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## **Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter**

### **October-November, 2023**

### **President's Message**

The **Alabama Airstream Club (AAC)** Rally, October 2 -8, 2023, will long live in the memories of those who attended the 56<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddler's Convention on the beautiful campus of Athens University, in the historic city of Athens, Alabama.

The Fiddler's Convention has always provided well-known entertainers, exciting competition, including all ages, with individuals and groups, participating in various bluegrass musical instrument contests, and even the lively Buck Dancing. In addition, this year there were 150 craftsman booths and dozens of food vendors.

After this, our 5<sup>th</sup> Rally at The Fiddler's Convention, the 2024 October, event will be suspended in Athens, due to Region 6 Rally and the International Airstream Rally, being scheduled during the same month.

It was truly a sight-to-see all 32 of our silver wagons circled around the fence of Athen's University's Girl's softball practice field. It has always been the talk of the town! Alabama was proud to have folks from Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and even as far away as New York!

During this year's event, The AAC annual meeting was held which included the election and installation of new officers, which are as follows:

President - John L. Burton

1st VP - Joe Krueger

2nd VP - Mike Riggins

Recording Secretary - Cathi Hamilton

Corresponding Secretary - Judy Burton

Treasurer - Mike Hamilton

While in Athens, we enjoyed wonderful fellowship, live entertainment with our very own musicians, interesting local tours, and fun shopping trips. Our tasty meals included our annual Mountain Man Breakfast by our own Three Amigos + One, with all food cooked in large cast iron Dutch Ovens! We were also treated to a delicious German meal prepared and served by volunteers at the Am Vets Facility, where our members generously gave monetary donations for paint to improve the building. The Athens American Veterans brought all their equipment to our camping area and grilled delicious hamburgers and hotdogs for our bunch. We were served breakfast at the Alabama Veterans Museum with The Archives Alabama Club, where we held our meeting, and were given free tickets to this world-class museum. A big shout-out to these special groups!

An incredibly special “Thank You” to Russ and PJ Pry for all the blood, sweat, and tears they have poured into the last 5 years as Chairman of the Fiddler’s Rally! They have worked diligently with Dr. Keith Ferguson, Vice President of University Advancement, the Veteran’s Groups, and the City of Athens, in making this an exceptional

event! Through the years, our appreciation must include Mike Hamilton, Rally Treasurer, all our past Club Officers, John Rylee, our Rally Newsletter Correspondent, our “Top Chef”, Jim, (Doc) Bloom, Doreen and Lee Fultcher for ordering and distributing our Rally T-Shirts, and all our club volunteers.

### [Alabama Airstream Club 2023](#)

#### [Upcoming Events:](#)

#### **\*November 2-5, “Autumn Glow Rally”**

##### **Top of Georgia Airstream RV Park.**

This rally will be held in the authentic German Village of Helen, GA. As Club President, I urge you to enjoy the festivities of this event, set in the picturesque mountains of North Georgia where brilliant fall colors may still be glowing. This RV Park is set between the hills with swings and seating outside by a lovely mountain stream, and they will open their Club House for our convenience.

We have a full schedule planned to include a night of fine dining at an authentic German Restaurant, and a catered lunch at the State Park where we can take an easy hike to the Twin Anna Ruby Falls.

***\*Deadline for Reservations:  
October 30, 2023 (see  
attachment) \****

**\*December 8, Christmas**

**Luncheon** - Time and Location: To be announced.

### 2024 State Rallies to Date

- **February 29 – March 3,  
Mystic Springs Airstream  
Park,               McDavid, FL**  
Joint Rally with Pensacola  
Airstream Club
- **May 1 – 5, State Rally –  
Anchors Aweigh RV Resort  
Foley, AL**  
Gulf Coast Hot-Air Balloon  
Festival!

Remember, a successful **Club** is only as good as the participation of all its members. We look forward to speaking with and, hopefully, getting to know each one of you as we start a new, exciting year with our **Alabama Airstream Club!**

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact us at:

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Burton, Corresponding Secretary at  
[judyburton1601@yahoo.com](mailto:judyburton1601@yahoo.com)

## **See ya Down the Road!**

John L. Burton,  
Alabama Airstream Club President  
**#4315** “The Commander”

“The Three Amigos”  
John L, Top-Chef Doc, & Tony  
Cooking the famous -  
“Mountain Man Breakfast”





Installation of new officers by:  
Jim Johnson, Region 6  
Past President

## Our Safari, “Adventure Queen”

Submitted by Doreen & Lee Fulcher

The first time I saw a “silver-bullet” screaming down I-10 near Tucson, AZ I leaned over and said, “Hey, Honey, I really want one of those!” It was shiny, reflected the sun and bullet-shaped. It was an Airstream!

