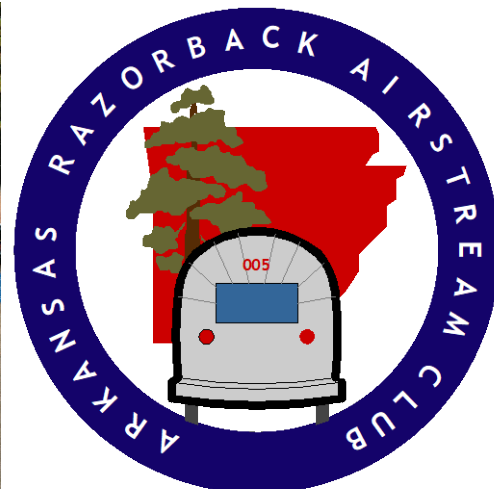


RIVETED RAZORBACK



December 2024

President's Message

By David Holsted

As we gear up for another exciting year of adventure and camaraderie, we are thrilled to announce the schedule for the 2025 Riveted Razorback club rallies! Whether you're a seasoned streamer or new to the world of silver travel trailers, these rallies are a fantastic opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, share stories, eat really great food, see who has the newest camping gadget, and celebrate our passion for life on the open road.

This year, we will have new picturesque locations as well as some of our regular fun places. And as always there can be a pop-up rally as the spirit of Wally moves us.

As always follow us on Facebook and Slack for updates, tips, and sneak peeks of what's to come at the rallies. We encourage you to share your personal experiences and photos by tagging us at Riveted Razorbacks. If you are new to Slack let us know and we'll get you set up.

The International Rally is in York, PA this August, and Jeff Dalrymple will be organizing a caravan for Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club (ARAC) members heading that way. It's usually a two-or three-night trip staying at various Harvest Hosts along the way. The last two caravans have been very memorable and just a blast. If you are planning on going this is a must addition if you can make it.

The September Region 6 rally is shaping up to be an epic adventure. You will not want to miss this one. A new rally for this year in May is the Fort Smith rally hosted by Larry and Terry Madden and promises to be an epic time. The Unit Board of Trustees rally in February is being moved from Jeff Dalrymple and Cindy Kugel's in Jay, OK to Zach Bullock's farm in Stuttgart. There will be more information on this soon and a big thanks to Zach.

As of this writing we have several new ARAC members and affiliates – please see the list on Page 5 and welcome them!

Pack your bags and all your stuff (we tend to take a lot), gather your fellow Airstreamers, and get ready for an unforgettable year filled with adventure and community!

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Member Spotlight: Paul Greene & Terri Murdoch

By (Best) Paul Greene

Terri and I found each other in 1992. Our early experience camping together had us sleeping in tents and truck beds alongside whitewater rivers. Fun adventures (remember that an adventure is something you wish you were at home talking about). Fast forward to 2024. Many of you have camped with and know we can be particular about what we eat. Flash back to 2014. We were looking for a mobile kitchen so we could eat whatever we want, wherever we went. In spite of our history with tents and truck beds (or maybe because of it), those little teardrop campers with room for a queen bed inside and a clamshell kitchen outside didn't quite do the trick. Our friend (Alabama) Cindy had recently bought and renovated a 1978 Land Yacht. She told us we needed an Airstream. We googled Airstream and Arkansas and found the Riveted Razorbacks. Then we just showed up at a Petit Jean rally (without a camper) to see what we could find out about Airstreams. Riveted Razorbacks, being who they are, invited us to hike with them and then stay for happy hour. There was no escape.

We started looking on Air Forums for a recent model camper. We decided we had to have a 27' front bed Flying Cloud or a Safari. That wasn't happening. (Did I mention we can be particular?) In 2016 we found what we were looking for at Reliable RV, Springfield, Mo. Named her Sally Mae after two "first in their field" astronauts, Sally Ride and Mae Jemison. We started camping as much as possible and tried to work as little as possible. Finally had to retire to get that work thing out of the way. When the Razorbacks saw we actually owned a camper, they let us join the club. Our timing was good. The club was transitioning from monthly luncheons and a few rallies a year to the active rally schedule we now have. We have had the good fortune to camp with a great group of people in some awesome places. We have camped with Riveted Razorbacks all over Arkansas. We have caravanned with them through Tennessee, Alabama, Oklahoma, Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Missouri, Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Michigan Upper Peninsula, Kentucky, and North Carolina Outer Banks. Managed to find our way to Louisiana, Virginia, West Virginia, and South Carolina without a Razorback escort. Our favorite campgrounds are close to water. But the best part of our favorite campgrounds is the Riveted Razorbacks we frequently find there. We are a diverse group that easily could find things we don't agree on. But it seems easier to find things we enjoy sharing. And Razorbacks definitely know how to enjoy camping.

