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A FEW FUN FACTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

As the year draws to an end, millions of people around the world look forward to sparkling decorations, colorful lights, delicious food, jolly music and exciting gifts. Yup... because Christmas is coming! But how much do you know about this super-fun holiday? It's time to find out a few facts about Christmas...

The name 'Christmas' comes from the old English phrase Cristes Maesse, which means 'Christ's mass'.

Some historians believe Jesus was truly born in September, others believe it was January 6 or 7. The reason December 25 was picked is because Pope Julius I chose this date in an effort to abolish pagan religion. By holding Christmas at the same time as traditional winter solstice church leaders increased the chances that Christmas would be popularly embraced and replace pagan holidays.

We can't talk about Christmas without a mention of the big bearded, rosy-cheeked jolly man...Have you wondered how he got the name Santa Claus? It's from Sinterklaas, which means **Saint Nicholas** in Dutch, the language of the Netherlands. St. Nicholas was a Christian bishop who lived in the 4th century – known for being kind and generous, he later became the patron saint of children.

Christmas trees were first seen in the 16th century where at Christmas time people decorated fir trees with fruit and nuts – and later sweets, paper shapes and candles. Evergreen plants, trees and garlands are symbols of everlasting life.

We all love to sing along to Jingle Bells, but have you ever noticed that the song doesn't have the word Christmas in it? Or Jesus or Santa Claus? That's because it wasn't originally a Christmas song! In fact, the jolly anthem was written in 1850, entitled One Horse Open Sleigh, for Thanksgiving!

Most of us Celebrate Christmas with our trees, food, parties, families, gifts etc. Let's not forget the real reason we celebrate - The birth of Jesus Christ. Let's start being the kind of person He would want us to be. This season let's start anew. Be kind, hold doors open for strangers, smile more, exercise patience, let people cut in front of you in traffic. Don't stand idly by in a world where being rude is acceptable. Show love and respect. Imagine the difference we could make if we each purposefully showed a little more love.



We did something different this year at our Christmas rally, we had a Christmas Open House, it was nice to go into the Airstreams that were decorated for Christmas. Six participated in decorating but we all enjoyed going in each one. Here is just one of the Airstreams decorated. Mark & Janelle Williams.





Christmas 12/25

- Our Christmas Rally was a lot of fun. Natchitoches is beautiful and there's not enough I can say about their fireworks and lights. Even though we had a total of 13 Airstreams that cancelled, it turned out great. We had 12 Airstreams in attendance and a good time was had by all.
- Thursday, we had happy hour and grill night. 3 affiliates from Mississippi joined us, Terry & Anna Reynolds, Don & Carol Williams and of course Shan & Jan Tidwell. Friday was the party, we had enough food to feed the entire campground and our White elephant gifts seemed unusually funny. Shan Tidwell and Jeffrey Theriot played guitars and sang Christmas songs with us and then Charlotte set up her Karaoke machine so we could show off our talents!!! We had our RMHC raffle raising \$160.00 raffling off our cosmetic basket, 2 Christmas pillows and 2 decorative Christmas trees. Thanks to all who contributed.
- Saturday we went to Natchitoches to shop, see a parade, watch some bands and then the grand finale of fireworks. The lights were exceptional and artificial snow fell on us as we left.

Thanks to Dale Spillman for performing his magic and arranging the pictures so nicely for the newsletter.









Can anyone
guess who
these two
are?



If you guessed Roberto
and Rebecca Perere
for our last Guess Who
then you were right!

Join the Fun

2024 Rallies, more to be scheduled as we confirm dates.

- 1/20** Luncheon at Middendorfs at 11:00 AM. 30160 Hwy. 51 S. Akers, Manchac, LA. 70421. A head count is needed. Please confirm by texting Rebeccas Perere at: 225-955-8247
- 2/7 - 2/14** Mardi Gras Rally, hosted by: Charlie Davis & Diana Hobbs. La Pay E Bas RV Park, Eunice, LA. For more information about this rally please email Diana Hobbs at: hobbsdiana2@gmail.com For this rally you will make your reservations by emailing Diana Hobbs. Give her your name, phone number and length of your trailer. Much more to be announced about this rally.
- 4/18 - 4/21** Spring Fling, hosted by: Charlie Davis & Diana Hobbs. La Pay E Bas RV Park, Eunice, LA. For more information about this rally please email Diana Hobbs at: hobbsdiana2@gmail.com For this rally you will make your reservations by emailing Diana Hobbs. Give her your name, phone number and length of your trailer. Much more to be announced about this rally.
- 5/2-5/6** Cinco de Mayo. Hosted by: Gerald & Bobbi Peltier. Make reservations now at: Fontainebleau State Park, 62883 LA - 1089 Mandeville, LA 70448 888-677-3668. More information to come. For more information call Gerald Peltier at: 504-388-5537.

Louisiana Airstream Club #50
TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

For the period of January 1, 2023 through December 5, 2023

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 3,687.59
INCOME		\$ 5,857.00
Membership Dues	920.00	
Rally Fees	1,455.00	
RMHC Auction and donations	2,348.00	
Misc Donations to Club	20.00	
Sales of Club Decals	46.00	
Sales of Club Shirts	1,068.00	
	<u>5,857.00</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 5,857.00
EXPENSES		\$ 5,859.81
Printing and Copying	142.48	
Postage	135.02	
Office Equipment & Supplies	321.28	
Rally expenses	1,844.92	
Club Shirts	978.11	
Charitable Donations	2,438.00	
	<u>5,859.81</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 5,859.81
ENDING BALANCE		\$ 3,684.78

Charlotte Taylor
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