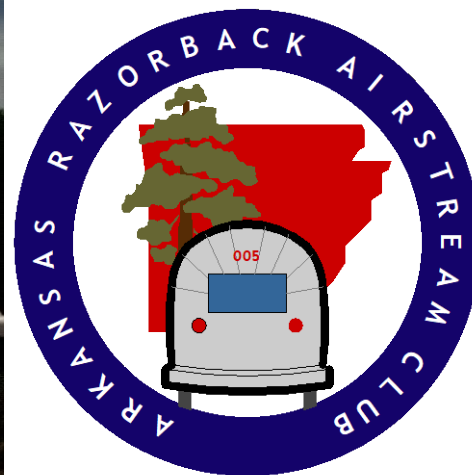


RIVETED RAZORBACK



December 2023

President's Message

By: *Dave Wessinger*

Closing out the year as President of this fantastic club, has me full of gratitude! I am so thankful for all the folks who are the real powerhouses that keep the Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club on track. David Holsted as vice president always provides sound council and keeps things from slipping under the rug. Recording/ Corresponding Secretary Cindy Kugel does likewise and does a great job recording minutes. She always signs her missives "With Gratitude" which serves to remind me of how grateful I am for this club and its members. Laura Wessinger keeps an eye on our money and keeps me in

line. I literally could not do this job without her. Our new Membership Chair, Frank Cox, has excelled at welcoming new and returning members and affiliates to our club. Our newsletter editor, Dana Landrum, does an outstanding job with our newsletter, which is appreciated by everyone. Recent issues of The Riveted Razorback can be found here: (<https://airstreamclub.org/Arkansas-razorback>) under the Newsletters link on the right-hand side of the main page. Working quietly in the background, Paul Beck, keeps our website organized and up to date, which is a "complicated order"!

This year-end-newsletter seems an appropriate time to

review our clubs events and activities, and by that I mean RALLIES! I am so thankful our club is so active doing things that members really enjoy. These things don't get done in a vacuum, it takes ideas and leadership and hard work. But these activities are really the lifeblood of our organization. It's what puts the FUN in our club. We always welcome input from our members, feel free to join in.

Here, I want to recognize some club members who were responsible for making things happen. Trent and Jennifer Roberts hosted the Big Airstream Southern Sojourn Caravan, and our Community Service Rally (Arkansas Food

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Member Spotlight: Jeff & Cindy

By: Jeff Dalrymple

Cindy and I have been club members since 2006. Our story is the same as most longtime RV/Airstreamers in that an Airstream was not our first rig. We started out in tents, then a SMALL pop-up tent trailer. Did I mention it was small? We then graduated to a medium sized fifth wheel trailer and learned we really did like the RV lifestyle. We pulled that trailer to see a lot of country on our two-week camping vacations and any weekend we could get away.

Our first trailer did not have slide-outs and the bedroom was low overhead, so we had to crawl into and out of the bed. We quickly became RV aficionados, so of course we needed a fitting rig. A 34' fifth wheel with a single slide was our next trailer. It was nice to live in and now with two dogs the slide and stand-up bedroom were great additions. In the evenings however, we would sit and watch the even larger, gel-coated three and four slide trailers arrive in whatever KOA we had stopped in for the night. Thoroughly caught up in the bigger-better- fancier mindset, we coveted the next bigger trailer we would trade up to.

One year we decided to travel to Washington DC for our annual marathon two-week vacation from work. We had owned the big trailer for about five years at this point, and while packing for the trip, I found items in the "basement" that I didn't even remember owning. Not realizing it at the time, a seed had been planted in my mind. Along a particularly rough patch of road somewhere in the Northeast, the large trailer bucking the pickup like a roller coaster, we began to see the error of our thinking. Bigger trailers meant bigger trucks, more stuff, more required space to drive and store it. We began to talk about downsizing. It went as far as going back to a tent or never camping again! (Gasp)

On the way home, the talk of a nimbler rig continuing, we passed Bill Thomas Airstream west of St. Louis. We stopped. We looked. We fell in love. We tried to buy a used one. As we have learned in the Airstream world, for dealers one sale can lead to several. This was the case for the trailer we picked. I don't really even remember what model, but the salesman selling that trailer to me said it would ruin three more sales he had lined up, the result of one customer buying a new trailer and the salesman then having traded-in rigs to sell to others.

We left with a whole new plan. I found www.airforums.com and quickly caught Alumin-itis. After a long search, we found our first Airstream, a 1981 31' International. It was in Atlanta, GA. A motivated seller, as one of his fellow WBCCI club members was trading up, and he had purchased another trailer. The perfect silver storm!

