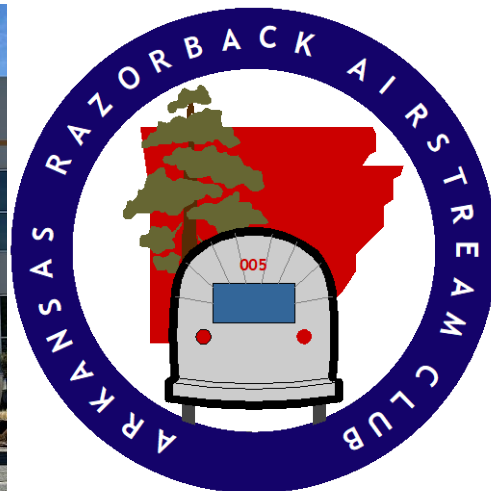


RIVETED RAZORBACK



April 2025

President's Message

By David Holsted

Welcome to the 2025 Streamin' season! It started off with a very successful Unit Board of Trustees (UBT) rally at Zack's wonderful farm. Hosted by Zack Bullock and Cassie Oaks, along with Zack's parents, it was just a wonderful time. Great food, watching their awesome Lab perform, great tour of some huge farm equipment, and getting to catch up with friends. It's on the calendar for 2026 as well, so if you didn't make this one then try the next one.

Next up was the Food Bank rally hosted by Trent and Jennifer Roberts. Not as many camped this time, but many came on Friday night and

Saturday. We raised \$27,200 which provides 136,000 meals. We also packed 4,760 weekend food packs for kids. If you didn't get a chance to donate already, you can do so at arkansasfoodbank.org and dedicate your contribution to the Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club.

Next rally up is Fun in The Fort rally in Ft. Smith, Ark. hosted by Larry and Terry Madden at the Riverfront RV Resort. This will be a first time there for the club and promises to be a very memorable one.

We have an exciting rally calendar for 2025, and we are busy filling in the 2026 calendar too. The Region 6 Rally is coming up September 24-28. If you want to come and have not yet reserved a site, please contact

David Gulley (501-960-4414) or (Dmgulley@gmail.com) to make sure you are on the waitlist. We have added additional sites and should have more coming for our members.

Jeff Dalrymple has organized a caravan from El Dorado to Arkaluma and then on to Buffalo Point (with a drive-in movie stop!) for this October. More details are on the rally schedule.

Remember to vote in the election for the 2025-2027 Airstream Club International (ACI) Executive Council elections underway now. You can read about all the candidates and watch their videos at: <https://mailchi.mp/97c55b47e6e1/election-edition-blue-beret-bulletin-6242638?e=d9ee4393c0> or in the most recent Blue Beret Bulletin.

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Member Spotlight: Melissa Anthony, BRN 23383

My name is Melissa Anthony. I have three children and (soon to be) seven grandchildren who are the light of my life. I have lived in Little Rock for over 40 years. I met my late husband, Robert, there in 1992, and we married in 1996. I have a busy life traveling between Little Rock and Fayetteville to visit grandkids, and enjoy volunteering for Casting for Recovery and P.E.O., a women's educational organization. I have always enjoyed the outdoors, and camping was something we did a lot growing up, but it was usually in a tent on the hard ground! When Robert and I married, his last camping experience was the Boy Scouts, but he was "hooked" when we camped in the mountains of Colorado for the first time! Like so many others, our tent was soon replaced by a 1985 Coleman Pop Up camper.



When someone asks how did your Airstream journey begin, I tell them "It all started with David Gulley!" In 2004 Robert and I were looking for an "upgrade" from the pop-up camper, and a client had a friend who knew of a 1993 (30 ft) Excella Classic for sale. That friend was David Gulley! When we pulled into the parking lot to see the Airstream, David had it cleaned and shining with the awnings out, and it was BEAUTIFUL! It was love at first sight for Robert . . . the only requirement was, we had to join the Razorback Airstream Club. I am so thankful we did! I would never have imagined how important this club would be to my personal Airstream journey.

