



The Pelican Briefs

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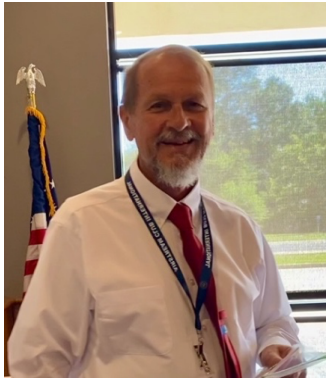
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FROM the Editor
Donna McBroom-Theriot

It looks like everyone enjoyed the Mardi Gras Rally! It is always such a fun rally with plenty of excitement. I would like to draw your attention to the Rally Schedule. The **Seafood Rally dates** have been changed. Please make a note of the new dates and schedule accordingly. Our next rally is the Bird Migration Festival in Grand Isle, Louisiana. Hope to see you there! One last new thing. You may notice **Print Me!** on a few pages. It indicates a page worth printing.





FROM THE PRESIDENT

Robert Perere

Greetings Louisiana Airstream Club members and affiliates

Spring has arrived and the weather has been nice but with spring comes the dreaded pollen. This is the first year I've had an allergic reaction to it and it hasn't been nice. Pollen is everywhere and it's hard to enjoy being outdoors now. Hopefully, it will be gone soon.

Oh well, let's talk about streaming and about some unwritten rules for setting up our trailers when we get to a campground. The first Rally Rebecca and I attended was over ten years ago, we pulled into our campsite and there was an Airstream already there and set up next to us. I got out and spoke but was told that he would not talk to me until we finished setting up. I thought that was a little rude but I did my thing and got set up.

When I finished the guy and his wife came over and introduced themselves. It was Ronnie and Judy Erb. Ronnie proceeded to tell me that you never interrupt someone who is setting up their trailer because it is a distraction and mistakes could be made. He said the same applies when getting ready to depart the campground. I will never forget this. It is so true and this is a rule most streamers adhere to. I've been distracted before and have made some pretty bad mistakes. Most of us tend to want to greet people as they arrive, especially if they are first-time Rally attendees. So, let's be mindful of this the next time we attend our next Rally.

Another rule to consider is after you have your trailer hooked up and ready to roll, walk around your trailer three times to make sure everything is done correctly. I've done this and I have found things that I missed or didn't pay attention to until the third walk around. I know some of you are probably saying that I'm old and my elevator doesn't go all the way to the top, but it works for me and I've saved myself some grief. Try making this a habit because you will eventually be glad you did.

Anyway, before I started writing my message, little did I know that my good friend Ronnie Erb, passed away on March 16th at the age of 85. Rebecca and I have traveled all over the United States and Canada with Ronnie and Judy. Ronnie was one of the more knowledgeable individuals I've known about Airstreams. He taught me a lot and I will never forget him.

Ronnie had friends from across the country and will be known for his work as Sanitation Chairman for International Rallies for years. Let's keep Judy and their family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Rest in peace, my friend!

Time is eternal but your time here isn't. Be grateful for your life. Be thankful for what you have and look forward to what you'll be receiving. Life is precious so make every day count.

See you down the road!
Robert Perere

NEW MEMBERS!

A warm welcome to our new members:
Paul Hanna from Houma, La., Paul &
Rose Fontana from Lafayette, La.,
Tony & Juliana Cloud from Mandeville,
La., and affiliate members from Texas,
Teena Reese and William Weibel!



**HAPPY
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DID YOU KNOW

by Dale Spillman

The **Louisiana Airstream Club** and **International** have a Web site that contains a lot of useful information for club members. I wonder how many of our members used the site; I don't think that very many use the site because we (officers) have not gotten any feedback from our members. I know that the site has not been up to standard for a while, but the webmasters are working with club tech support to establish a good informative working site. We are near that point now.