A 24-hour road trip in the books, and we were in. I found the WBCCI website, called then president David Gulley. We went to our first rally and were welcomed with open arms. We attended rallies with other local clubs, and even the 2007 region 6 rally in Gonzales, LA.



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In 2010, we decided a new trailer would be nice and found our current Flying Cloud in Searcy, AR at the now closed Airstreams of Arkansas dealer. We rallied with non-WBCCI folks from the Airforums group and sort of lost touch with the Arkansas group for a bit. However, we remained members of the club.

In 2015 we decided to attend the International Rally in Farmington, NM. It was there we met Larry and Terry Madden, Mark Magie, Annette Murray, Paul Moore and other members of the “revived” Arkansas club. The rest is history.

Cindy and I love our club and the family we have found here. We have been able to build our dream place and are delighted to host our club for the UBT rally. It is truly a happy time for us, to have everyone enjoy it and continue to attend that rally.

We look forward to every rally, meeting new friends and keeping company with the old ones!

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Bank). Tim Welch and Amanda Pace-Welch hosted the Hog Wild Baseball Rally. Jeff Dalrymple and Cindy Kugel hosted our Unit Board of Trustees Rally at their home, got a new rally off the ground in NWA—Spring in Eureka Springs, and led the caravan to the Airstream Club International Rally in Rock Springs, WY. Laura Wessinger, Terry Madden and Katie Gulley organized the girls-only Girls Just Want to Have Fun Rally, while Ivy Lincoln hosted a sister rally, Boyz on Boatz, both on Lake Ouachita. Jan and Charles Heavener hosted the Region 6 Rally in Carencro, LA, and, with Mark Magie and Paul Moore, hosted Airstreams on the Square in downtown El Dorado, AR. Paul Greene and Jason Landrum (and I helped!) organized our annual Arkaluma (Burning Mouse) Rally on Petit Jean Mountain and Jason and Dana Landrum hosted the Buffalo Point Rally.

For a complete listing of NEXT YEAR'S rally schedule and dates, see the last page of this newsletter or visit our ACI Web Page and click on our calendar of events on the right-hand side of the main page. Many of the same rallies will be held in 2024, along with some new ones including: Early Spring Rally, Horseshoe Bend, AR (March); MoonShadow Solar Eclipse Rally, Morrilton, AR (April); Hot Springs, AR Rally (May); Region 6, Fayetteville, AR (June), and the White River Rally at Bull Shoals, AR (July) (site of the first-ever Airstream Club International Rally in 1958!). Stay tuned for more info, and watch our ACI website listed for Arkansas Razorback Events.

With Gratitude, Dave

IN MEMORIAM

Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club member Robert “Bob” Cooney, 86, died peacefully, Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, at his home in Wickes, Ark. Bob and his wife, Dorothy, were active members of our club for many years, traveling in their “Squarestream,” a very rare 26-ft. Airstream Land Yacht Trailer since 1994.

Bob’s ever-present smile and jovial laugh will be missed at the campfire. He and Dorothy were among club members who made the journey to the International Rally this past summer in Rock Springs, Wy.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Dorothy. Bob, we’ll see you down the road.

Bob’s obituary is at this link::
<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/bob-cooney-obituary?id=53856352>

2023 REGION 6 RALLY

By Mark Magie

For those attending the Region 6 Rally Sept. 27 - Oct. 1, 2023, the good times rolled! As they say in south Louisiana, “Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!”

Bayou Wilderness RV Campground in Carencro, La. was the rally home to 53 Airstreams and 103 Airstream Club International members. Those attending were treated to a taste of Cajun hospitality, food, music and culture.

Ladies dressed in Mardi Gras attire greeted the Airstreamers at Wednesday’s poolside welcome party and handed out colorful beaded necklaces. Supper that evening was a smorgasbord of pasta, cheeses, fresh vegetables and fruits followed by a dessert birthday cake and cupcakes in honor of Charles Heavener.

Thursday began with coffee and a group discussion on preventive Airstream maintenance. Supper featured red beans and rice and potato salad. After the meal, Beau Thomas and Yvette Landry entertained with toe-tapping Cajun tunes, playing their fiddle and guitar.

Beignets and coffee were served Friday morning before a screening of the movie “Historical Airstream: Africa, Cape Town to Cairo,” about one of founder Wally Byam’s caravans. A streamer’s lunch on Friday featured men and women’s hat decorating at Big Hill Café at Brents in nearby Grand Coteau. Karaoke was a popular evening activity back at the campground, with prize drawings and an auction to benefit Cents for Kids and the Airstream Foundation.