Robert and I spent 13 years traveling together, exploring, fly-fishing, and loving our Airstream! I learned so much from him and, out of necessity as his health failed, I learned how to tow, hook-up, and park an Airstream. We traveled with my kids a lot when they were younger and even took my parents on an Airstream trip to Aspen. After Robert's passing in 2017, I didn't know how I could do it alone, and I wasn't actually sure I wanted to try. I went to a rally at Willow Beach in Scott, Ark., where everyone was so warm and welcoming; it was good to be back out in nature again and good to be among good friends. It was the support and encouragement of my Riveted Razorback friends that gave me the confidence to continue and begin my own Airstream adventures.



It was bittersweet when I sold the Excella Classic, but I had such joy knowing it was beginning a new life with a young family creating new memories of their own. I now have a 2019 (16 ft) Bambi Sport that is perfect for me! I love sharing my Bambi with my grandchildren at "Lissa Camp" and look forward to the fun rallies our club plans every year. I appreciate the hard work and planning that our hosts do to have these rallies and group activities, because as a single woman, I don't always feel

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comfortable being out on my own. I know someone will be watching for me to pull in, and there is always good advice if I have a mechanical issue. My confidence has grown, and I was so surprised to see I had logged approximately 10,000 miles in my little Bambi, all by myself!

My new traveling buddy is a one-year-old LARGE doodle mix named Daisy, who is actually Patti and BJ's grand-dog. I am a little worried that the Bambi may not be big enough for the two of us! My Airstream life has opened up adventures I never dreamed I would try alone; but with my amazing Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club, I know I am never alone, and someone will always have my back!



DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE

ARAC has purchased an Avive AED Defibrillator that can be taken to rallies, on caravans, etc. It can easily be shipped to a member who will be attending a club event. If you will be joining us for **Fun in the Fort** rally in May, you will have an opportunity to view our AED in person. We have training pads and a subscription to Real Connect.

--Cindy Kugel, ARAC Secretary, Airstream Club International Region 6 Secretary

Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

ARAC Members:

- **Andy & Mona Lise Cobb BRN 9862**, Maumelle, AR, 2012 Flying Cloud 25
- **Rick Congdon BRN 8493**, Fort Smith, AR, 2005 Land Yacht 30
- **Robert & Diana Kaase BRN 10871**, Garfield, AR, 2023 Globetrotter 24
- **Merlene & Tom Morris BRN 12830**, Ruston, LA, 1964 Globetrotter 19
- **Tracy Strange & Donna Dini BRN 3654**, Punta Gorda, FL, 2018 Base Camp 16
- **Scott & Lorien Trapani BRN 10952**, Little Rock, AR, 2022 Globetrotter 27

Affiliate Members:

- **Geri & Charles Prisco BRN 11890**, Deer Lodge, TN, 2015 Classic 30 [East Tennessee Airstream Club]
- **Shelley Tumino BRN 10704**, Tyler, TX, 1969 Trade Wind 25 [East Texas Lakes Unit]

2025-2026

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BRINGING IN THE NEW YEAR!

ARAC did not host a rally to bring in the new year, but many of our members were out in their campers having a great time bringing in 2025!



ARAC club members had a great time in Terlingua, Texas and Big Bend National Park (pictured above).



Paul Greene and Terri Murdoch brought in the new year with Cindy Braden in Bon Secour, Alabama (left) and also visited Johnson's Beach, Gulf Islands National Seashore in Perdido Key, Florida (right).



**“Streaming on the Farm” at Zach Bullock’s Farm in Stuttgart, AR
UBT (Unit Board of Trustees Meeting) • February 2025**



Send newsletter submissions to Dana Landrum at: RBACKAIRNEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM



5th Community Service Rally at Arkansas Food Bank

We had another great time at the Arkansas Foodbank in Little Rock March 14-16. Eleven rigs camped on the loading dock.

