



# *The Pelican Briefs*

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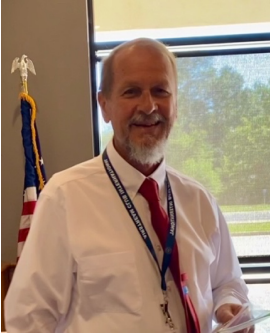
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*FROM* the Editor  
Donna McBroom-Theriot

First, I would like to say thank you to Rebecca Perere for an doing an outstanding job as Corresponding Secretary and Editor of The Pelican Briefs. I was always so excited when her emails showed up in my box. She has left big shoes for me to fill and I hope that I can do half as good a job as she did. I am looking forward to being the Editor and hope that you continue to enjoy the newsletter. I have some fun things planned for the Briefs so be on the lookout!





## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Robert Perere

Greetings everyone,

In one of my President's messages, I wrote how Rebecca and I became involved in the Louisiana Airstream Club. One day not too long ago, I was trolling the ACI website, and I ran across an article written by John Leake entitled "Where Two or More are Gathered."

John and his wife, Susan, live in the small town of York, South Carolina. They have been members of the Palmetto State Airstream Club in South Carolina for 15 years. John served as President of Region 3 from 2018-2020. It was an opportunity that provided him with the knowledge and experience needed to work toward bolstering the local clubs.

John founded the Alumalina Rally in 2012, and hosted from 2012 until 2024. 2024 would have been the 18<sup>th</sup> year of the Alumalina Rally had Hurricane Helene not roared through the area. The first Alumalina rally began with twenty-two rigs participating, and would have experienced an amazing record-breaking crowd of 365 rigs in 2024.

John has given us a good synopsis of what the Airstream Club is all about. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to read John's article (see Pages 3,4,5) and enjoys it as much as I did.

*See you down the road!*  
*Robert Perere*

# Where Two or More are Gathered...

## *Let There Be a Rally!*

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**By John Leake**  
**Palmetto State Airstream Club**

### *Let's talk about Rallies:*

Just what are they, how they work, why they are important, and how can you help?

First, the back story. Rallies are not unique to the Airstream Club, but they just may have originated here. The Airstream Club International (ACI) was founded in 1955 as a Caravan Club by friends of Wally Byam, founder of the Airstream we all know today. Wally led Caravans of Airstreams all over the globe, most lasting weeks, with many lasting months. Lifelong friendships were formed by the participants and they became a second family to each other.

As the Airstream Club grew, members soon realized there was a need for another method of gathering on a regular basis, but for shorter periods of time, and at different locations so more people could participate. The "Rally" concept was born.

### *So now..... just what is a rally?*

A rally is more like a family reunion, not so different from a "Smith or Jones" family reunion. Typically held on a monthly or even an annual basis, they provide the opportunity to gather with this extended family to catch up, to share stories, ideas, memories, trouble shoot technical issues, but most of all, to enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people.

Rallies range in size from just a few rigs to hundreds of rigs. They often offer the opportunity for travel across a state, a region, or even across the Country.

### *So.... How does a rally work?*

While there are no guidelines or set procedures, most rallies have a host, or hosts, that make and coordinate a plan. The plan may include a theme, provided meals or pot lucks, seminars, crafts, games, contests, and of course...group therapy (happy hours).

Or... They may be a “No host Rally” where the plan develops as things unfold, spontaneous. Having fun is the #1 priority. With many folks still working, the “official” start of a monthly rally usually begins on Friday, although many drift in on Thursday. The rally typically ends on Sunday. The rally might be held in a State Park, private RV park, Fairgrounds, a city street, or someone’s back yard. Remember..... It is not WHERE you park, but WHO you park with.

### *OK... Why are Rallies so important?*

For the very same reason family reunions are so important: they provide that opportunity to gather, support each other, and stay connected. Just like your family at home, rallies are critical to the health and well-being of our Club and the members in the club.

Airstreamers are naturally a very social group, and enjoy the opportunity to gather. We enjoy getting together at campgrounds, restaurants, or at someone’s home. Did you know that the Airstream Club International is officially chartered in the State of Ohio as Social Club? Yep.... Emphasis on “Social”.

### *Well then.....Who can host a rally?*

ANYONE can host! There is no seniority or pecking order, and no experience is necessary, although you are probably already an experienced Rally host, but just didn’t know it.

Have you ever hosted a bridal shower or birthday party? How about a Christmas party or a Thanksgiving dinner? A luncheon, your book club, or a graduation party; a retirement party, project completion party, or a dinner party. How about a study group?

No doubt, everyone has hosted some type of “rally” many times. You took a head count, developed a plan, likely enlisted the help of a friend or two, made a few arrangements, and pulled it off like a pro.

*We need you.....*

Please consider hosting a rally sometime, and don't be afraid to ask for help. It need not be complicated, keep things simple. Meals of soups and stews, "Manwich", hotdogs, loaded baked potatoes, tacos, or a pancake supper are just a few examples of quick and easy. Potlucks involve everyone and help to share the love. Or, if there are restaurants nearby, folks can simply go out to eat. Coffee, juice, and pastries at breakfast are always good, with lunch on your own.