Saturday’s activities began with coffee and donuts followed by a business meeting and a session on “How to grow club membership.” The evening meal included crawfish fettuccine, salad and ice cream dessert. The Potluck Band of five musicians played ballads and zydeco tunes to end the day.



The Carencro area is convenient to many cultural activities and sites. Many rally-goers visited Avery Island (home of Tabasco sauce), went on swamp tours and rode in airboats, in addition to local shopping.

Regarding the rally, Region 6 President Jan Heavener said, “I’m proud our Airstream family was able to come together and experience the rich local culture and delicious food, and at the same time, take care of some region business and learn about maintaining our Airstreams.”

The next Region 6 rally is June 19-23, 2024, at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Fayetteville, Ark.



Airstreamers line streets, help solve murder mystery

By Jan Heavener & Mark Magie

A record number of Airstreams, 50 from eight different states, camped around the Union County Courthouse in El Dorado, Ark., Oct. 19-22, 2023, for the sixth annual Airstreams on the Square rally. This year's theme was a Who Dunit? murder mystery with both Airstreamers and townspeople dressed as 1970s discothèque characters. It was during a dance contest in the House of Grove where the "murder" took place. Each evening of the rally, clues were given by the characters to help reveal who committed the crime. Read to the end of this article to learn who was murdered and who dunit!

On Thursday evening, the Airstreamers gathered at home base after parking their rigs, to enjoy gumbo while the mystery players shared clues to help solve the murder mystery. Dueling pianos at the Mad House Restaurant and Bar were the perfect way to finish the evening.

Friday began with beignets and mimosas prepared by Ferdara and Michael Broussard-Hubbard, followed by two sessions of Painting with a Twist, museum tours, and shopping in stores around the courthouse where additional murder mystery clues were hidden. The day ended with dancing in the street and live music by the band Remnants of Rock.

Airstreamers woke up to Spudnuts and coffee Saturday morning. Several attended Snip & Sip flower-arranging, and others finished decorating their rigs for judging. Everyone was invited to leave cans of food at the Airstreams they thought best displayed the murder mystery theme. The cans of food were counted and collected later that day and donated to the Salvation Army. Chili competition winners from the nearby Chili Cookoff, and awards for the best decorated Airstream were announced, making the event even more exciting.

The Saturday evening menu at home base was street tacos with assorted sides, followed by Airstreamers displaying their singing talents at the Karaoke microphone.

It was during Friday night's musical performance that the murder victim was discovered, laying in front of the stage with a sword wound. Barry Vahl, the tuxedoed millionaire inventor of the pet rock, played by "Bad Paul" Moore, was the victim. The perpetrator of the crime was revealed Saturday evening – Dalan Doogart, an eccentric computer nerd outfitted with eyeglasses taped together and pocket protectors, played by Martis Tipton.

Sunday morning was busy loading up, saying goodbyes, and traveling home.

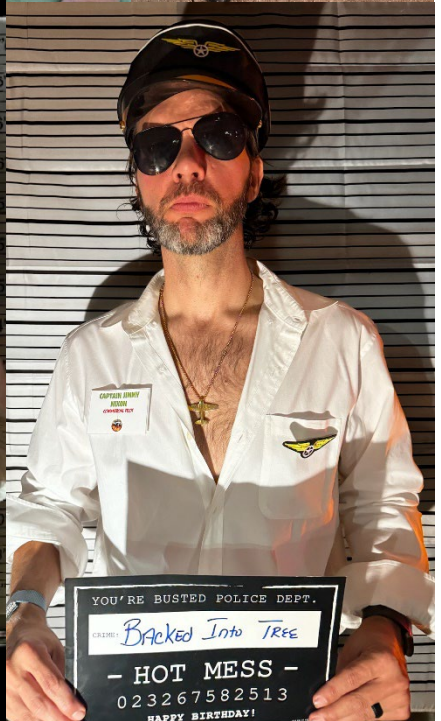
Mark your calendar for next year! Airstreams on the Square will be April 25-28, 2024, with a M*A*S*H theme. Registration is now open at www.mainstreeteldorado.com.





Airstreams on the Square, El Dorado, AR







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BURNING MOUSE
PETIT JEAN
MOUNTAIN
Oct. 26-29





Katie Gulley won our first “Rat-A-Chili” Cook-off at Arkaluma on Friday evening. Jack Blakley and Terry Madden tied for second place. (Jack, Katie, and Terry are pictured above left.) The winners won beautiful spalted maple cowboy spatulas made by Jerry Carter. A number of creative mice were sacrificed that night. (Paul Beck with his matchstick mouse is pictured above right.)