There are two peak experiences that all Airstreamers should try: hosting a rally and full-timing. (It might not be feasible to full-time for years, but see if you can arrange to spend several months in your camper.) I have helped plan/host three rallies: Buddies, Bikes & Brews (BBB), Arkaluma, and the Moonshadow Eclipse Rally (and could not have done these without Terri). BBB was the first. We just



Paul & Terri at their new home in Alabama

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followed the template that Michael and Judy Shelley developed when they introduced the rally. How can you go wrong with a herd of Razorbacks on bicycles and a roadmap to the best microbreweries in a 5-mile radius? Arkaluma was started in 2016 on Mulberry Mountain by Jason Landrum, Bad Paul Moore, and Larry Madden. You all know the legend of Burning Mouse. Nice location, but in two out of four years at Mulberry, the owners decided that the field was too rain-soaked to camp on. No wagon wheel, we camped along a road on the edge of the field (and had a great time because we are Razorbacks and know how to enjoy camping). The four-wheeler traffic and noise was another thing. So, in 2020 on the way from a soggy Mulberry Mountain Arkaluma to Big Bend National Park for the Landrum Airstream Thanksgiving Dinner That Couldn't Be Beat (apologies to Arlo), Terri and I stopped at Petit Jean State Park to scope out the rally field at the Museum of Automobiles. The field was rock solid after days of rain, but a bit narrow for a round wagon wheel that would be big enough for Arkaluma. One of our stops on the way to Big Bend was McKinney Falls State Park. I dusted off my high school geometry, used a string and two tent stakes to plot out a small elliptical "wagon wheel" in our campsite. We decided we could fit an elliptical wagon wheel big enough for Arkaluma on the narrow rainproof rally field at Petit Jean. Terri and I became part of the team hosting Arkaluma. From there it was a small step to think I could help design the concentric wagon wheels we used at the Moonshadow Eclipse rally. So, the moral of that story is keep showing up at rallies, and you eventually will slide into planning and hosting them.



Paul & Terri at Thanksgiving 2020 with Becks and Lincoln

We also sort of slid into full-timing. Our long-term plans always had been to move back to Birmingham, AL after retiring. We sold our home in Little Rock, with what we thought was a short-term plan of living in the camper while we looked for a house in Birmingham. We found a nice spot in an RV park on Logan Martin Lake, just east of Birmingham. Stored almost everything from a 3,000 sq. ft. house in a 30 sq. ft. storage unit. We started house hunting; didn't see anything we liked (did I say we can be particular?). So, we did some travelling in Sally Mae. Did some more house hunting. More traveling, more hunting. We realized you can find all sorts of nooks and crannies to store daily necessities in a 200 sq ft camper. You might or might not be able to find them when you need them, but they eventually show again. And you can fit a lot more food in a 7 cubic foot refrigerator/freezer than you might think. Some of the best times were mornings and evenings on the lake. Getting ready for a camping trip was easy. The camper was already loaded. And it was fun coming home from a camping trip and setting up camp. Then there was watching tornado warnings and keeping an eye on lake levels. Our site flooded twice, shallow water, no damage. No tornados, just warnings. And there was the winter we went about 10 days with the outside temperature below 30 degrees. We stayed toasty warm inside with no frozen pipes. Razorbacks know how to enjoy camping.

After approximately 2 years, 9 months, 14 days, and 9 hours of full-timing we found the house we were looking for. We closed on the house, moved in, and parked Sally Mae on the driveway. About

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four weeks later we loaded her up and hit the road on a six-week trip. There is an ancient Riveted Razorback proverb: If you go camping with someone and don't kill them before you get home, marry them as soon as you get home. Terri and I camped together a pretty good while before we got married on 6/3/98 (that is actually our Big Red Number now, so I guess we can't get divorced). After almost three years of full-timing I am still alive, and we are still married and camping. And the moral of that story is you can't spend too much time in a camper (I would do the full-time thing again. Terri definitely would not.)

We have many fond memories of camping with Riveted Razorbacks over the years. But one of our favorite camping memories is about a couple that we didn't even meet. We were leaving a Razorback rally, hitching up in the pouring rain. Tents in low areas of the campground were flooding. (Who plans these rallies?) Got in the camper to put on dry clothes. Ran to the truck without drowning. As we pulled away there was another rig blocking the road. We waited while a young couple worked together to secure gear at the back of their camper. It seemed like a great opportunity for them to start an argument. But they secured the gear with no bloodshed and started to run along opposite sides of the camper to get in the truck. Then they both stopped and ran back together in the middle of the road behind the camper to kiss each other in the pouring rain. Camping just brings people together.