Check it out: airstreamclub.org/louisiana The link should take you directly to the club's website. The other part of the address is for the **WBAC** home page for information on international events and information about the international club. airstreamclub.org To search the home website you will have to log in to the site. You will need to have a login password. First-time users will use their BRN (Big Red Number) to log in, then set your new password to use the next time you log in. Once logged in to the site, be sure to remember to log out.

Our website provides information about the club, copies of newsletters present and past, recent photos, officers, the Blue Book, and future events/rallies. Once you log on to our site, click on the homepage to establish that you are on our site, next scroll down the page of directory menu listings, about our club, newsletters, events, and rallies. You can continue to scroll down the website's main page to see posted events scheduled for the next 6 months. Or, click on the menu for events and rallies to see all listed rallies for the year with information about those rallies.

At the next club rally, I will be available to show and help those having problems with accessing the website and teaching some aspects inherent to the website.

If anyone has any questions, contact either of our webmasters; Don Broussard, aitch2ohboy@gmail.com or his assistant Dale Spillman, lau15880@yahoo.com



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LOUISIANA AIRSTREAM CLUB MARDI GRAS!





Louisiana Airstream Club Mardi Gras Rally



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UPCOMING RALLY SCHEDULE



April 24-27,
2025

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.

May 29-June
1, 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) to make your reservations. Please give her the length of your rig and the number of 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!

August 2025

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

Sept. 24-28,
2025

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 and Shan Tidwell are working on a caravan.

Dec. 4-7, 2025

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!



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Location:
 Grand Isle State Park
 108 Admiral Craik Dr.
 Grand Isle, LA
 833-609-0686

Hosted by:
 Jeffery & Donna Theriot

Co-Hosted by:
 Robert & Rebecca Perere

(The schedule is tentative and
 schedule to change.)

April 24,
 Thursday

4:00 PM Happy Hour followed by a meal of Hot Dogs and Chili  provided by the Club. No snacks are needed, just your favorite toddy! A slide show presentation about the Bird Migration will follow. We will carpool to the Multiplex (corner of Highway 1 and Ludwick Lane) for the slide show. Time TBA.

April 25,
 Friday



The Bird Migration will be loads of fun! With three award-winning professional Birders, George Ritchie, Bob Long, and Steve Grunfeld (a world-renowned bird photographer), giving our Club exclusive tours, it promises to be an educational experience we will remember for a lifetime. Three areas on the island, Grand Isle Birding Trail, State Park, and Elmer's Island, will be part of our tour. Each tour lasts approx. 1.5 hours, and begins and ends at the Park's bathhouse for potty breaks.

7:00 AM Meet at the campground bathhouse for departure. We recommend bringing along binoculars, and bug spray to protect yourself from insect bites. You may also want to bring along a water bottle, raincoats, hats, or umbrella in case of light rain. Transportation to be determined.

4:00 PM Happy Hour followed by Grill Night. No snacks are needed, just your favorite toddy! We will share grills. Bring your meat, sides, drinks & tableware.



April 26,
 Saturday

5 PM Seafood meal sponsored by Jimmie Martin, a local businessman, and the Club offsite (to be announced). Guest speakers to follow the meal. Water will be provided. You may also bring any beverage you wish to drink. No setups provided. Additional details to be announced. Line-up for 4:30 to carpool to destination.



April 27,
 Sunday

Hope you all enjoyed the rally! Have a safe trip home!

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Helpful Information

GPS may route you south on Highway 308. There are two options for driving down the bayou. Hwy. 308 (east side of the bayou) does not have shoulders. Louisiana 1 (west side of the bayou) has shoulders.

There is a Walmart on La. 1 after you exit Hwy. 90 for supplies you may have left home without. Grand Isle Supermarket and Sureway Supermarket are two small grocers on the island.

There is a toll bridge in Leeville. The cameras will catch your license plate and bill you. The approximate cost is \$25-30.

