



*Pelican Briefs*  
**Louisiana Airstream  
Club**

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2024**

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**Jeffery Theriot \*\*\***  
**Mark Williams \*\*\***

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**Webmaster: Don Broussard**  
**Club Photographer: Dale Spillman**

**\*\*\* New Officer**



## President's Message

Welcome to 2024/2025 all Louisiana Airstream Club members and affiliates. We are leaving behind a successful and enjoyable year. Thanks to our past president and 1st lady Gerald and Bobbi Peltier. I also want to thank our executive board members for all of their hard work. Last but not least I want to thank everyone who volunteered as hosts, cooks and planners that made our rallies and caravans fun and enjoyable. Volunteers are the thread that holds us together. I want to put a lot of emphasis on

volunteering.

This new Airstream season will be filled with lots of opportunities for members to be together with our planned club, region and international rallies and caravans. One of the best resources for keeping current with our club activities is our Louisiana Airstream Club website. Don Broussard does an excellent job as our webmaster. [airstreamclub.org/louisiana](http://airstreamclub.org/louisiana) Please click here and look at the website. The newsletters are also an excellent resource for information. My wife, Rebecca does an outstanding job with our Pelican Briefs.

I am optimistic about the future of our club and excited about the events we have planned. Getting to know our members and welcoming new members to our club family is my goal.

As we travel down the highways and byways let us remember to savor the journey, don't get so fixated on the destination that you miss out on all the great moments and milestones along the way. You've been given an amazing gift called life.

Here's to looking forward and seeing everyone down the road,

*Robert Perere*

President

Our Luncheon/Installation at Galvez Seafood was a lot of fun. New officers were installed, we had a short meeting and the food was delicious.



We had four new members, John & Cindy from Lafayette and Paula & David Gautreau from Gonzales



## **THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT AIRSTREAM**

**Early Airstream models were completely DIY and made out of wood without a bathroom inside.**

The first models were made with Masonite, which was a type of hardboard made of fibers, they were also sold as kits with model names like Model 2 and Silver Cloud. They didn't get the bullet-shaped trailer made out of aluminum until 1936 with introduction of the Airstream Clipper. And though Wally Byam found a solution for his wife's complaints about not having a kitchen when camping, he still hadn't installed a bathroom. Original models were equipped with a bedpan.

**It takes 280 hours to build just one Airstream trailer**

If just one person were to work all 280 hours alone, it would take seven 40-hour weeks. In the manufacturing world, this is an eternity. If you look at Toyota's website, it gives an estimate of 17-18 hours to build even their most lavish vehicles. This goes to show how much time and effort Airstream truly puts into each of their trailers and how much they care about the customer's comfort and safety.

As many know our beloved member Marie Segrave passed away. Many of our members went to her funeral to honor her and support Walter. She will be greatly missed. Our love and prayers go to Walter and his family.



## Welcome

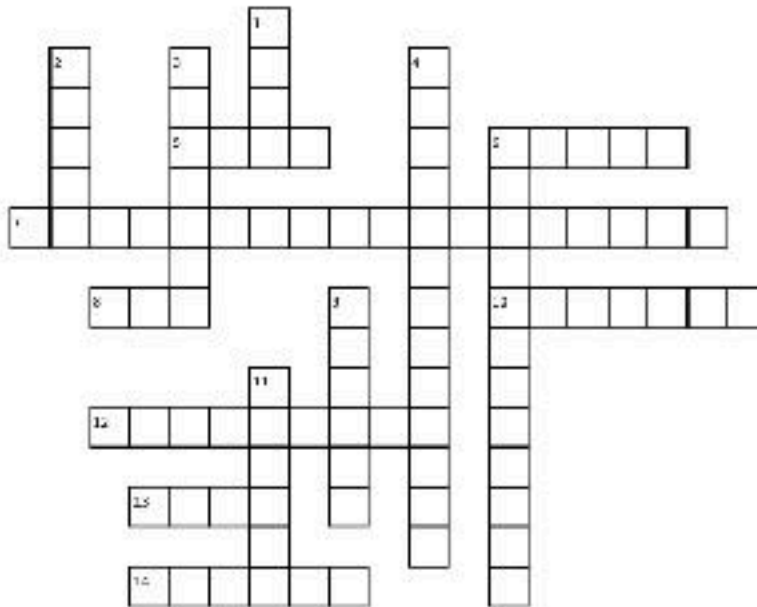
New members: James & Charlotte  
Bowlin from Gonzales

David & Paula Gautreau from  
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Affiliates: Alan & Sandra Furr from  
Alabama

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MAKE YOURS  
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# Louisiana Airstream Club



