

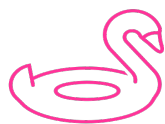


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Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter

July-August, 2023

President's Message



Hello Alabama Airstreamers!

"The big red fox jumped over the fence in hot pursuit of a brown rabbit with a white fluffy tail. The fox was smiling as he imagined how delicious his catch would be. After all, he knew the reputation of his kind and that they were known to be very cunning. However, to his surprise and dismay, the hare outsmarted him by diving into a hole in the ground. The larger animal began digging, slinging dirt high into the air, in a crazy frenzy, ignoring the fact that the rabbit had gone into a dark tunnel, which by the way, lead to the family

hutch. The not-so-sly fox was so absorbed in moving dirt, at first, he did not notice that further down the path sat the big brown hare watching him! By then the silly red fox, was too exhausted to pursue his prey. The rabbit laughed silently, shrugged his shoulders, and hopped gingerly off into the bushes, leaving his enemy panting, laying on the ground in disbelief."

So, the moral of the story is: be like the brown rabbit with the white fluffy tail and get your tail off the couch, get your Airstream ready for safe travel, and we will see you down the road.

June and July have been very HOT, and August promises more of the same. Hopefully, by the time for our OLD TIME Fiddlers Rally in Athens, AL, arrives, the weather in October will be cooler.

June was a vey busy time for me. My two grandchildren, Ethan 12 & Savannah 14 years old, "The Commander", our 1984, 31ft., Excella, and I headed west for 30 days. Unfortunately, my better half, Judy, injured her back and was unable to travel per doctor's orders.

Our first stop was Tom Sawyer RV Park in West Memphis, AR, where we camped right on the Mighty Mississippi River and watched the river barges go by. Then came Lake Dardanelle State Park, Arkansas, which is a nice campground with an interesting, informative visitor's center with an enormous aquarium of fresh water fish. We also went for a swim in the Arkansas River. The next day, we camped at the KOA Elk City/Clinton, OK. In Elk City, we visited the Route 66 National Museum. If you have never visited the museum, it is well worth the stop as the museum includes several other buildings including a 50's "Soda Shop" where you can enjoy a snack before heading on your way. After 315 miles and a hot day of traveling, we stopped in a small town called, Santa Rosa, New Mexico. There, at the KOA, we cooled ourselves with a refreshing dip in the pool.

We left New Mexico and stayed two days at the Holbrook/Petrified Forest KOA, Holbrook, Arizona. There we toured the amazing Petrified Forest and, of course, the beautiful Painted Desert. My grandson, Ethan wanted a real Mexican dinner so he picked out a restaurant that turned out to be a fast food Mexican restaurant. We

were not disappointed. It was a very very good dinner. I wish we had a restaurant like that in the Birmingham area.

On our way to the Grand Canyon, we visited the Meteor Crater Museum in Winslow, AZ. We learned that a meteorite, many thousands of years ago struck the earth in northern Arizona, exploding with a force 150 times greater than the atomic bomb. There, we experienced winds up to 60 miles per hour. The next stop was the great Grand Canyon. What can you say about the canyon, "It is beautiful". One important note about choosing a RV Park there, is, don't get confused with the Grand Canyon Camper Village, which is located about 10 miles south of the park. Check out the Trailer Village RV Park that is located inside the park, it is much nicer than the other one and you are closer to the activities in the park.

Next on our list was Zion National Park UT. We camped at Zion River Resort RV Park; I really recommend this RV park as a good place to camp. Going north now to Herber City about 20 miles southeast of the famous ski resort of Park City, Utah. My son, Eric, his wife, Becky, and Ben, my oldest grandson met us there. The Mountain Valley RV

Resort is a great place to stay. This summer, many of our fellow Airstreamers stayed there while on their way to International. I played golf with two rich millionaires who live in Park City for the summer. I'm not sure, but, I believe I beat both of them, as they didn't give me their score, (ha) but I did enjoy playing with them. After several days, Eric, Beckey, Ethan, and Savannah flew home.

Ben stayed with me and we continued our adventure north to Yellowstone National Park. While touring the park, we saw deer, elk, bison, eagles, and, of course, Old Faithful. We also took a whitewater rafting trip near Yellowstone in big sky Montana on the Gallatin river. We had a great guide and lots of fun. After that, we headed "The Commander" to Sweet Home Alabama and arrived on July 1st .

If any of you Alabama Airstreamers would like to share your adventure, please send it to me or John Rylee, our Newsletter Editor, and he will put it in the next News

Thank you,

See you down the road!

John Burton

New Members

Welcome to these new members that have joined the Alabama Airstream Club. We hope to see you soon at an upcoming event.

Alan & Sandra Furr

08736

Cropwell, AL

Barry & Kathy Grand

31781

Dadeville, AL

Chip & Lee Kessler

03919

Lafayette, AL

Joanna & David Long

04622

Vanceleave, MS
Affiliate

John & Darlene Shults

08019

Vestavia Hills, AL

Darryl & Traci Snow

04191

Vestavia Hills, AL

International Rally at Rock Springs, WY.

