something in which to camp more comfortably. He started casually perusing the bulletin boards, but had no idea what he was looking for, other than it needed to be affordable. He found our rig on Ebay and not only was the price right, but it was located in Alexander, AR, about 30 minutes from home. Before I knew it, we were the proud owners of a 1963 Tradewind.

The goal from the start was to be able to use the trailer while making necessary updates. The only items that worked at that time were the cold water, the toilet, and the air conditioning. We started by ripping out the indoor/outdoor carpet and soft surfaces. I wouldn't step in it until the majority of "Cooties" were gone. The only original items left today are a few cabinets, some light fixtures and the bathtub. The next project is adding Solar capabilities! We consider it a continual work in progress as there is always more to do.

Q: How did you get involved with the Airstream Club? How long have you been a member?

A: At some point, we started looking for people to camp with and found the club online. The first thing Paul asked was if the age of our rig would be acceptable. Jason reassured us that we would fit in and we can truly say we have never felt unwelcome. Arkaluma 2016 on Mulberry Mountain was Paul's first club outing; the kids and I joined in a bit later (Village Creek).

Q: You are some of our younger members with kids still in school. How do your kids like the Airstream? Please share one or two anecdotes about traveling with your kids.

A: The advantage of camping in an Airstream, according to the kids, is having the comforts of home (air conditioning, electricity) while the adults do their thing. There have even been a couple of long weekends

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where they were able to do school virtually and submit assignments while on the road (thanks to COVID). We like that it provides us with opportunities to explore our home state and kid-friendly locations nearby. (An extra bonus is our tradition of playing board games while camping, as we are usually too busy at home.)

Q: Where have you been in your Airstream? Favorite trips, rallies, experiences, etc.

A: Our trip to Big Bend holds the record for longest distance from home and was a wonderful experience to have with other club members. Some of our favorite places we've taken her to are Silver Dollar City, the AR Diamond Mine, and to the beach in Florida. We love all the group float rallies, Urban adventures and explorations of our many state parks. We are so thankful to the club for introducing us to places that we would likely not have found by ourselves.

2021-2022

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Above: A small group of Arkansas Airstreamers leaving Ocracoke, North Carolina;
below: sunset on the Bourbon Trail Caravan



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We are very much looking forward to attending Airstreams on the Square in El Dorado; also, Trent & Jennifer Roberts have yet again come up with a fun adventure in their ASS Rally (Airstream Southern Sojourn) next January.

There are several more fun rallies planned between International and the end of the year; look through the rally schedule and sign on for fun! For our new members, we have only two rules:

1. No politics
2. Happy Hour begins at 4pm

As always, safe travels and see you down the road . . .

IN MEMORIAM. Sadly, two of our club members died recently. **Jane Marie Fudge**, 75, of Booneville, AR, passed away June 24, 2022, while residing in Jacksonville, IL. Jane and Neil Anderson were affiliate members of our club for several years. www.mackeydaws.com/obituaries/Jane-Fudge/#!/. **Charles Phillip Padilla**, 69, of Cabot, AR, passed away July 2, 2022. Charles is survived by his wife Melanie. They joined in 2020 and attended several rallies before Charles became ill. www.moorecabotfuneralhome.com/obituary/charles-padilla



BOURBON TRAIL CARAVAN ◦ MARCH 2022

On March 12-13, Bourbon Trail caravaners camped at the Casey Jones Distillery in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. On March 14, they moved to White Acres Campground in Bardstown, Kentucky for the rest of the week. The group visited many distilleries and other spots, including: Country View Creamery, Woodford Reserve, Four Roses, the Kentucky Cooperage, Buffalo Trace, James B. Beam, Yellowstone, Maker's Mark, Willet, Bardstown, Heavenly Hill, 1792, Limestone Branch, Castle & Key.







2nd Annual Arkansas Food Bank Service Rally, March 25-27, 2022

By: Trent Roberts

We had 16 rigs camp and many other members come help for the day. We raised enough money to provide over 130,000 meals, doubling our 2021 total. We also packed 3200 school kits, painted in the warehouse, and moved file cabinets. Tim Welch's company Wiese USA donated our food for the weekend and also donated the CAT pallet jack that we all autographed – there are now two Riveted Razorbacks autographed pallet jacks in the Arkansas Foodbank fleet! We enjoyed beautiful weather and got to watch the Razorbacks in the volunteer center. Friday night tacos, a huge breakfast Saturday morning, and Saturday night smashburgers were enjoyed by all. Next year's Foodbank service rally is tentatively scheduled for April 14-16, 2023; put it on the calendar now, it's a great time for a great cause!





Let's Crash Jennifer's Party ◦ April 2022 ◦ **Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, AL**

When club members heard about Trent & Jennifer's plans to go to Gulf Shores in May 2021, they decided to tag along – and that's how the "Let's Crash Jennifer's Party" Rally came to be!