Terri and I are grateful that camping in Sally Mae has brought us together with such a welcoming group of people. The Razorbacks that first welcomed us in 2014 continue to improve with age. And the club has been fortunate to recruit new campers who are too young to retire. And they are camping with kids that are too young to even have a job yet. We enjoy the multi-generational rallies that really make the club feel like a family and keep everyone young.



Paul & Terri's Airstream approaching Devil's Tower, WY. Photo by Cindy Braden

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

ARAC Members

- **Linda & Jason Ellis BRN11219**, Plano, TX, 2020 Globetrotter 25 [affiliate member transferring from Heart of Texas Camping Unit]
- **Richard & Annalynn Gulley BRN 25400**, Hot Springs, AR, 1967 Globetrotter 23
- **Glenn & Chrystola Gates BRN 7896**, Warren, AR, 2016 Classic 30
- **Brode & Cloie Morgan BRN 11130**, Little Rock, AR, 2020 Flying Cloud 28
- **Jim & Shelby Trimble BRN 8811**, Avinger, TX, 2000 Safari 25 [affiliate member transferring from North Texas Airstream Club]
- **Dan & Ellen Williams BRN 18911**, Little Rock, AR, 2024 International 27

Affiliate Members

- **Paul Chlebo & Tracy Gifford BRN 11876**, Pensacola, FL, 2019 Flying Cloud 27 [Pensacola Florida Airstream Club]
- **Jack & Kay Garrett BRN 4232**, West Plains, MO, 2020 Airstream 20 [Missouri Greater Ozark Unit]
- **Allen & Pam Foulk, BRN 12442**, Hillsboro, TX, 2019 Classic 30 [Texas Highland Lakes Airstream Club]
- **Doug & Carol Gerard BRN 3751**, Branson, MO, 2016 International Serenity 28 [Missouri Greater Ozark Unit]
- **Patricia & Mark Hawkins BRN 21486**, Box Elder, SD, 2019 Globetrotter 27 [Minnesota Airstream Club]
- **Doug & Amber Lewis BRN 24117**, Marshall, TX, 2019 Flying Cloud 25 [East Texas Lakes Unit]
- **Chris & Rachelle Markerson BRN 7308**, Geismar, LA, 2021 Flying Cloud 27 [Louisiana Airstream Club]
- **Jenifer & John Schnettler BRNs 6594, 411**, Canton, OH, 1965 Caravel 17 [Akron Ohio Airstream Club]
- **Jeff & Lori Smithers BRN 7760**, Fredericksburg, TX, 2024 International 30 [Texas Alamo Unit]
- **Larry & Kathy Walters BRN 9637**, Oklahoma City, OK, 2008 International 27 [Oklahoma Airstream Club]

2024-2025

Officers

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Pam Belk (2024-2025)
 Zach Bullock (2024-2025)
 Melissa Anthony (2024-2026)
 Jack Blakley (2024-2026)

Other

Paul Beck, Webmaster
 Dana Landrum, Newsletter Editor
 Frank Cox, Membership Chair



David Holsted and Jamie Kingseed in Hermann, MO. The Holsteds made a surprise visit during a stop on the Sipping Across Missouri Caravan in September.

Razorback Club makes its mark at International Rally

By Mark Magie

With 40 rigs from our club and affiliates attending, the Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club was well-represented at the 67th annual Airstream Club International Rally, held Oct. 5-10, 2024 in Sedalia, Mo. Officially, 1,195 Airstream trailers were registered. The Airstream Club International Rally in 2012 was also held in Sedalia with 459 rigs attending.

The Razorback club has become known for its volunteerism and willingness to arrive early and staff many of the duties that make the rally run smoothly, from stuffing 1,200 goodie bags, to manning the registration and information desks, to driving shuttles and managing golf cart rentals.

Those attending were treated to opening and closing flag ceremonies, musical performances, a costume party, region luncheons, intracub events, a preview of new 2025 Airstream models, talks and seminars pertaining to everything from Airstream maintenance to cooking. Vendors offered a variety of wares, and a crafts and rummage sale was a treasure trove for bargain hunters.

Since 1899, Sedalia has been home to the Missouri State Fair which brings 400,000 visitors every August. The State Fairground site occupies nearly 400 acres, making it the third-largest fairground in the United States. It is one of the most historical fairgrounds in the country, featuring immaculately kept buildings dating back to 1903, as well as newer buildings and modern installations. "There is beauty in the mix of the old and new, just like all of us when *We Rally Together*," according to an Airstream promotion.

Founded in 1860 as a railroad town, Sedalia is a community rich in history. But just as the rail system has evolved, so has Sedalia. Where the railroad once provided easy access to larger cities, now Highways 50 and 65 serve as the crossroads to compass points beyond.

Airstream bicyclists took advantage of the must-see Katy Trail which runs 240 miles along the original Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway Line, offering beautiful views of the Missouri countryside.

