



The Peach State Caravanner



The TOP of Georgia extends a Huge Thank YOU to special group of guys that worked really hard to make our Park clean, beautiful and safe for all. **Thank you to Rick Sibly, Tom Baker, Rip Rippe, and David Cardoza** for all their help getting the underground power completed. This was done November 20, 2023 to get power back on the Pavilion for the Thanksgiving party. The bottom photo is of the team, foreground Rip Rippe, rear Tom Baker cutting the pavement to allow for the electric power to be brought to the Pavilion and Section A.



Winter Work Crew



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President's Letter



Brad Singleton (President) and
Lovely Wife Kate

Dear TOP of Georgia Family,

As our weather calls us to camp, start our rally season, and enjoy the Top of Georgia, it's a great time to reflect on "Our Why." We all enjoy the Top for a variety of reasons, but a few come to mind that many of us might share.

Fellowship and Community are two of the reasons of why being at the Top is so unique, and many of us cherish our time together. We are unique among Airstream clubs to be so blessed with a beautiful park that is located in a terrific place to enjoy nature.

Enjoying nature is another reason many of us really love the Top. We are blessed with a beautiful park that is nestled by Mother Nature and located in the magnificent Georgia mountains.

Camaraderie and Volunteering is another Why for many of us at the Top of Georgia. I have to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation to Sal and Gail Fazzino and David and Karen Cardozo (affectionately known as the Winter Crew) for all of their volunteering during hosting this winter. The efforts of the Fazzinos and the Cardozas were remarkable in so many ways. They helped keep our Park safe and well-maintained.

Our Why this rally season is looking forward to introducing our next generation of TOG campers to nature and all the Top has to offer. This year, we welcomed our 2nd grandchild (Ivan) to our family, and he is already very active. Leota, our 1st grandchild, has already had the chance to visit and is looking forward to enjoying time with her baby at the Top.

Looking forward to learning your
Why as we enjoy the Top together
this season.

See you at the Top,

Brad and Kate



What's New in the Park

TOG Airstream Park Gets New HD Projector



In November, the TOG Board of Directors approved a project to purchase and install a new ceiling-mounted HDR Projector in the main Clubhouse building. The Epson 3800 4K projector was installed in December and used for the first time by Club members watching the 2024 Super Bowl live. Members watching the Super Bowl said the resolution was spectacular. In addition to supporting sporting event viewing, the projector will be used during general membership meetings, TOG Board business meetings, internet team training, and to show movies during club rallies.

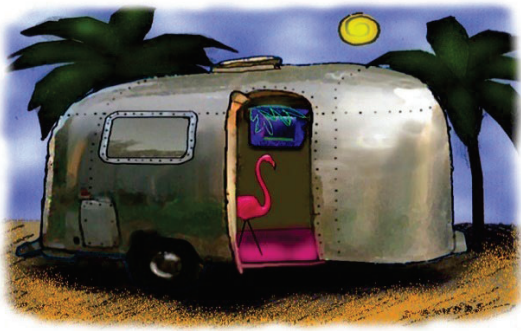


Our new owl projector system is ceiling mounted in our pavilion.

Superbowl was crystal clear.

Picture shown with our existing screen.

Endless fun with great food and friends.



Are you ready to Rally?

Top of Georgia Airstream Park Spring Rally

April 1st – 7th, 2024

Monday 4/1 and Tuesday 4/2 WORK DAYS

Spring Cleaning at the Top – Inside and Out
We need your help.

Wednesday, April 3

Another Work Day – Hey, we have lots to do.

Kitchen help needed for taco prep.