Bikes, Buddies & Brew Pubs, North Little Rock, May 2022



Morning bike rides on the Arkansas River trail were followed by local pub crawls. On Friday, Airstreamers went to Diamond Bear, Flyway, and The Rail Yard. On Saturday, they visited Fassler Hall, Stone's Throw, Camp Taco, and Lost Forty. Members gathered afterwards at the Downtown Riverside RV Park's pavilion for more fun!





Buffalo River Float Trip June 2022





July – Dec. 2022 RALLY SCHEDULE**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 and Terry Madden 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. 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 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, Dave Wessinger wdwessinger@me.com, and Jason Landrum jdlandrum@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 jdlandrum@icloud.com, and reserve a site in Loop C (or Loop D) beginning May 3, 2022. Please contact host before canceling any reservation.

Please Welcome Our Newest Members & Their Rigs!

Unit Members. Robert & Angela Barrow, Little Rock, AR, 1971 Overlander 27; Zach Bullock, Stuttgart, AR, 2019 International 25; Jane & Bryan Brackin, West Memphis, AR, 1962 Flying Cloud 22; Joel & Jamie Cavness, Watts, OK, 1984 Excella 31; Tracy & Kerry Dowell, Batesville, AR, 2022 Globetrotter 27FB; Harrison Gulley, Little Rock, AR, 2000 Excella 30 [Our youngest member with his own Big Red Number!]; Paul Hehnke, Little Rock, AR, 2018 Classic 33; Dave & Gina Johnson, Fayetteville, AR, 2021 International 25; Will Graef & Tristan Serio, Siloam Springs, AR, 2019 Globetrotter 27FB; Jeff Allmon & Rick Tyler, McPherson, KS, 2022 FC 25; Catherine & George Jones, 2018 Flying Cloud FB 27; Bonita Springs, FL; Ben & Ann Mather, Venice, FL, 1973 International Ambassador; Rex & Terri Heffington, Ozark, AR, 2015 M28; Cat Jordan, Lawrence, KS, 1971 International Sovereign Land Yacht 31

Affiliate Members. Ron & Renee Lester, Gulfport, MS, 2021 Globetrotter 25 [Note: Ron is the general manager of Foley RV in Gulfport. Ron and owner Rick Foley are active supporters of our club and Foley is an excellent dealership]; James Gardner, Marietta, GA, 2023 Globetrotter 27TW [Top of Georgia AS Club]; Rex & Dee Vaughn, Lowell, AR, 2022 International 28RB [Missouri Gr Ozark Unit]

2023 RALLY SCHEDULE**Jan 4-19: Big Airstream Southern Sojourn.**

Come join us on a trip to the Gulf Coast. This is a three-part trip so feel free to join for some or all legs of the trip. Host: Trent Roberts

- **Jan 4-9: Dauphin Island Park and Beach.** *They have some FHU sites but are limited, depends on the size of camper. 251-861-2742; talk to Nicole to make a reservation.*
- **Jan 9-13: Davis Bayou - Gulf Islands National Seashore Campground, Ocean Springs, MS.** *Reservation window opens 6 months to the day so we would need to reserve on [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) starting 6/30 for 2 weeks arriving 12/30 for 14 nights departing on the 13th and then adjust the dates later – this park fills up! W/E sites. The inside loop is better for larger rigs. Trent has stayed here and really enjoyed the town of Ocean Springs.*
- **Jan 13-19: New Orleans RV Resort and Marina.** *FHU. Formerly known as Pontchartrain Landing. Call Cecily at 504-286-8157 for reservations. There are deluxe waterfront sites as well as less and more expensive options. It's Nola, what is there to say? Plenty to do and minutes from the French Quarter.*

Feb 24-26: UBT (open to all members) at Jeff Dalrymple and Cindy Kugel's place, Jay, OK

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

April 14-16: Community Service Rally. *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 dtrent@gmail.com for more information.*

Hog Wild Baseball Rally. Dates to be determined.

It's back! The popular rally for Hog fans to watch the University of Arkansas Razorback baseball team play at Baum Stadium. We camp, have happy hours, and tailgate at Roadhog Park a block from the stadium. On Saturday, we take our chairs and ice chests and join students and fans in the Hog Pen to cheer on the Hogs. Hosts Tim Welch and Amanda Pace-Welch. RSVP and reserve a site with Tim Welch at timwelch85@hotmail.com. (Pay Tim, not the campground.)

May-Spring in Eureka Springs. Dates to be determined.

Nestled in the heart of the Ozark Mountains, Eureka Springs offers small-town charms along with award-winning dining, arts, and entertainment. Host: Jeff Dalrymple and Cindy Kugel.

June 24-30: International Rally, Rock Springs, WY

Six days of fun, friendships and all things Airstream at the 66th annual Airstream Club International Rally.

Sept 7-10: Girls Just Want to Have Fun Rally. *See 2022 schedule for description.*

September: Region 6 Rally. Dates to be determined.

Region 6 with Jan in Louisiana and perhaps another weekend in Mountain View, AR at the Ozark Folk Center State Park. More details to come later.

October/November: Airstreams on the Square – Arkaluma -- Buffalo Point. Dates to be determined. *See 2022 schedule for descriptions.*