

## May 2025

## President's Message by Jill Rabb (BRN 00404)

April was the Region 3 Rally and The Georgia Airstream Club's After Party during Masters Weekend. It was a small group, but we had a blast, and the weather was perfect. Articles are below.

This week we're off to Jackson Center for the Grand Opening of the new ACI Headquarters building. I'm super excited to see the new building. I saw it when it was during construction, but this time everything with the new building is perfect thanks to Jennifer Schnettler and her team. They've worked tirelessly and put in a lot of effort to make this building ready for the office staff. They even have Parker, the office dog, with his own name plate and a special bed! I'll send some pictures in the next newsletter. Check out the great articles about our recent Rallies below.

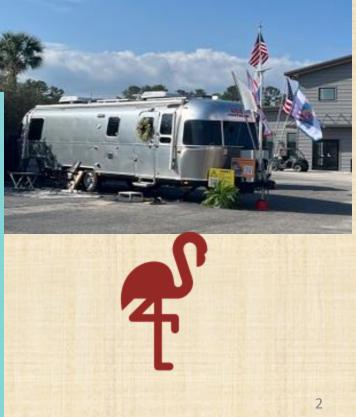
Enjoy the journey and be kind to each other.

Jill

## Streamin' in the Sweetgrass



REGION 3 · LADSON, SC · APRIL 9-13 2025



## The Georgia Airstream Club at the Region 3 Rally Streamin' in the Sweetgrass

This year the Region 3 Rally took place in Ladson, near Charleston, South Carolina. There were around 200 Airstreams gathered at the Exchange Park to enjoy everything that the area and rally had to offer. We were greeted by the excellent parking crew that led us to our designated spot and shortly after getting set up the rally fun began.

After checking in on Wednesday afternoon the Georgia Airstream Club coordinated a group dinner at the Low County Fish Camp. Invites went out, were passed along, and we ended up with over 20 folks at the restaurant enjoying classic South Carolina favorites. Thursday morning was the rally opening and welcome. President Bob Ealy spoke to a packed house, thanking everyone for coming and told us what to expect during the rally. There was also a presentation from each of the three charities chosen by the leadership team for our donations: Friends of Fisher House Charleston, Quilts of Valor, and Operation Patriots FOB. Other highlights of the morning included Tim Maxwell from Airstream, Inc, and representatives from Blue Compass. On that same topic, the display of new Airstreams provided by Blue Compass/Airstream of Greensboro was impressive. There was a wide variety of models to tour and check out the new upgrades. The lounge area in the Globetrotter 30RB alone garnered a lot of attention and had folks dreaming of a possible upgrade. Between the various presentations, visiting the vendors, craft fair, and exploring the area, there was so much to choose from during this rally.



There was a unique relaxation station with puzzles, games, coloring and other activities for those that wanted or needed to take a break. In addition, entertainment was provided every night. There was bingo, jam sessions, live music, and even a Charleston Storyteller that had everyone laughing.

Did I mention all the food? In the morning there was always coffee and a different food choice depending on the day. The pancake breakfast on Saturday was very tasty. Similar to the pancake breakfast, the dinners were also organized and served by different individual clubs attending the rally. Fiesta Friday was a Mexican themed dinner with sides and all of the toppings. Margaritas were also served! Saturday was a traditional low country boil with a dessert bar. There was also an ice cream station on Thursday and Friday night where you had the opportunity to create your own sundae.

Grapes and Grains organized a craft beer, bourbon and wine tasting on Saturday afternoon. It was very well attended, and it was hard to choose from all the drinks that folks contributed and were generously willing to share.

On Sunday morning, Donn Gray led everyone in a time of reflection.

Unfortunately, this meant the end of the rally and it was time to wish everyone safe travels until we see them again. Connecting with folks, seeing vendors, asking questions, and good food are some of the best benefits of attending region rallies. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers that made this a successful rally. The Region 3 Rally, next March in Lakeland, FL, is already on my calendar!

#### After Party Rally at Creekfire RV Resort, Savannah, GA

This was a fun post Region 3 Rally that coincided with the final round of the Masters Tournament on Sunday, April 13. Participants at the rally were treated to an opening social hour which included food items traditionally served during the tournament: chicken salad, egg salad, and of course, pimento cheese sandwiches. This was all presented on a beautifully decorated Masters themed table and even included ice cream sandwiches for dessert. I believe the golfers among us thoroughly enjoyed watching Rory McIlroy win the green jacket in a playoff. The following morning brought a late breakfast which included a breakfast casserole, cheesy grits, poundcake, mimosas and Bloody Marys. After that we had multiple options on how to spend the rest of the day. Some folks visited Tybee Island and others just took the time to have a relaxing day and enjoy the beautiful weather and amenities at the resort. We ended up meeting some more Airstreamers at the resort, also coming from Region 3, and all of us, 14 total, had dinner at a Mexican restaurant not too far away. We met at the Black Rifle Coffee shop the next morning for a little coffee, food and shopping. What a unique Savannah gem just right down the road from the RV resort! This was a great day to travel into downtown Savannah, for sightseeing, lunch and shopping. We met later for dinner at the Lake House, the restaurant located in the resort, to talk about how we spent our day and recommendations for next time. This was a short three-night rally, so before we knew it it was time to part ways the next morning. It was a nice experience to attend a rally with a smaller group since it really gives you the chance to get to know folks better, which can be a challenge during larger events. So many thanks to Jill and Alan Rabb for organizing and hosting this after party Region 3 Rally!