Approximately 30 ARAC volunteers packed 4,760 kids' backpacks to provide weekend meals to children in Arkansas. The Arkansas Food Bank provides 3,090 children with a backpack each weekend. Tim Welch's company, Wiese, donated another CAT pallet jack which brings the Razorback Airstream Club fleet to FOUR autographed pallet jacks in the volunteer center.

As usual, the food was fabulous. We enjoyed a hearty breakfast, smash tacos, and David Holsted's frozen margaritas this year.

We plan to be back at the Foodbank in 2027, so plan to join us for another fun service rally!







2025 RALLY SCHEDULE

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. Email info@therangevtr.com to reserve a spot. *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).*

Caravan Option – October 19-23: Cherokee Park on the Arkansas River, Morrilton, AR. Book at recreation.gov. *Contact: Jeff Dalrymple (fdcaptjd@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 Option – October 26: Movie Night at the Kenda Drive-In in Marshall, AR. Boondocking and a movie; nominal cost per trailer. Move on to Buffalo Point on Monday for the Buffalo Point pre-rally. *Contact: Jeff Dalrymple (fdcaptjd@gmail.com).*

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).*

2026 RALLY SCHEDULE

February 19-26, 2026: 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 12-15, 2026: Hope, Diamonds & Jonquil Rally in Hope, AR. Enjoy the Old Washington State Park Jonquil Festival while camping at the Hope Fairground. Other activities: Bill Clinton's birthplace home; Depot Museum; Klipsch Speaker Museum; and Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, AR. *Hosts: Arnie & Eleanor Jester (ajester2002@yahoo.com) and Pam & Ronnie Belk (calfneck42@yahoo.com).*

April 12, 2026 – TBD (by you): Spring Fling in Gulf Shores State Park in Gulf Shores, AL. Go to <https://reserve.alapark.com/gulf/campsites> **NOW** to make your reservations in the 220 to 250 area so we will all be together. Stay as long as you like! Enjoy the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail; Blue Angels practices; National Naval Aviation Museum; local farmers' markets; April wine dinners; tiki bar cruises and dolphin cruises; Bushwackers; Bands on the Beach on Pensacola Beach on Tuesday 7-9 p.m; and more! *Contact David Holsted (dholsted55@gmail.com) for more details.*

May 14-17, 2026: Bikes, Buddies, and Brewpubs at Downtown Riverside RV Park, N. Little Rock, AR. Campground is 50-amp (bring 30-amp adapter if needed). Morning bike rides on the Arkansas River trail (optional of course) to be followed by local pub crawls (e.g., Lost Forty, Stones Throw, Southern Tail Brewery, Camp Taco, Flyway). Make reservations through the park at 501-340-5312 and request sites closest to river (mention Arkansas Airstream Club). *Hosts: Paul & Jeannie Beck (pacbeck@gmail.com) and Dana & Jason Landrum (jdlandrum@mac.com).*

August 22-27: 69th Annual Airstream Club International Rally – Minot, ND. Fun, friendships, and all things Airstream. <https://airstreamclub.org/2026-international-rally>

Stay tuned for Fall 2026 lineup!!!

Easy Apple Dumplings

By: Jason Landrum (thanks to his mom Dorothy)

Ingredients:

- 2 large Granny Smith apples, peeled and cored
- 2 (10 oz.) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 1 cup butter
- 1 ½ cups white sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 (12 fl. oz.) can or bottle Sprite (or other soda)

Directions:

- 1) Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
- 2) Grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
- 3) Cut each apple into eight equal wedges; set aside.
- 4) Separate crescent roll dough into triangles. Roll each apple wedge in crescent roll dough starting at the smallest end. Pinch to seal and place in the prepared baking dish.
- 5) Melt butter in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir sugar and cinnamon into melted butter until combined. Pour over apple dumplings, followed by soda.
- 6) Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown, 35 to 45 minutes.
- 7) **ENJOY!!!**