Submitted by John Rylee

This year's rally was quite an undertaking with almost 1200 Airstreams parked at the Sweetwater Events Complex. This was the largest attendance in 20 years. It was amazing to see the efficient way that all of these Airstreams were parked on the site. Our own Tony Olm was on the parking crew and was a key to this efficiency. Every site had full hookups which is a rare occurrence for such a large group.

As I play in the Airstream Band, we travelled to an early band camp at Boulder, WY, about 90 miles north of Rock Springs. We caravanned for part of the way with some Airstream band member friends from North Carolina and Mississippi. Caravanning like this is always enjoyable and it adds to our feeling of security should we have any mishaps. We did have one mishap on the way in Nebraska. While at a fuel stop, a lady backed into the rear bumper of my Airstream causing some damage. We made one shopping stop in Cheyenne, WY so that our friends could shop in a western wear store to buy cowboy boots. The campground in Boulder, population 116, was very nice and we awoke each morning to a view of the

snow-covered Medicine Bow Mountain Range. With our North Carolina friends, we drove to Jackson, WY to tour the town and the Grand Teton area. This was their first visit to the area but the views are spectacular no matter how often we come.

On the Monday before the official start of the rally we caravanned from Boulder to the rally site at Rock Springs where we were parked without much delay. We had band rehearsals every day until the start of the rally where we played for the opening ceremonies. Our Alabama Club Treasurer, Mike Hamilton, had the honor of carrying our club flag as part of the opening festivities. The weather during the rally was warmer than normal but it cooled off at night. Rock Springs is at 6,338 ft elevation. We did experience some late afternoon storms, one of which hit right in the middle of our band picnic.

There were lots of vendors at the rally so you could buy just about anything you could need for your Airstream. There was also a very large display of new Airstreams, many of which were sold during the rally. One of the highlights of the rally each year is the presentation by the Airstream representative from Jackson Center where we get the current status of Airstream production and

future plans. This is also popular because of the gift certificates handed out to lucky drawing winners.

We really enjoyed the town of Rock Springs. There were lots of good restaurants and cafes. Our favorite was Broadway Burgers which was located in a refurbished gas station in a retro style. They served great burgers and sandwiches and they had an old fashioned soda fountain where we had huge ice cream sodas and hand-made milk shakes. When you are traveling for an extended period of time, a good, clean laundromat is really appreciated. The one we found was just that. An attraction that we enjoyed was the Sweetwater County Museum. It was loaded with all kinds of memorabilia from the early days of Rock Springs and the surrounding area.

Because of our busy band schedule, we did not get to tour the Rock Springs area to a large extent, so we elected to stay at the event center for four extra days. The extra days gave us a chance to drive the Flaming Gorge Scenic Drive which was well worth it. The scenery and wildlife were spectacular. Another highlight was the July 4th fireworks display. Rock Springs residents started firing off rockets well before sunset and this went on all around the event

center. Then at 10 PM, the city fireworks were launched and it was one of the best that we have seen. It was a July 4th celebration we will long remember, not only for the fireworks, but also because of the weather. It got so cold that night that we were wrapped in blankets to stay warm.

If you have never been to the International Rally, it is an event that you should put on your calendar. Next year's rally will be in Sedalia, MO, October 5-11, so it will be closer to us. Registration is now open, so you can go online and register. This year's rally sold out, so if you think you might want to go, register now.



Magnificent Teton Range

Upcoming Events

Region 6 Rally

Bayou Wilderness RV Campground
600 Wilderness Trail
Carencro, LA 70520
337-896-0598
Sep 27 - Oct 1, 2023
(See registration info below)

Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally

Athens, AL
October 2-8, 2023

Rally Fee \$55.00 per person
20-amp electric & water- \$25.00
per night
Volunteers arrive on the 2nd, All
other guest arrive on the 3rd
(See registration info below)

Alabama Club Rally

Top of Georgia Airstream Park
Helen, GA
November 2-5, 2023
(See registration info below)

See you down the road

John Rylee, Editor



Athens Old Time Fiddlers Rally, October 2 – October 8, 2023,

The rally fee includes the **Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention, Thursday, October 5, 2023 – Saturday, October 7, 2023**, Athens, Alabama.

Rally in Athens, Alabama for the **2023 Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention**. Early parking for the volunteers available on October 2. The Airstream rally starts on October 3rd with welcome dinner. Upon arrival, sign up for tours to area destinations.

The **Appalachian Road Show** concert opens the convention on October 5th. The \$55 / person rally fee includes two-day convention entrance fee, and two evenings of featured performances by **The Grascals** and **Dan Tyminski Band**. 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 3/10th mile of the main venue. Rally attendees are also welcomed to stay at nearby RV Parks with full hook ups. 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.

To register please provide the following:

Last name (s): _____

First name (s): _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

All rally related correspondence is electronic.

Email: _____

WBCCI #: _____

Unit # (no names or abbreviations): _____

Rally fee per adult # _____ x \$55 = _____

Rally fee 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 and check to:

Name: **Mike Hamilton, Treasurer**

Address: 3106 Quail Run, Opelika, AL 36801

Receipt acknowledged via email.

