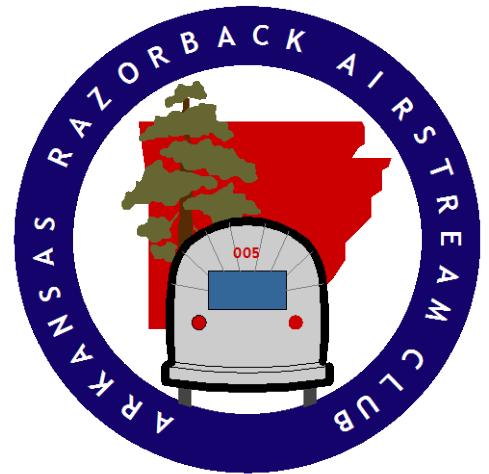


RIVETED RAZORBACK



June 2023

President's Message by Dave Wessinger

Laura and I just returned from Foley Airstream in Gulfport, AL with our Globetrotter which had some warranty work done. We are now ready to camp, and camping season is upon us! Foley is a "Five-Rivet Airstream Dealer." Owner Rick Foley and Sales Manager Ron Lester are Affiliate Members of our Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club (ARAC), and generously provide financial, material and participant support to our club and other clubs in our Region. They support our "Airstreams on the Square Rally" and other regional rallies. Ron and his wife Renee attend when their

schedules allow.

Our club continues to provide numerous opportunities for camping and fellowship. As always, you can track our activities on our Airstream Club International (ACI) page (<https://airstreamclub.org/Arkansas-razorback>) and on our Club Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1110339509035203/events>). Many club members are attending the 66th International Rally, joining over 1,300 Airstreams and 2,500 attendees in Rock Springs, WY, June 24-30. Many of our members are caravanning to the Rally, leaving June 15 from Jay, OK. If you want to join them, contact Jeff Dalrymple (contact info is in the ARAC Directory recently emailed to our membership).

A great shout-out of appreciation goes out to Martis Tipton and Katie Gulley for putting together our ARAC Directory. This was a momentous task—please reach out and share your appreciation with them. Thank you, Martis and Katie!

Frank Cox has volunteered to serve as our Membership Chairman moving forward. He will be taking over from Trent Roberts, who has provided yeoman service in this capacity for as long as I can remember. Please reach out to Trent to thank him. We can all play a role in recruitment and retention. Let's welcome Frank to the job and ask him how we can help.

ACI has been making changes to expand member involvement at the International level by creating

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Member Spotlight:

“Bad Paul” Moore

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By: Paul Moore

In anticipation of retiring, I began looking for a camper to travel around and see parts of America that I would like to visit and hadn't been to. So in 2009 (I think), I bought the cutest little used 1985 16' Casita... all original. It was so cute that I felt a bit guilty not pulling it with a VW Beetle.

I visited several parts of Texas with that camper... partly just to visit and also to check out places near the gulf coast to retire to (no income tax in Texas). Well, that plan fell apart... Property, and property taxes in Texas were WAY high. And my cute little Casita broke... **totaled**.

So I began a new search for a camper and a place to retire. I went to an RV show in Little Rock and checked out RVs of all kinds... knew that I needed a larger camper than 16'. I have long admired Airstreams and that RV show convinced me that other campers are simply not made for long-term use. Well, being poor all my life (and cheap) I couldn't possibly buy a new Airstream, but I knew that no other brand would satisfy me, so I searched far and wide for a good used Airstream. In March of 2012, I finally found a 1972 31' Airstream in Little Rock that met all my desires... nice size... all original... everything worked!

Of course, I bought it. I haven't logged the miles that I pulled that first Airstream, but I took it to Nevada, California, Washington state, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Louisiana, Florida, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Missouri, and other places that I don't even remember. It has crossed the Great Divide, and back, at least five times that I remember. I call her Regina because she is a Sovereign. Although I don't pull her anymore, I intend to make her half of my future “tiny house” in Conway near my son and daughter-in-law.

I now pull Amelia, a 1974 27' Overlander that I bought from fellow Airstreamers Mark Magie and Annette Murray for a song... (don't tell Mark that last part). While I haven't completely moved to an income-tax-free state, in 2016, I bought a lot in Paradise Park, a 55+ RV condominium in Florida, where I spend the winters now – it's too cold in Arkansas! I mention that because the lot includes a 1973 27' Overlander that is connected to a “Florida room,” so I'm undoubtedly the poorest, cheapest, owner of multiple Airstreams just about anywhere.

Late in 2012, I found, and joined the Arkansas Airstream Club. That is still one of the best decisions I have ever made. Between meeting and making friends with lots of really great people, I've traveled to many cool places at rallies (local, Regional, and International) and caravans, and visited some of the Airstream parks around the southern part of the United States.



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2022-2023

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Our Arkansas Airstream club was friendly at the time I joined, but still quite involved in “pomp and circumstance” and were doing the same events every year. Thankfully, some of our new members who became officers, began to incorporate new kinds of rallies and effective recruiting. With the influx of new members, there evolved less formality and more emphasis on FUN. Our Arkansas club has become rather notorious for having fun. I LIKE that a LOT!