So.....

Come join us at the next rally. We will be thrilled to see you, and you will be glad you came. And when the time is right, grab a partner and host your own gathering!!!

*See ya there!*

## **DID YOU KNOW**

**by Dale Spillman**

Have you ever wondered why a passing airstream going in opposite direction might flash their headlights at you? Did you flash them back? If you didn't, you should have. I have only been in the club 41 years, but, since day one I was told you should flash your headlights for an oncoming airstream as a show of pride for belonging to the Airstream Club. Some of the old timers have named it the Wally Wink to acknowledge one friend to another. You may have to read up on the vehicle manual to know how to turn headlights on; usually the running lights are not the headlights, so you will have to set to always on for headlights. Also, did you know that if you are traveling with two or more trailers, headlights should always be on.



## FEBRUARY 1, 2025 LUNCHEON



The Louisiana Airstream Club gathered on Saturday, February 1, 2025 for a luncheon at Galvez Seafood Restaurant. Thirty-two members attended! New friends, old friends! It was an awesome day!

Following the luncheon, the club's books were audited. Everything was in order and the books were passed from Charlotte Taylor to the new Treasurer, Janelle Williams. Thank you, Charlotte for your outstanding job as Treasurer. We all appreciate your dedication to the club and its finances.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MAY 17





RONALD MCDONALD  
HOUSE CHARITIES

## **RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE AUCTION!**

The club is hosting an auction on 4/5/25 at our "Seafood Rally", (April 3-6, 2025) to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Louisiana.

Its success depends on us cleaning out our closets, attics, and garages! Let's do some spring cleaning and donate to the auction! One man's trash is another man's treasure!

Make sure your items are in good condition. Anything you would sell at a garage sale is fine. Ask your neighbors and friends to donate things they would like to get rid of. When in doubt, don't throw it out! It may be someone's next favorite thing!

The Ronald McDonald House is a wonderful charity. RMH houses entire families when one of the children is admitted into the hospital. Families are provided with three meals a day, and have access to many amenities such as bathrooms, kitchen, laundry facilities, transportation and so much more. RMH also helps underprivileged children with dental work.

Last year we made \$2,045. Let's make this year's auction the biggest yet! You can never go wrong by helping a child!

For more information contact Rebecca Perere at:  
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## UPCOMING RALLY SCHEDULE

April 3-6, 2025      Seafood Rally. Hosted by: Charlie Davis and Diana Hobbs at La Pay E Bas RV Park in Eunice, LA. This is always a fun rally. Email Diana Hobbs ([hobbsdiana2@gmail.com](mailto:hobbsdiana2@gmail.com)) to make your reservations. Please give her the length of your rig and the number in your party.

The Ronald McDonald House Auction will be held during this rally. Its success depends on us cleaning out our closets, attics, and garages! Let's do some spring cleaning and donate to the auction! One man's trash is another man's treasure!



April 24-27, 25      Grand Isle Bird Migration. Hosted by Jeffery and Donna Theriot (985-696-6250), Co-hosted by Robert and Rebecca Perere at Grand Isle State Park, 108 Admiral Craik Dr., Grand Isle, LA. This rally is brand new and promises to be fun! If you haven't made your reservations yet, please do so. (833-609-0686). Remember to use the code 62PLUS when checking out to receive your senior discount.

August 2025      International Rally in York, PA. Much more to come!

Sept. 24-28, 25      Region 6 Rally. Registration has already begun! The Rally is being held at The Ridge Outdoor Resort, nestled in the heart of the Smoky Mountains in Sevierville, TN. Reservations: 865-505-3111.

Fall 2025      Dale Spillman is working on a caravan.

Dec. 4-7, 25      Christmas Rally. Hosted by Charlotte and John Taylor at the River View RV Park and Resort, 100 River View Pkwy., Vidalia, LA 71373; Phone: 318-336-1400. When you make your reservations, please let them know you are with the Louisiana Airstream Club. Additional information will be available at a later date.

*Do YOU enjoy Rallies? How about hosting one? Grab a buddy to co-host and call Robert! (225-315-3825) He has loads of ideas and help is always available!*



## WHAT'S COOKING

Rebecca Perere



### Spanish Christmas cake

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups of flour  
2 teaspoons baking soda  
1-20 oz can of crushed pineapple  
1 jar of Maraschino cherries, chopped  
1 cup chopped pecans  
2 cups of sugar  
2 eggs  
1 tsp vanilla  
1/4 cup applesauce

#### HOW TO:

Mix together eggs, pineapple, cherries, vanilla and applesauce. Add remainder ingredients and mix. Bake at 350\* for 30 min.

While the cake is cooking mix 5 ounces of cream cheese, 1 stick of butter (at room temperature), 3 cups of powdered sugar, and 3 tablespoons of evaporated milk.

Spread the icing on the cake while it is hot, as it begins to melt it's easier to spread, let it drip down the sides of the cake.