Grand Isle Restaurants (being listed does not constitute a recommendation):

Hurricane Hole – 985-787-3663

Jo-Bob's – 985-787-3707

Starfish Restaurant – 985-787-2711

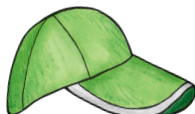
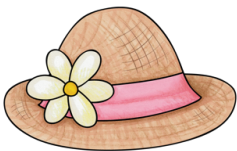
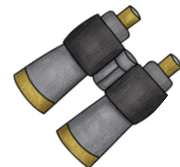
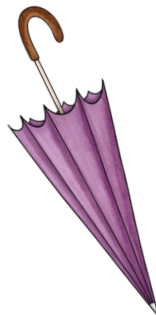
Tommy's Restaurant & Bar – 985-787-3165

Yum's – 985-787-2995

Grand Isle is one big bike path! If you enjoy riding, please bring your bike.



Don't forget the bug repellent! We will stomp through their habitat as we look for birds; they may not appreciate it! Also, hats, sunscreen, rain gear, and binoculars may be helpful. If lucky, we will spin like dancers trying to see more than 161 birds!



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GRAND ISLE MIGRATORY BIRD FESTIVAL



Below are a few links that you may enjoy visiting to learn more about the Bird Migratory Event.

“After a long flight across the Gulf of Mexico, migrating birds flock to Grand Isle to rest after their difficult journey. The island has become one of the best places in the world to see the variety of species flying north in the spring and back south in the fall,” said Grand Isle Mayor David Camardelle. “The Migratory Bird Festival not only celebrates their arrival to Grand Isle but provides easy viewing access to visitors.”

See songbirds in oak-hackberry woods, shorebirds, and waders on beaches and in the marshes, and raptors overhead. Grand Isle is an essential stop for songbirds during their spring and fall migrations across the Gulf of Mexico. The celebration is held annually to correspond with peak bird migration in April.

Highlights of this year’s event include expert-led bird-watching tours on the **Grand Isle Birding Trail, State Park, and Elmer’s Island**. Visitors can watch the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries catch migrating songbirds for weighing and measuring before release in Lafitte Woods Preserve. Kayak tours through the island’s mangroves will be offered.

This Annual Celebration Event, initiated in 1998, was created in part to support the purchase and management of the Grand Isle Sanctuary to protect some of the last remaining undeveloped chenier habitats (live oak ridges). The event is hosted by the Grand Isle Sanctuary Group, Grand Isle Community Development Team, Town of Grand Isle, The Louisiana Nature Conservancy, and Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program.”

<https://townofgrandisle.com/events/grand-isle-migratory-bird-festival/>

<https://www.louisianasportsman.com/news-breaker/lwfc-approves-resolution-making-queen-bess-island-a-louisiana-wildlife-refuge/>

Queen Bess Island



WHAT'S COOKING

From: Cindy Arjoon-Griffin



Instant Pot Seafood Paella

Prep Time: 15 minutes | Cook Time: 17 minutes | Serves 6

2 cups chopped white fish and scallops
2 cups mussels and shrimp
4 tablespoons olive oil
1 onion, diced
1 red bell pepper, diced

1 green bell pepper, diced
2 cups rice
A few saffron threads
2 cups fish stock
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

1. Set the Instant Pot to the Saute function on Normal, add the oil, and heat up.
2. Add the onion and bell peppers, and saute for 4 minutes.
3. Add the fish, rice, and saffron, stir. Cook for 2 minutes more.
4. Pour in the fish stock and season with salt and pepper, stir.
5. Place the shellfish on top.
6. Press the CANCEL key to stop the saute' function.
7. Lock the lid in place and set the Instant Pot to Pressure Cook on high for 6 minutes.
8. Once cooking is complete, select CANCEL and let naturally release for 10 minutes. Release any remaining steam manually. Uncover the pot.
9. Stir the dish and let sit for 5 minutes.
10. Serve and enjoy!