Email nancysibly@gmail.com

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| 5:30 PM | Rally Registration at Pavilion
Adults \$25; Kids \$10 |
| 6:00 PM | Nonie’s Tacos, Nonie Ravenberg*
(Bring set-ups) |
| 7:00 PM | Welcome/Announcements
Pass the Trash, Jiji Haque |

Thursday, April 4

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| 8:30 AM | Breakfast at the Pavilion – Bacon
and eggs, grits, biscuits, coffe
(Bring set-ups) |
| 9:30 AM | Reminiscing About the Old Helen
with Mrs. Roper and Matt Gedney |
| 1:00 PM | Seminar: Locks (No Bagels),
Mike Deegan |
| 3:00 PM | Hike the Top Trail,
led by David Cardoza* |
| 7:00 PM | Bingo and Popcorn. Jessica Bailey |

NOTE: *Please sign up if planning to attend

Friday, April 5

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| 8:30 AM | Breakfast at the Pavilion –
Pancakes and sausage
(Bring set-ups) |
| 10:00 AM | Field Trip: Miles thru Time
Auto Museum in Clarkesville* |
| 3:30 PM | Board Meeting @ Pavilion |
| 6:30 PM | Rally Registration |
| 7:00 PM | Welcome/Announcements
Game Night |

Saturday, April 6

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| 9:00 AM | Business meeting (Coffee and
pastries provided) |
| 1:00 PM | Ice Cream Social,
Floy & Barbara Jumper |
| 2:00 PM | Croquet, Corn Hole,
You Name It |
| 7:00 PM | Music Contest,
Dancing to the Oldies |

Sunday, April 7

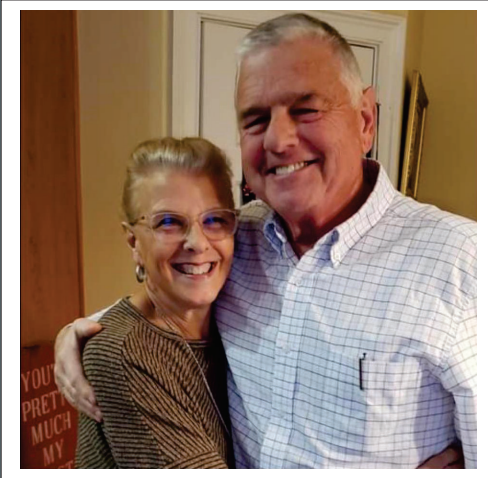
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| 10:00 AM | Worship in the Pavilion,
Donn Gray |
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Please do not move trailers during this time.

Set ups are your plate,bowl, cup, napkin & utensils

Kitchen Volunteers are needed!! Breakfasts, Pot luck, ice cream social and member-sponsored dinner....It's quite the job feeding and cleaning up after such large events. We have some loyal worker bees and are in need of more to help to cook, serve and clean!

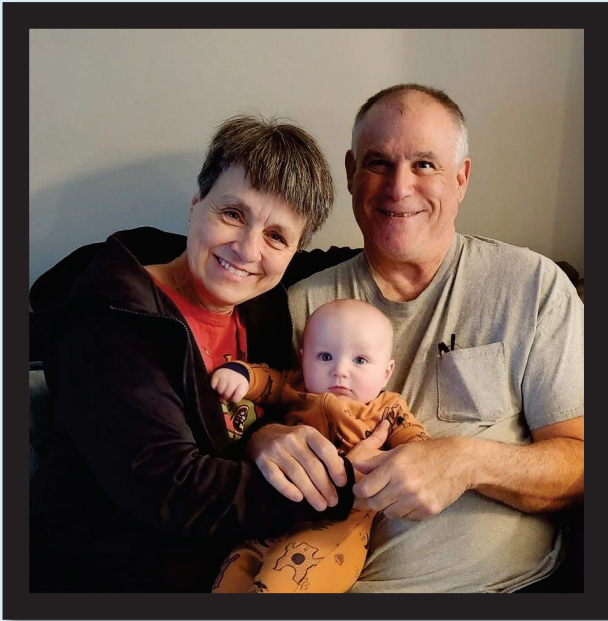
Please email Nancy Sibly in advance or sign up at the beginning of the rally if you are able to help.
nancysibly@gmail.com



We would like to welcome our new property manager Floy Jumper.

*Volunteers make
our Camp work*

OUR FABULOUS WINTER VOLUNTEERS



Sal and Gail Fazzino (Left), and Karen and David Cardozza (Right) , part of our Winter crew helping to keep the park hosted, safe and maintained. Thank you for all your hard work during a time when most of us want to be in sunny Florida.

Holidays At the TOP



Thanksgiving Turkeys



Christmas Pot Luck Partiers



Generous members gave all this for the Food-bank operated by First Baptist Church of Helen.