Address questions and comments to:

Rally Chairman, Russ Pry, email:

athensairstreamrally@gmail.com

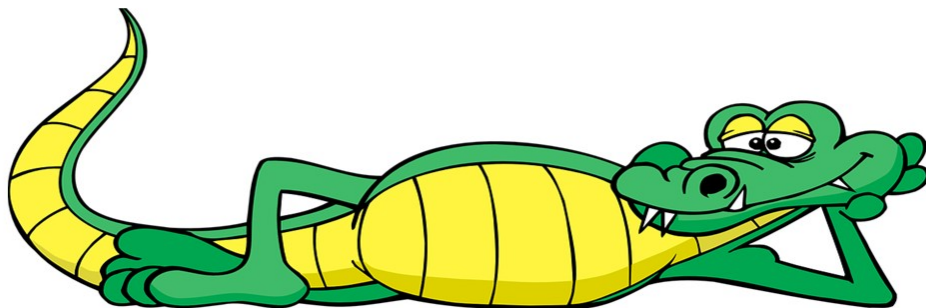
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Laissez Les Bon temps Rouler!

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

Call and make your Reservations at

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



**Alabama Airstream Club Rally
Top of Georgia Airstream Park
14255 Highway 75 N
Helen, GA 30545
November 2-5, 2023**

Join us for a Fall getaway at Top of Georgia Airstream Park in Helen, GA. We plan on having a relaxing time to enjoy nature and visit the town of Helen.

Some potential activities:

- An easy 1/2 mile round-trip hike to Anna Ruby Twin Falls with Brown Bag lunch.
- Wine tasting at Habershaw Winery
- Bodensee Restaurant (authentic German Cooking)

Here is the info we received from Top of Georgia concerning our rally.

We are excited to host Alabama Airstream Club for a rally at the Top of Georgia scheduled for November 2 - 5, 2023. Below are a few housekeeping items that you can share with the group. Please note that we do NOT take reservations. We have over 100 sites and have successfully accommodated many sister rallies at our park. Please note, however, that we have some scheduled maintenance during this time and some of the sites will be shut down for construction. **Please inform rally attendees that it may be necessary to fill water tanks upon arrival.**

When guest arrive they need to stop at the park host and register. All sites are on a first come first serve basis. Based on the number of trailers you expect, we will do our best to accommodate as many as possible grouped together in the lower lot if that is what you desire; but we can't guarantee that all trailers will be together. We typically shut down the lower lot the first week in November but we will leave this section open until following the rally. Please keep us posted if you are expecting more than the original number you estimated and communicated to us.

Address and phone number: 14255 Highway 75 N, Helen, GA 30545;
706-878-3590.

Arrival: When you arrive please check in with the park hosts.

Payment: The cost for TOG and all WBCCI (ACI) members is \$20 per night.

Internet: Enjoy our fiber optic internet. The network name is TOG Airstream and the password is livingthedream (all lowercase). We do not have cable and trailers would need to be equipped with streaming service (e.g. Roku, Firestick, or SmartTV) for in-trailer entertainment.

Laundry: We have laundry facilities for your use. The cost is \$2.50 per load for washer and \$2.50 per load for dryer and you can get the key to the room from the park host. You must use septic system safe laundry detergent which is available from the host. No bleach.

Pets: We love them. Please keep them on a leash at all times when outdoors and please clean up after your furry friends and family and put waste in designated containers located throughout the park. Visit our new dog park where you can let them off leash within the fenced area for a bit! Please keep an eye on them at all times and clean up any gifts they leave.

Bears: We do occasionally have visitors so please clean grills thoroughly after use and don't leave out any garbage and dispose of it in the designated bin.

Fires: Enjoy a warm cozy fire at the designated fire pit in the lower lot or in the outdoor pavilion in the upper lot. Whoever starts the fire is responsible for putting it out. There is an ash bucket next the fireplace and we ask that you put the ashes in the bucket the following morning so the fireplace is ready for the next guest to enjoy. Wood is available for your use at the common firepit and fireplace. Fires at the trailer sites is not permitted.

Quiet hours: From 10 pm to 7 am. If you are hanging outside your trailer, please adjust the volume of your voices and music accordingly.

Trash: We have designated trash and recycling areas.

Surveillance: We have 24-hour surveillance cameras located throughout the park for the safety of everyone. You'll be in candid camera!

For your pleasure reading, below are a few sites to visit with information about the area.

<https://northgeorgialiving.com/dahlongas-wineries-are-putting-georgia-on-the-map/>

<https://helenchamber.com/>

Alabama Airstream Club Rally
Top of Georgia Airstream Park
November 2-5, 2023

Registration form

Name(s) _____

WBCCI # _____

Guest(s) _____

Arrival Date _____

Rally Fee : TBD

Rally Fee will be collected at the rally.

Site Fee: \$20.00 Per night

Site Fee will be collected by the park host.

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name _____

Relationship to you _____

Telephone Number _____

Mail your registration form to:

Mike Hamilton
3106 Quail Run
Opelika, AL 36801