Next year's International Airstream Rally will be held Aug. 23-28, 2025 at York, Penn.







**ARKALUMA a/k/a BURNING MOUSE
PETIT JEAN MOUNTAIN
Oct. 24-27**





We held a business meeting Saturday afternoon. Region 6 officers Jeff Dalrymple, David Gulley, and Jan Heavener installed new officers and directors, Treasurer Laura Wessinger, 2nd Vice President Meagan Walker, Vice President Katie Gulley, President David Holsted, and Secretary Cindy Kugel (above, left). As always, we enjoyed lots of good food like fried pies brought by Zack Bullock and just hanging out (both pictured below). We also held our annual mouse burning on a solo stove (despite a burn ban) led by Best Paul. (Mouse burning not pictured.)





BUFFALO POINT
OCT. 31 - NOV. 3, 2024





This was ARAC's tenth year to hold a rally at Buffalo Point – we began in 2014 but missed one year due to the park's closure for repairs. This year, we had a Halloween-themed happy hour, campfires (yay for a lifted burn ban!), a trip to Blanchard Springs Caverns, hikes, and all the usual fun, including our second Blackstone competition organized by Jan Heavener. Three teams were given a different meat, French bread, and ravioli. They were also allowed to use rice and other ingredients collected from other campers. Team Sausage (Gail Estabrook, Cindy Kugel, and Jerry Carter) won! We also had Team Hamburger (Ivy Lincoln, Mike Estabrook, Jeannie Beck) and Team Spam (Jeff Dalrymple, Jason Ellis, and Mark Magie).



2025 RALLY SCHEDULE

February 20-23: Unit Board of Trustees (UBT) (open to all members) in Stuttgart, AR. Join us for a weekend at Zach Bullock's magnificent estate in Stuttgart, the duck and rice capital of the world! There will be all sorts of fun and some sort of meeting. Emphasis on fun. *Host: Zach Bullock (zachdbullock@me.com)*.

March 14-16: Arkansas Food Bank Rally, 4301 W 65th Street, Little Rock, AR. Join us at the Arkansas Food Bank for a community service rally. Arrive after 3:30 Friday with full water and empty tanks. *Hosts: Trent and Jennifer Roberts (dtrentr@gmail.com)*.

May 15-18: Fun in the Fort Rally, Fort Smith, AR. Visit historic downtown and tour the newly opened US Marshals Museum along with many other attractions. Reserve a site at the Fort Smith Riverfront RV Resort, by calling 479-300-8100; mention Airstream Rally to receive a 10% discount. *Hosts: Larry & Terry Madden (h70man@cox.net)*.

August 23-28: 68th Annual Airstream Club International Rally – York, PA. Six days of fun, friendships, and all things Airstream. <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025>

September 4-7: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun in Bristol, TX. Girls Only! This year we will be celebrating our fifth year of fun with a road trip to The Range Vintage Trailer Resort in Bristol (30 minutes south of Dallas). We will enjoy gourmet dinners in the barn, lounging at the pool, and hanging out at the fire pit. To book, email info@therangevtr.com. *Hosts: Laura Wessinger (llwessinger@gmail.com) & Terry Madden*.

September 24-28: Region 6 Rally, Sevierville, TN. Enjoy all the activities and sights that Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge, and Sevierville have to offer and help us celebrate WBCCI's 70th anniversary! Call to make reservations (865-505-3111). Be sure to mention Airstream Club Rally to get your discount. (If sites are sold out, be sure to get on wait list. We are working on adding additional sites). *Hosts: David and Mary Gulley (dmgulley@gmail.com)*

October 16-19: Airstreams on the Square, El Dorado, AR. The extremely popular urban camping weekend around the Union County Courthouse square. This year's theme is Silverstock, reminiscent of Woodstock 1969. Decorate your camper and wear hippie clothes. *Jan and Charles Heavener, Mark Magie, and Bad Paul Moore (contact: Jan Heavener bassjan@gmail.com)**

October 23-26: Arkaluma aka "Burning Mouse" – Museum of Automobiles, Petit Jean Mountain, AR. Tenth annual boondocking rally with Airstreams parked in the magical wagon wheel arrangement. Evenings by the campfire in the middle of the circle, potlucks, a big-sky full of stars, and hiking nearby. *Hosts: Paul Greene/Dave Wessinger/Jason Landrum (Paul: 1pggreene@gmail.com)**

*Caravan locations between El Dorado, Petit Jean & Buffalo Point TBD

October 30 - November 2: Buffalo Point Rally, Buffalo National River. We return for this annual rally on America's first national river to take in the wildlife, Fall color, local hikes, and feast on Dutch oven cooking! Make your own reservations in Loop C at Buffalo Point Campground six months in advance @ recreation.gov. *Hosts: Jason & Dana Landrum (jdlandrum@mac.com)*.