Photos by Donn Gray





Exciting NEWS



We're proud to announce two new additions to our team here at the Top of Georgia Airstream Park.

Please welcome our new **Co-host Coordinators, Adam and Chris Higgins** who will work alongside Kim Malone.

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Karen Cardoza has accepted the board's offer for **Kitchen Manager** and will be confirmed at the next board meeting.

We are thrilled and grateful to welcome our new volunteers! Their contributions are sure to make a positive impact on the park



Adam and Chris Higgins, who jumped in with both feet having owned 3 airstreams in 3 years, travel full time with their mini-Aussie and Pomsy pups. With the luxury of working remote, Chris manages an engineering firm in SoCal and Adam is an anti-money laundering investigator with Deutsche Bank.

Karen Cardoza is a familiar face at the park. In fact, since her and David started living full-time in their Airstream, they've been frequent volunteers at the Top of Georgia. Karen will continue updating the host manual and is excited to take on this new role.



HOST AT

The Top of Georgia Airstream Park



2024 HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES

With over 300 members, our Georgia Unit offers a beautiful park to enjoy year-round. Swing, hike, bike, and socialize while taking in the stunning scenery. Come host, at the Top of Georgia in 2024!

14255 GA-75,
Helen, GA 30545

404.408.5710
Host Coordinador



Earn Free Parking



Meet New People



Free Laundry



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PARK REPORTS

Host Report

Warm wishes for all of you this Spring!!

The Host Coordinators (Kim Malone and Adam & Chris Higgins) invite you to volunteer for hosting at the Top. There are still a few dates available for the 2024 season, including a couple of rally dates! Park for free and enjoy free laundry during your hosting PLUS bank an additional free night for each night you host! No prior experience necessary, and all training/materials provided.

Sign up

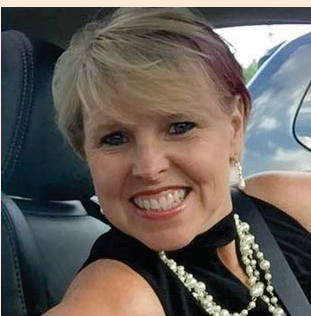
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On a business note, a reminder that the board approved \$4 registration fee (charged per reservation) will be in effect as of 2/3/24.

Reservations include monthly storage, monthly parking or daily parking rates. This fee covers the cost of our new emergency alert system, Ready Alert, and the new registration system.

If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to our Host Coordinators at infotopofgeorgia@gmail.com.

Kim Malone



Adam and Chris



Treasurer report

First, I want to say how much we all loved John and will miss him dearly. He was a dedicated and excellent treasurer for the club for many years. He handed the books over to me in perfect order which made the transition go smoothly and quickly.

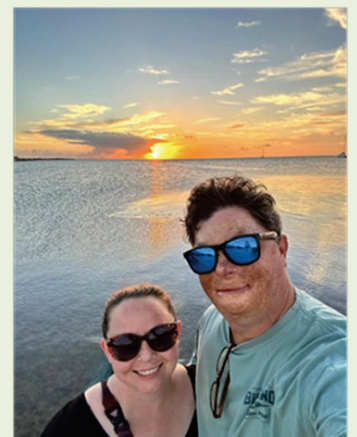
Some of the things that we are working on are as follows:

1. Upgrading to Quickbooks online for increased security, accessibility, and accountability.
2. We are transitioning to paperless billing where possible.
3. We are transitioning to online bill pay and auto bill pay where possible.
4. We have transitioned to higher yield savings accounts and will continue to develop savings strategies.
5. Our annual returns are complete.

I am honored to serve as the club's treasurer and look forward to continuing to grow in the position.

Doug Ralston
Treasurer & CFO

Top of GA Airstream Club
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Jaime and Doug

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Internet Improvements Continue at the TOG Airstream Park

The end of 2023 brought additional improvements to the Top of Georgia’s (TOG) Internet System and improvements will continue into 2024.

In October, the TOG Internet Team ran underground cable to a new Access Point on a pole near site A9 at the top of the park. The new Access Point greatly improves internet service to those parking in the A Section. Additionally, a power transfer switch was installed to automatically provide power to the new A9 Access Point when the Park must operate on emergency generator power.

