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# Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter

# September 2024

# **President's Message**

Dear Alabama Airstream Club Members.

As my term as your president draws to a close, I want to thank each one of you for the opportunity to serve our great club.

I have enjoyed working with you and representing the great State of Alabama with International Airstream Club.

I especially want to thank my executive board members who have always been encouraging and willing to go above and beyond anything I have asked of them.

A special thank you to John Rylee (our newsletter editor) for his patience in working with me, and Doc Bloom for being our Head Chef and being so faithful to bring those big cast iron pots and other cooking equipment, and those who assist him, his assistants - the 3 "Amigos:, (Tony, Doc, and John L) and others who became "cooks for a day." I don't want to forget the ladies who

helped in planning our events and decorating our rally sites. A special thanks to our musicians, Bill & Betty Lancaster, Andrea & Stan Patterson, and Teresa McKibben who worked hard to entertain or club. Due to the help of all of those folks and yours, we've had many phenomenal, interesting rallies and fun luncheons and dinners.

I appreciate all of the past Presidents and officers who have contributed to making our Alabama Club what it is today. We have some new faces who are energetic and have some great ideas. I encourage all of us to become involved in helping our new President, Mike Riggins, and his officers by offering your assistance, ideas, and helping in the planning of rallies, luncheon and dinner meetings and other future events. We need and appreciate your input even though we realize that some of you are busy and cannot be very involved with our Club at this time. As I've always said, "A Club is only as good as the input from the members."

The time has come for me to pass the torch to the younger generation. With their leadership and your help, the Alabama Airstream Club will become the best in Region 6 and in the entire international club.

Thank you again, for allowing me to be the Alabama Airstream Club's President.

Your Humble Servant

John L Burton

#### **New Club Officers**

Congratulations to our newly elected club officers.

President Mike Riggins
1st VP Craig Hardwick
2nd VP Robert Fike
Treasurer Mike Hamilton
Rec. Secretary Cathi Hamilton

Thank you to the following who have agreed to serve in these appointed positions:

Membership Mary Ellen Hall Newsletter John Rylee Webmaster Steve Padgett

The Induction Ceremony for the new officers for 2024/2025 year will be taking place immediately after the Region 6 Luncheon at the Airstream International Rally in Sedalia, MO. Please purchase luncheon tickets and join us for this activity.

#### **New Members**

Welcome to these new members that have joined the Alabama Airstream Club. We hope to see you soon at an upcoming event. Larry & Judy Anderson 11845



David & Carolyn Browning 08085



Gonzalo & Guadalupe Rubio, Jr 30894



Dennis & Linda Winnett 22294



# **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 Registration form below)

# Alabama Airstream Club Balloon Rally

Anchors Aweigh RV Resort Foley, AL Apr 30 - May 4, 2025 We have 25 full hook-up sites reserved for this rally. Make your reservations today to get a site close to the clubhouse. Call 251-971-6644 to make your site reservation.

# **Area Meetings**

#### **Montgomery Area**

Submitted by John Rylee

The Montgomery area group met for dinner at Chappy's Deli on September 9. We were happy to see Brooks & Catherine Darby back from their trip to Yellowstone. They had a mysterious mishap on the way there that required a visit to Jackson Center as part of their return trip. Steve & Becky Padgett were able to attend even though Steve was recovering from back surgery one week prior. He injured his back as a result of a bicycle mishap. Also attending were Paul & Flip Aehnlich, Candy Harris, Paul & Julia Pasley, and hosts John & Carol Rylee.

#### North Alabama Area

Submitted by Mary Ellen Hall

The North Alabama area group will meet for lunch at 11:30 am, September 14, at RO's Grille, 126 N. Jefferson St, Athens, AL 35611 Contact Mary Ellen Hall to let her know you are coming, 256-694-4596.

See you down the road!

John Rylee, Editor



# Blue Thunder Rally

# Pensacola/Alabama Airstream Club Joint Rally Mystic Springs Cove 591 Mystic Springs Rd McDavid, FL 32568

Deadline: October 25, 2024

Email to: John Rylee. <a href="mailto:ryleejg@aol.com">ryleejg@aol.com</a>

Or mail to: 485 Winding Wood Dr, Wetumpka, AL 36093

There will be a Halloween costume party on Friday, Nov 1st. The best Halloween costume will be awarded a nice door prize.

On Saturday, we will be attending the Air Show featuring the Navy Blue Angels and the Air Force Thunderbirds.