We began a rainy Saturday morning with a business meeting and election of officers and directors (pictured above), followed by dancing under the pavilion Saturday night (pictured below).





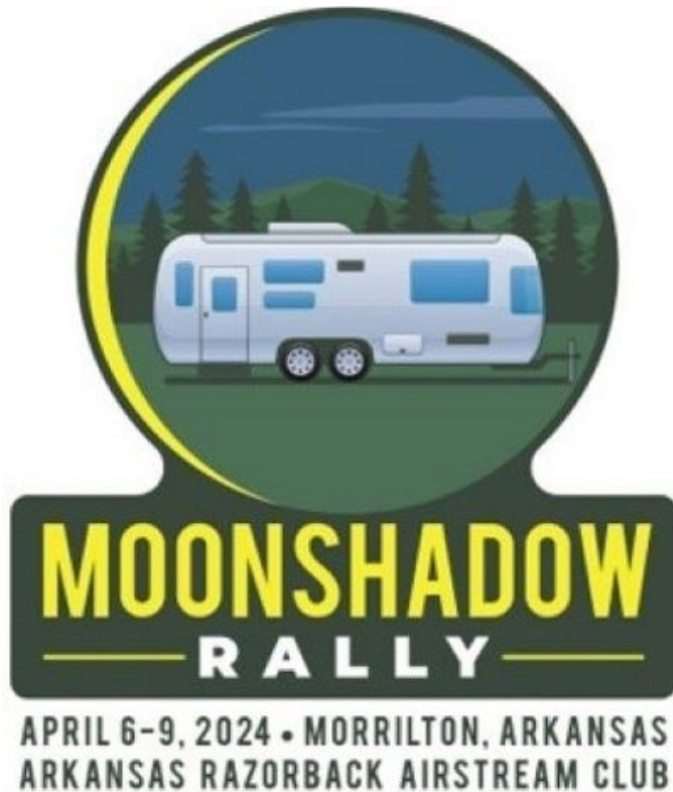
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This year at Buffalo Point, we enjoyed new friends, old friends, and a lot of really good food! We had campfires, hikes, a movie night, biscuit potluck, and all the usual fun, plus a surprise cooking contest organized by Jan Heavener. Three teams collected ingredients from other campers and made a delicious appetizer or meal on a Blackstone griddle. Larry Madden, Patti Kymer, and Jennifer Roberts (top, left) were the winning team with a meatball appetizer. Chuck Morgan, Amy Lieblein, and Teresa Blakley (top, middle) made burritos, and Robin Morgan, Frank Cox, and Jerry Carter (top, right) made stuffed jalapeños (with Oreos on the side). Jeff Dalrymple (bottom, right) made fried green tomatoes for all!



**2024****Officers****President:** Dave Wessinger**Vice President:** David Holsted**Second Vice President:** Katie Gulley**Secretary:** Cindy Kugel**Treasurer:** Laura Wessinger**Board of Directors**

Tammi Terry (one year remaining)

Jonathon Gulley (one year remaining)

Pam Belk (two years remaining)

Zach Bullock (two years remaining)

Other

Paul Beck, Webmaster

Dana Landrum, Newsletter Editor

Frank Cox, Membership Chair

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

ARAC Members. **Jon & Tammy Ball BRN7092**, Roland, AR, 2018 Flying Cloud 23 [transfer from Colorado Airstream Club]; **Jeremy Crowell BRN6512**, Roland, AR, 1966 Safari 22; **James Gilliam BRN5879**, Hot Springs, AR, 1965 Overlander 26; **Friedrich Elliott & Valerie Hughes BRN25251**, Hot Springs Village, AR, 2020 Flying Cloud 25; **Bradley Mitchell & Zell Woodworth BRN 4973**, Olathe, KS [former affiliate members]; **Jared & Megan Nalley BRN9786**, Little Rock, AR, 2024 Flying Cloud 30; **Cathy & Gary Strickland BRN5476**, Texarkana, TX, 2021 International 28