To enhance long-term supportability for the TOG Internet / WIFI System, we trained four volunteer club members in October on how to troubleshoot and maintain the Internet system. The training consisted of two days of instruction and one day of hands-on training. The newly trained volunteers now possess the skills required to ensure reliable phone, TV, and internet communications are maintained at the TOG Park.

To improve communications with the lower part of the Park, Fiber Optic cable was scheduled in February to be installed from the main club building to the park’s lower shelter in the C Section. However, this project was delayed due to weather until the first week of June. The new Fiber Optic cable will ensure the system can provide reliable communications to members parked in the C & D sections of the park as data demands grow over the next 10 years.



Jesse Stone and Heath Grayton on the ladder and Eric Root in front.



Wally keeping an eye on the progress in the park.
Photo credit: Barbara Jumper

ELECTION INFORMATION

Dear TOG Airstream Family,

I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee 2024 for the Top of Georgia Airstream Club. This year will be one of change as our bylaws will be voted on at the April business meeting, and how we elect officers will be part of this process. The Executive Board is attempting to align our Club with the way International votes. My letter to you today aims to give you an overview of this new process.

This means that we will be going to electronic voting, which will take place in August. All nominations will be due by July 1, 2024. Electronic ballots will be sent out on August 1, and paper ballots will be mailed to the few in our membership who do not have e-mail at the same time. You may self-nominate for an office, or you may nominate anyone who is a member of the TOG for office. You may also give the names of those you think would be good officers to a nominating committee member. We will have a special election issue of the Caravaner in July highlighting the nominees. Ballots will be counted in late August, and the election results will be announced at the September business meeting. (There will not be an election at the September meeting as in the past, as the electronic and mail ballots will be the election.) Installation of Officers will take place at the October Rally.

I know this is a lot to digest. Still, each coming issue of the Caravaner will contain information about the officers we elect, the duties of each office, and how to nominate. If you have any questions, please let me or a member of the Nominating Committee know. The Nominating Committee and contact information is as follows:

Mary Anne Meeks, Chairman mapmeeks@bellsouth.net
Karen Cordoza Fredkjc@verizon.net
Nadine Johnson deanie.martyn@yahoo.com
Glenn Kornahrens glenn.kornahrens@gmail.com
Don Doe dsquare@cfl.rr.com



My best to each of you for a beautiful spring season and great rallies at the TOG.

Mary Anne



Officers: Left to Right,

Doug Ralston-
Treasurer, **Jessica**
Bailey-Vice President,
Jiji Haque- President
Elect, **Donn Gray-**
Director Year One,
Jesse Stone-Director
Year Two.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND HELEN!

April Festivals and Events

April 5-7 — **Toccoa Ritz Bluegrass Festival.** Toccoa, Georgia.

April 5-May 12 — **Rock City Nights: Flora Luna.** Lookout Mountain, Georgia.

April 6 — **Hot Slaw & Art Y'all Festival.** Cleveland, Tennessee.

April 12-13 — **Georgia Mountain Storytelling Festival.** Hiawassee, Georgia.

April 12-May 12 — **Rhododendron Festival at Hamilton Gardens.** Hiawassee, Georgia.

April 19-20 — **Georgia Mountain Fair Spring Yard Sale.** Hiawassee, Georgia.

April 20 — **Keg, Cork, & Barrel.** Cleveland, Tennessee.

April 20-21 — **Bear on the Square Mountain Festival.** Dahlonega, Georgia.

April 25 — **Acoustic Sunsets Spring Concert Series.** Hiawassee, Georgia.

April 26-27 — **Memory Lane Classic Car Show.** Hiawassee, Georgia.

April 27 — **38 Special in Concert.** Hiawassee, Georgia.

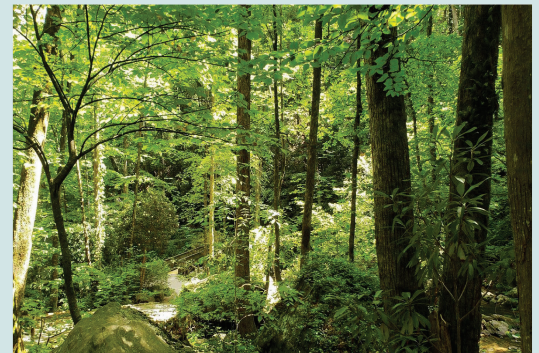
April 27-28 — **Sweet Tea & Sunshine Family Festival.** Cleveland, Tennessee.

Gems of North Georgia

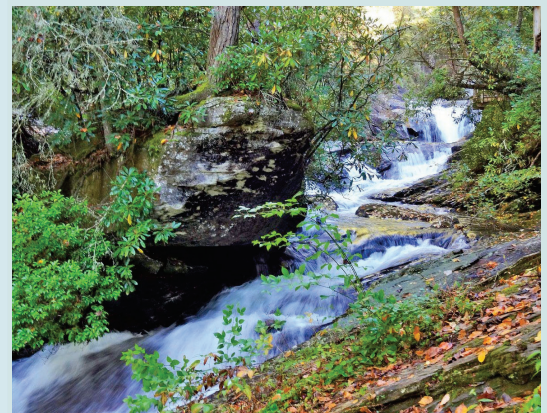
Anna Ruby Falls



Unicoi State Park



Dukes Creek Falls Trail



Interested in selling your Airstream?



For \$5 per issue, we can feature your Airstream for sale in the Carvanner.

Each issue is emailed to 300+ members, as well as seen by over 2000 followers from our social media pages.

Email Wendy at Caravanner@topofgeorgia.net to discuss.

Sister Rally Information

Club: Grapes and Grains (2024),

Contact: Joanna Wyman

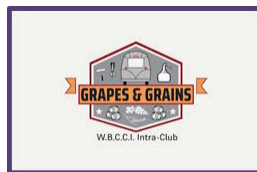
Phone: 616-780-3527

Email: wyvineyard@gmail.com

Approximate # of Trailers: 35 (maximum)

Dates: Thursday, March 21 to Sunday, March 24, 2024

Notes: Include Rip on all emails: riprippa@gmail.com



Club: South Florida (2025)

Contact: Tim McDow

Phone: 561-785-9652

Email: mcdow.tim@gmail.com

Approximate # of Trailers: 25 - 35 (not to exceed 50)

Dates: Saturday, April 26 to Sunday, May 4, 2025**

Notes: Include David Robshaw on all emails: club030@airstreamclub.org



Social Events at the TOP

Our social calendar is run by the lovely Nadine Johnson. Activities will run through the Summer and early Fall until she heads back to Florida or is gone for a rally. Look for the calendar

by the host desk with daily activities including chair yoga, line dancing, cards, sewing, knitting, ice cream socials, pot lucks, dinner out, happy hour, and flea marketing.



April 1	April Fool's Day
April 2	World Autism Awareness Day
April 3	National Walking Day
April 4	Burrito Day
April 5	National Dandelion Day
April 6	Siamese Cat Day
April 7	National Beer Day
April 8	Total Solar Eclipse
April 9	National Unicorn Day
April 10	Siblings Day
April 11	National Pet Day
April 12	Day of Silence
April 13	Scrabble Day
April 14	National Gardening Day
April 15	Tax Day
April 16	National Librarian Day
April 17	National Cheese Ball Day
April 18	Animal Crackers Day
April 19	National Garlic Day
April 20	Husband Appreciation Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 23	National Picnic Day
April 24	Stop Food Waste Day
April 25	World Malaria Day
April 26	National Arbor Day
April 27	National Prime Rib Day
April 28	Blueberry Pie Day
April 29	International Dance Day
April 30	Adopt a Shelter Pet Day

Loving Concerns

Our Continued Prayers for those with Illness and Injury

Pat King - Pat had successful surgery to remove a tumor on her liver early in January. She is now undergoing chemo for several months. Pat and Mike appreciate the continued prayers.

Claudia and Tom Litton - Claudia fell on February 12th and broke both ankles and fractured her leg. After successful surgery on her right ankle and some heart issues, she is now in a rehab facility in Winder. Tom continues to have issues with circulation in both of his legs, but receiving good care. Both Claudia and Tom are together in Winder Center for Nursing and Healing. They appreciate the support and prayers from their TOP friends.

Clara Smith - Clara is now under Hospice care.

Prayer and Praise For.....

David Goens - He has recovered well from a heart attack in Nov.

Stephanie Lankford - She is healing from a leg injury and infection in Dec.

George Ward - He is recovering amazingly well from a major truck accident in Jan.

Our Deepest Sympathy for the families of...

John Meeks - John was our former Treasurer and an asset to our Park over the last several years.



Ben Roach - Ben was an active member for many years.

Please, join us in praying for these folks and their medical issues or their grief in a time of the loss of a loved one. Knowing that there are those who care is a true blessing to those in need.

We are a family of sorts, connected by our love for camping and love for each other.

If you are experiencing a difficult time or know of someone who is, please let me know.

Barbara Jumper
bwjumper13@gmail.com
770-241-3793



De-Winterization Checklist

A step-by-step guide to prepping for travel season

Spring is the time to de-winterize, and it's not as difficult as it might sound. Follow our step-by-step checklist to get your

Airstream prepped and ready to roll. And visit Airstream.com for more details about de-winterizing your Airstream.

1. Examine, clean, and wash exterior

Inspect for damage, and clean off accumulated debris, dust and dirt.

- Examine and wash exterior with clear coat safe cleaner
- Follow with exterior protectant to polish and protect
- Clean awnings, inspect windows, sealants, and gaskets
- Check tires for correct inflation, clean with soapy water
- Tighten lug nuts
- Check latches, lighting, and exterior accessories
- Inspect roof, A/C, skylights, and fans
- Check brake lights and turn signals
- Remove and pest traps or repellents



2. Clean interior space

Clean flooring, kitchen, lavatory, and bedding.

- Sweep and clean floors
- Clean seating, fabrics, walls, and hard surfaces
- Examine interior for water leaks
- Test CO, smoke, and LP detectors, change batteries
- Turn on appliances to ensure they are working
- Check fire extinguisher
- Use suede cleaner if needed on those surfaces

3. Battery and propane

Inspect your on-board power system

- Inspect cables and clean corrosion from terminals
- Inspect battery casing for cracks
- For lead-acid batteries, top with distilled water
- Recharge battery: Turn off storage mode and connect to shore power/generator
- Turn on propane, inspect lines, and check for leaks
- Check propane appliances to ensure they are working



4. Flush plumbing system

Empty tanks to remove antifreeze and clean

- Close low-point drains, connect fresh water hose
- Open sinks and shower faucets
- Add fresh water cleaner to disinfect and remove odor
- Fill fresh water tank and open exterior drain to flush
- Flush black and gray tank of any residual water
- Lubricate dump handles with penetrating oil

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2024 Top of Georgia Airstream Club Rally / Events

Date	Event
March 21 -24	<i>Grapes and Grains Sister Rally TOG</i>
April 1 - 7	<i>Spring Rally/Volunteer Days TOG</i>
April 17 - 21	<i>Region 3 Rally, Doswell, VA</i>
May 22 - 27	<i>Memorial Day/Buddy Rally, TOG</i>
June 19 - 23	<i>Youth Rally / Buddy Rally, TOG</i>
July 4	<i>Fourth of July / Patriotic Celebration TOG</i>
Aug 28 - Sept 2	<i>Labor Day Rally TOG</i>
October 5 - 10	<i>International Rally / Sedalia, MO</i>
October 23 - 27	<i>Fall Rally / Installation TOG</i>
November 28	<i>Thanksgiving Potluck, TOG</i>
December 15	<i>Christmas Party, TBD</i>

Officers:

President – Brad Singleton (404) 405-3181
 Email: Brad

President Elect – Jiji Haque, Email: Jiji

Vice President – Jessica Bailey,
 Email: Jessica

Secretary – Mike Deegan, E-mail: Mike

Treasurer – Doug Ralston, E-mail: Doug

Directors Year Two – Jesse Stone, Sammy Fontanez, , E-mail: Jesse, Sammy

Directors Year One – Donn Gray, Rick Sibly, E-mail: Donn, Rick

Past President – Julian Clemmons

Non Board Contacts:

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 Email: Jaime

Web Master: Doug Ralston, E-mail: Doug