*Laissez Les Bon
Tems Rouler!*

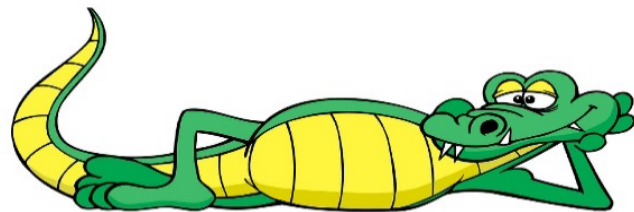
“Rouler” on into the Wilderness Bayou for Good Times, Fabulous Food, and Great People.

1. Call and Book your Site at

WBCCI Region 6 Rally
Bayou Wilderness RV Campground
600 Wilderness Trail
Carencro, La 70520
337-896-0598
September 27 - October 1, 2023

2. Click on the link below and fill out your Registration form for the Rally

<https://form.jotform.com/230451792989066>



Please Welcome Our Newest Affiliate Members!

Henry and MeShon Caldwell BRN 06144, Chattanooga, TN, 2022 Basecamp 16X [East Tennessee Airstream Club]; **Diann and Chris Lehman BRN10941**, Papillion, NE, 2002 International 22 [Nebraska Airstream Club]; **Trisha and Brandon Lohman BRN22378**, Chesapeake, VA, 2022 Flying Cloud 25 [Tidewater Airstream Club]



Hog Wild Baseball Rally • March 31 – April 2, 2023 • Fayetteville







3rd Annual Community Service Rally

By: Trent Roberts

We had another great time at the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock April 14-16. Thirteen rigs camped on the loading dock and enough \$ was raised to provide 134,200 meals for our neighbors in need. Tim Welch's company, Wiese, donated another CAT pallet jack which brings the Razorback Airstream Club fleet to three autographed pallet jacks in the volunteer center.

Thirty-five volunteers packed 1,800 pounds of sweet potatoes in five-pound bags Saturday morning to be distributed in upcoming mobile distributions. As usual, at any ARAC rally, the food was fabulous. Donations from a North Little Rock food broker's freezer meant the fried food fiesta was on! We also enjoyed a hearty breakfast and smash burgers. A huge thunderstorm brought the threat of hail Saturday night, but fortunately all we got was wind and big rain that forced us to bring our circle into the warehouse. We'll take next year off and plan to be back at the Foodbank in 2025, so plan to join us for a fun service rally!









Spring in Eureka Springs
May 18-21, 2023





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a new opportunity for members to serve on the International Board of Trustees (IBT) through the Executive Council. Thirty candidates are running for election to nine positions. One of them is ARAC's very own Mark Magie. As a past ARAC President, Mark continues his club leadership locally and, at the International level, serves as Chairman of the National Events Committee. He's a Contributing Editor to the Blue Beret, writing a monthly column about Region 6 activities. Please look over the 30 Statements of Candidacy in the May issue of Blue Beret, or online at the ACI website, and vote for nine candidates to the Executive Council. In addition to Mark, I draw your attention to four ARAC Affiliate Members running for Executive Council: Johnni Hansen, Eric McHenry, Millie O'Donnell and Alan Rabb. Watch your email for an electronic ballot. Voting opens June 1 and runs through June 15. Make your voice count!

2023 RALLY SCHEDULE

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.*

<https://airstreamclub.org/2023-international-rally-rock-springs-wy>

September 7-10: 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 – contact club members for cancellations if Loop D is full, and please contact host before canceling).*

Hosts: Laura Wessinger llwessinger@gmail.com and Terry Madden blowdry@cox.net.

BoyzonBoats will occur again this year! Contact Ivy Lincoln for more information:

ivy.glen.lincoln@gmail.com.

September 27-Oct 1: Region 6 Rally, Bayou Wilderness RV Campground in Carencro, LA. *Phone: 337-896-0598. For more information, see flyer on page 3. Hosts:*

Jan and Charles Heavener (bassnjan@gmail.com)

October 19-22: Airstreams on the Square, El Dorado, Arkansas. *The extremely popular urban camping weekend around the Union County Courthouse square in El Dorado, Arkansas. Hosts: Jan and Charles Heavener, Mark Magie, and Bad Paul Moore (contact: Jan Heavener). It's a who-dunnit murder mystery!*

October 26-29: Arkaluma aka "Burning Mouse" – Museum of Automobiles, Petit Jean Mountain. *Seventh annual boondocking Arkaluma rally with Airstreams parked in the magical wagon wheel arrangement. Evenings by the campfire in the middle of the circle, potlucks, a big-sky full of stars, and hiking nearby. Hosts: Paul Greene/Dave Wessinger/Jason Landrum (Paul: 1pggreene@gmail.com).*

November 2-5: Buffalo Point Rally. *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 Rush - an abandoned mining town, and feast on Dutch oven cooking! Make your own reservations in Loop C at Buffalo Point Campground six months in advance @ recreation.gov. Hosts: Jason & Dana Landrum (jdlandrum@mac.com).*

2024 Save-the-Dates

Big Airstream Southern Sojourn Reprise

January 7-12, 2024: Dauphin Island Park Campground (251-861-2742)

January 12-16, 2024: Location TBD on MS Gulf Coast

January 16-21, 2024: New Orleans RV Resort and Marina (504-286-8157)

January 21-24, 2024: Bayou Wilderness RV Resort, Carencro, LA (337-896-0598)

April 6-9, 2024: Moonshadow Solar Eclipse Rally, Morrilton, AR.

October 5-12, 2024: International Rally – Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO