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# Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter

# **July 2024**

# **President's Message**

Greetings, to all the Alabama Airstream Club members and Affiliates who are on WBBCI Caravans or just traveling all around this beautiful country of ours. Wherever you travel, do it safely and above all, enjoy.

We regret that we were not able to attend the Region 6 Rally in Fayetteville, Arkansas. My wife (Judy) had some medical issues we had to deal with. Full recovery is expected. Thank you for all your prayers.

The Alabama Club was well represented in my absence. Those who attended were John & Carol Rylee, Mike & Cathy Hamilton, Mike Riggins, Rob & Judy Fikes, Bill & Betty Lancaster, and one of our newest regular members, Craig & Judy Hardwick..

The nominating committee has been busy slating officer candidates to present for your membership vote. The names of each candidate for club officers will be announced later. The newly elected officers will be installed at the next rally. "Up and to your post men and women and don't forget you are proud officers of the Alabama Airstream Club.

The International Airstream Rally in Sedalia, MO, Oct 5-10, is quickly filling up. If you want to attend and have not registered, you should register quickly before all the sites ate taken.

The Alabama Airstream Club's next scheduled rally will be held October 31st – November 3rd, at the Mystic Springs Cove Airstream Park, located at 591 Mystic Springs Road, McDavid, Florida, 32568. This will be a joint rally with our sister Pensacola Airstream Club. More information on this rally as it develops.

We are naming this rally, "The Blue - Thunder".

The Air Show is hosted every year by the Navy's Morale, Welfare & Recreation Office and takes place along Sherman Field, located aboard NAS Pensacola. It normally features the Navy's Blue Angels. However, this year, The Blue Angels and The Air Force Thunderbirds will perform together which is a rare occurrence. This will be exciting to watch and guarantees to be thrilling, boosting pride in our United

States Navy & Air Force for our great country.



Illuminated balloons at Foley



President John Burton and wife Judy at the Taco
Dinner at the Foley Rally.

The Alabama Airstream Club Balloon Rally is scheduled for April 30 - May 4, 2025.

We have 25 full hook-up sites reserved for this rally. If you have not made your reservation call Anchors Away RV Resort to reserve your site. Tell them you are with the Alabama Airstream Club. #251-971-6644.

Thanks, and have a GREAT SUMMER!

Your Humble Servant

John Burton

# **Region 6 Rally**

Submitted by Mike Riggins, 1s

Jan Heavener, Region 6 President and the Arkansas Club put on a great rally. Some of the Alabama group; Mike & Cathy Hamilton, Mike Riggins, and John & Carol Rylee, rendezvoused at the Tom Sawyer RV Park in West Memphis which is on the banks of the Mississippi River



Full rainbow over the Mississippi River at the Tom Sawyer RV Park.

The next day we caravanned to the Washington County Fairgrounds in Fayetteville, AR. In addition to our caravan group, the Alabama Club was also represented by Rob & Judy Fike and Bill & Betty Lancaster. Altogether, there were 53 Airstreams at the rally.

Activities included a visit to the Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, which was exceptional (well worth a second visit). Some also visited the Walmart Museum (Bentonville is the home of Walmart) and the Daisy BB Gun Museum. We also had a very interesting presentation from the power company which answered many of our questions about electrical power.

We had great meals at the rally including a BBQ dinner and a catfish and chicken dinner.

We enjoyed nightly entertainment, including an Elvis impersonator, a jam session in which Bill & Betty Lancaster participated, and a great band that played lots of familiar tunes from our past. The band actually included two members of the Arkansas Club.

We are already looking forward to next year's rally which will be at The Ridge Outdoor Resort in Sevierville, TN in September, 2025.

## Silverliner Tour

A group of members of the Pensacola and Alabama Airstream Clubs were given the inaugural tour of the Birmingham facility in May. In addition to seeing many Airstreams in various stages of renovation or remodeling, we were treated to a great BBQ luncheon. Owners Caroline & Gavin Trinoskey are doing amazing work to transform these Airstreams to their owners' desires.



Silverliner Tour Luncheon

## **New Members**

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

Craig & Tricia Barrentine 04586



James & Charlotte Bowline

14432



Michael & Anna Fennell 18585



Craig & Judy Hardwick 14000



Pamela Pardy 02854



# **Area Meetings**

# **Montgomery Area**

Submitted by John Rylee

The Montgomery area group met for dinner at The Catfish House in Millbrook on July 9. Attending were Griff & Candy Harris, Steve & Becky Padgett, John & Carol Rylee, and hosts, Paul & Julia Pasley. We had a great evening of discussion and food. As a special treat, the Harris' brought pies for our dessert.

#### North Alabama Area

Submitted by Mary Ellen Hall

The next meeting will be scheduled in early Fall.

# **Upcoming Events**

# 67th Annual Airstream Club International Rally

Sedalia, Missouri October 5-10, 2024 (Register at airstreamclub.org)

## Blue Thunder Rally

Mystic Springs Airstream Park McDavid, FL Oct 31- Nov 3, 2024

See you down the road

John Rylee, Editor