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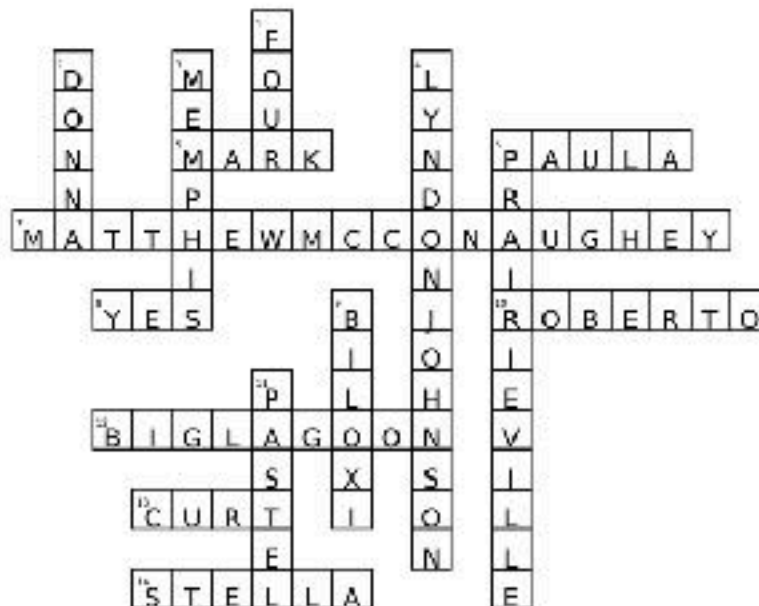
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**DON'T CHEAT! Answers are on the next page.**

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October 31st



First day of fall is September 22nd

Camping season is here and we will be having a lot of campfires. You're just getting ready to sit by a cozy fire and enjoy some great company or better yet make some yummy s'mores, then somebody puts the wrong kind of wood in the ring to burn, sparks are flying and burn holes in your clothes or it's so smoky you're sure you'll never get the smell out of your clothes.

Burn the right kind of wood for the right kind of fires. That said, proper seasoning is the key to getting the best burn. Unseasoned, green wood has a moisture content of 20 percent and is hard to light and produces way too much smoke.

**Best wood to burn**

- American Beech
- Red or white oak
- Hickory
- Maple
- White ash

**Wood to avoid**

- Eucalyptus
- Fir
- Poplar
- Red alder
- Any kind of pine



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- 9/10 - 9/22 Unit Caravan. Touring Memphis, Nashville and then on to Kentucky. Hosted by: Curt Fontenot 337-380-8631, Robert Perere 225-315-3825 and John Taylor 504-722-9288. For more information please contact one of these hosts.
- 10/31 - 11/2 Blue Angels Rally. Hosted by Robert & Rebecca Perere. Make reservations at: Lagoon State Park. Members and affiliates only. 12301 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola, FL. 800-326-3521 or do it online at: [reserve.floridastateparks.org](https://reserve.floridastateparks.org). If you have any questions about this rally please call Robert Perere at: 225-315-3825. More to come about this rally soon. The park is full, call and get on their stand by list.
- 12/5 - 12/8 Christmas Rally - Majestic Oaks. 1750 Pass Rd. Biloxi, MS. Call to make your reservations now. Hosted by: Robert & Rebecca Perere and co-hosted by: Curt Fontenot. Our Christmas rally is always our most popular rally and this year will prove no different. 228-436-4200. For more information call Robert Perere at: 225-315-3825 more to be announced.
- 12/30-1/2 New Year's Rally - Johnny's RV Resort. 15810 AL-59, Foley, AL 36535. Please call to make your reservations 251-970-3773 Hosted by: Robert & Rebecca Perere and co-hosted by: Curt Fontenot. We will visit Lamberts, Home of Throed Rolls, visit a nice festival and see some great fireworks, listen to a live band at our RV park and eat some traditional New Year's food.
- 2/26-3/4  
2025 Mardi Gras! Seven full days of fun. We will leave on 3/5. Hosted by: Charlie Davis & Diana Hobbs. La Pay E Bas RV Park, Eunice, LA. This is always a fun rally. A schedule and more to be announced at a later date. Not taking reservations yet.
- 4/3-4/6  
2025 Spring Fling. Hosted by: Charlie Davis and Diana Hobbs. La Pay E Bas RV Park, Eunice, LA. Leaving on 4/6. Not taking reservations yet. More to be announced soon.

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- 4/24-4/27  
2025 Grand Isle Bird Migration. 108 Admiral Craik Dr. Grand Isle, LA  
833-609-0686. Hosted by: Robert & Rebecca Perere and Jeffery &  
Donna Theriot. For more information about this rally please call  
Rebecca Perere at: 225-955-8247
- 5/2025 Dale Spillman is working on a unit caravan, it will be announced  
soon.
- 8/2025 International Rally in York, PA. Much more to come.
- 9/24-9/28  
2025 Region 6 Rally. Please save the date. The Ridge Outdoor Resort  
nestled in the heart of the Smokey Mountains in Sevierville, TN.  
Registration will begin this fall.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Due to so much interest in the Blue Angels rally we are limiting it to only members and affiliates. We've had calls from other clubs and out of state people wanting to attend this rally. We will try to have a Buddy Rally in the near future. However, due to limited space this rally can only be for our own members and affiliates. If you cancel please notify us, the park is booked solid and your cancelled spot could be used for one of our members on a stand by list. For more information please contact Robert Perere 225-315-3825