Married, Kids and Camping Vacations just seem to go together. Our first camping trip started in Pensacola, FL in 1969 where we drove our Ford station wagon to Ft. Pickens, chose a site and set up camp. Our RV was the station wagon with one twin bed mattress and the front seat held the baby’s bassinet. No fancy camping chairs — the simple picnic table provided by the state. One cooler with baby formula, pre-made sandwiches and a couple of Cokes. We sat on the picnic table and enjoyed the fresh beach air,

hiked to the beach and counted the stars from the back of the car! Camping has always been thrilling! (We had a skunk visit the next morning too!)

We tent camped through the years with our children and friends. Traveled the backroads in the US and Europe for the adventures — and dreamed about retirement and the silver bullet. We began searching for an affordable Airstream that met our requirements a couple of years before retirement. Not too big — Not too little — Twin beds and room to move around — needed to tow with a Ford F-150. After two years of researching Airstreams but not owning one — we decided to head north to Jackson Center, OH **without an Airstream** and visit the factory, aka “the mothership!” I emailed Corporate and established a date for our factory tour for the end of May. As life would have it, Lee calls from work one afternoon in April and says, “I found an Airstream we might want to look at in Opelika, AL. Check it out on the web.” I did check it out and immediately called the owner and requested a “look and see visit” along with “a first right of refusal.” Three days later we owned the 25-foot Airstream Safari, who was later named and registered as the “Adventure Queen!”

Our beginning travels were in and around Alabama. Our adventures and mishaps along the way were



plentiful. We stopped traffic twice due to incorrect GPS instructions — and could not make the turns required to continue! Thank heavens for those county sheriffs! We took six grandchildren on camping adventures (all at one time)— to the beach and the mountains! We practiced backing, turning, giving each other instructions and actually decided to call one another by “driver” and “navigator” in order to reduce tension in the cockpit!

We joined the WBCCI (Wally Byam Airstream Club — currently called the Airstream Club International) 1 month before our first Airstream camping trip. The well organized club provides inspiring, technical and travel information along with a yearly International Rally. Our Alabama Airstream Club gives us local friends and rallies. We’ve been on two awe-inspiring caravans with total strangers who became BFF’s! We’ve traveled to places we never dreamed of visiting. We’ve spent summers in Maine parked on the bay with cool ocean breezes floating in during the day. We’ve listened to the “ping-ping” sounds of raindrops on the roof and curled up with a good book and afghan. We’ve enjoyed evenings gathered around the campfire with stories long and tall! Thank you WBAC for all these years of friendship. We have only experienced kindness and sincere helpfulness BUT now, due to medical

issues, our Airstream Adventure — and the Adventure Queen has come to an end. We will pass her to another couple whose adventures we hope will be as awesome as ours — Her BIG RED NUMBERS will most likely change and she’ll be re-registered. My heart knows this is the right move for us and her. She needs to carry-on the traditions and live for another camping adventure. Yet — our hearts are broken! She’ll be missed and so will all of you! “See you down the road” — Doreen and Lee Fulcher, BRN 47151



## **New Members**

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

Abbe & Tom Adams  
**09096**  
Huntsville, AL

Raymond Blair  
**04313**  
Columbus, Ga  
Affiliate

Jeff & Cindy Dalrymple  
**07026**  
Jay, Ok  
Affiliate

Jeffrey & Cerisse Eby  
**04493**  
Dickson, TN

Robert & Judy Fike  
**05565**  
Andalusia, AL

Dave & Mary Gulley  
**07505**  
Little Rock, AR  
Affiliate

Kristie & James Ivey

**10471**  
Birmingham, AL

Al Meyer  
**02626**  
Montgomery, AL  
Affiliate

Jim & Yvonne Quinlan  
**05012**  
Foley, AL

Ann & Mike Schaetzle  
**20502**  
Tuscaloosa, AL

## **Area Meetings**

**Montgomery Area**  
6:00 pm, November 13  
Location TBA

## **Upcoming Events**

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

**Christmas Luncheon**  
Time & Place TBA

## **Mystic Springs Airstream Park**

McDavid, FL

Joint Rally with Pensacola

Airstream Club

February 29 - March 3, 2024

## **Alabama State Rally**

Anchors Aweigh RV Resort

Foley, AL

May 1-5, 2024

## **Airstreams For Sale**

1999 Land Yacht Diesel Widebody. 36'  
127,000 miles, Cummins engine, Allison  
transmission, 2000 watt inverter, newer  
tires, and brakes. Full body paint. Three  
flat screen tv's. Tons of storage. Comes  
with 2000 Saturn SW-2 wagon toad with  
tow bar. Saturn is very low miles.  
Asking \$33,000. For full package.  
Contact Robert Fike at 317-727-9333,  
[robfike@comcast.net](mailto:robfike@comcast.net)



## **Member Update**

Paul Pasley, a past president of the Alabama Club, had been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer earlier this year. After several series of chemo treatments, he is now cancer free and hopes to start Airstreaming again soon. We are so thankful for this good news.

**See you down the road**

**John Rylee, Editor**



**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

**Registration Deadline: October 30, 2023**