Affiliate Members. **Stephen Cunningham & Gayle McConnell BRN 6449**, Bend, OR, 2016 International 27 [Oregon Airstream Club]; **Blake & Jeri Donald BRN 15017**, Gulfport, MS, 2022 Flying Cloud 26 [Mississippi Airstream Club]; **Michael & Gail Estabrook BRN7472**, Puyallup, WA, 2013 International Serenity 30 [Oklahoma Airstream Club]; **Chris & Ruth Haefner BRN 1667**, Harker Heights, TX, 2023 Globetrotter 25 [Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club]; **Dale Humphrey & Lea Charlton BRN6320**, N. Little Rock, AR, 2024 Tradewind 25 [Carolines Airstream Club]; **Tony & Cheryl Land BRN5466**, Pace, FL, 1993 Excella 29 [Pensacola Florida Airstream Club]; **Bill & Betty Lancaster BRN12345**, Somerville, AL, 2001 Classic 30 [Alabama Airstream Club]; **Amy & Richard Lieblein BRN8815**, Royal Oak, MI, 2017 Flying Cloud Bambi 20 [Southeastern Michigan Airstream Club]; **Cheryl McCallum & Jaime Guarino BRN 24246**, Houston, TX, 2021 Flying Cloud 25 [Texas Hill Country Unit]; **Lindsay & Randy Shropshire BRN2118**, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, 2001 Excella 28 & 1991 B190 19 [Big Bend Florida Airstream Club]; Keith Toller BRN1255, Cleveland, OK, 2008 International 23 [Oklahoma Airstream Club]; **Debbie & Rick Trimble BRN 4892**, Plano, TX, 2016 Flying Cloud 27 [Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club]; **Tim & Robin Vaughan BRN8234**, Brookhaven, MS, 2008 Safari 25 [Mississippi Airstream Club]

2024 RALLY SCHEDULE

January 7-24: Big ASS Caravan (aka Airstream Southern Sojourn). Dauphin Island, AL; Ocean Springs, MS; New Orleans, LA; & Carencro, LA. Contact dtrentr@gmail.com for details.

February 23-25: Unit Board of Trustees (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. *Hosts: Jeff Dalrymple and Cindy Kugel (fdcaptjd@gmail.com).*

March 7-10: Early Spring Rally, Crown Lake RV Resort in Horseshoe Bend, AR. 25 sites are set aside at \$32/night plus tax. Park has an outdoor and indoor pool and hot tub, an onsite restaurant and bar, a dog park, mini golf, pickleball, walking trails, and a fitness center. Please contact the park at 870-291-5171 or email sabrinaclrv@gmail.com. *Hosts: Trent and Jennifer Roberts (dtrentr@gmail.com).*

April 6-9: Moonshadow Solar Eclipse Rally, Morrilton, AR. The daytime skies will turn to night during this celestial rally. 75 rigs will be boondocking with an emphasis on the heavens, stars, planets, food, fun, and maybe an extraterrestrial visitor! Generators welcome. *See email for registration link or contact Mark Magie, mark.magie@yahoo.com.*

April 25-28: Airstreams on the Square, El Dorado, Arkansas. The extremely popular urban camping weekend around the Union County Courthouse square. *Hosts: Jan and Charles Heavener, Mark Magie, and Bad Paul Moore (contact: Jan Heavener).*

May 16-19: Hot Springs, Arkansas. Details to follow. *Hosts: Jeff Dalrymple and Cindy Kugel (fdcaptjd@gmail.com).*

June 19-23: Region 6 Rally at Washington County Fairgrounds, Fayetteville, AR. More info to come. *Hosts: Jan and Charles Heavener (bassjan@gmail.com).*

July 11-14: White River Rally at Dam Site RV Park in Bull Shoals, AR. Call: Lynn Nickels @ 870-405-9619 for reservations. Pay for the reservation online @ CITYOFBULLSHOALS.ORG. The park offers 33 shaded sights, 30/50 AMP electrical service. More information will be forthcoming as we finalize our plans. *Hosts: Larry & Terry Madden (h70man@cox.net).*

September 5-8: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Rally, Tompkins Bend campground on Lake Ouachita. Join us for the fourth girls' only weekend. We will eat, drink, swim and whatever else floats our boat. *Hosts: Laura Wessinger, Terry Madden and Katie Gulley. (Laura at llwessinger@gmail.com.)*

September 5-8: Boyz on Boats, Lake Ouachita. *Host: Ivy Lincoln (ivy.glen.lincoln@gmail.com)*

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

October 24-27: Arkaluma aka "Burning Mouse" – Museum of Automobiles, Petit Jean Mountain. Eighth annual boondocking 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).*

October 31 - November 3: Buffalo Point Rally, Buffalo National River. We return for this annual rally on America's first national river to take in the wildlife, Fall color, local hikes, 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).*