### Stews & Brews 3.0 Hard Labor Creek State Park

The newly chartered Georgia Airstream Club hosted their Kick-Off Rally at Hard Labor Creek State Park in March. Also titled Stews and Brews 3.0, rally planners focused on three small towns East of Atlanta, Georgia: Madison, Social Circle, and Covington. The highlights included the tour of an historic house in Madison arranged by our own members and co-hosts Dene and Joe Huff. A well-known local preservation member kept us engaged with a slideshow and oration of Madison's founding including photos of many beautifully preserved historic homes. Shopping opportunities abounded with large antique stores and home goods options such as the multilevel High Cotton which offered special Airstreamer's rally refreshments. The ever-popular Stews and Brews Friday night did not disappoint with our members' delicious recipes of Smoked Turkey Stew, White Chili's and even a Vegetarian Stew. Numerous sides of salads, savory bread, and desserts to round out the feast were enjoyed by all. Camping rallies wouldn't be complete without gathering around the nightly fire to share stories, tips, and meet new friends. Our final happy hour at the Tin Plate restaurant in Social Circle featured a great selection of wonderful "Pub Grub" and an even better selection of local beer, on draft, plus an abundance of other bottled and canned choices as well as specialty cocktails. A full-service bar for any palate. Big flavor in a small town! Thankfully the weather was beautiful and allowed us to explore the camping park and three small towns on our own or with fellow campers. A great, small start to our new Georgia Airstream Club adventures in Camping in the Peach State, Y'all!



## 2025 Georgia Airstream Club Officers:

President: Jill Rabb 00404 1st VP: Ned Webb 13486 **2nd VP:** Dene Huff 06740 Treasurer: Joe Huff 06740 **Parliamentarian:** Alan Rabb 00404 **Recording Secretary:** Randy Booth 23661 **Corresponding Secretary:** Sherry Johnson 01153 **Membership Chair:** Sherry Johnson 01153 Webmaster: Alan Johnson 01153 **Public Relations:** Melia Jacobs 01269 **Newsletter Editor:** Veronica Doster-Booth 23661 **Assistant Newsletter Editor:** Jillian Webb 13486 **Trustees:** Denise Sims 08306 Rob Goodell 01380

Please check GAC 's membership page on ACI for contact information. https://airstreamclub.org/georgiaairstream-club March New Members: Mark Spears & Tracy Davis Chase & Spencer Rabb

#### March Affiliates:

Melanie French Ray & Carol Combs Shawn & Mike Blom Erik & Carol van Dyck Deborah & Kevin Rogers Lewis & Judi Fogel Mark & Karen Kruer Bruce & Jocelyn Peace Burt & Gail Broadway Bill & Frances Hamblin Stephen Cook & Matty Garrett Mike & Mary Ann Ferretti Ross Gary Victoria La Placa & Fred Basnett

#### **April New Members:**

Paul & Rebecca Locke John & Wilda Covault

## April Affiliates: Emilio & Shirley Caragol Bill & Maria Harris Eddie & Sandi Lee Sandy & Rebecca Spencer Lee & Dawn Dunn Donn & Julie Gray Mac & Susan Baughman Donald & Patty Byrd Mike & Betsy Deegan

### **Treasurer's Report**

During the month we have seen a healthy influx of new members and corresponding growth in our assets in checking. I have gotten setup with our account, enabled Zelle for payments, and should have normal payment processing with cards completed early next week. I have spent quite a bit of time reviewing options for payment processing to make it most seamless, most efficient, and least expensive for the group.

I have gotten caught up on all receipts for startup costs and reconciled our liabilities, including the amounts already reimbursed via. direct payments to the Rabbs for the initial flag purchase. The Rabbs have fronted all startup costs and have agreed on getting reimbursed as our account allows. I would recommend we hold still for a bit until our next rally before beginning reimbursements.

In the next month, I will need to close on the payment processing. USBank's payment processing has proven to meet the criteria to be lowest costs, easiest to use, and most compatible with all potential upcoming payment methodologies (i.e., integration with Jotform, tap to pay with phone app at rallies, etc.)

As always feel free to reach out with any questions. This is my first pass at doing this. I welcome your feedback from your experience with other clubs/organizations to improve my monthly report.

Respectfully Submitted, Joe



## Liabilities

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Postage	56	(	) 56
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### Legend:

Admin - Postage: Any postage or shipping costs incurred Admin - SG&A: Badges, Business Cards, etc. (the costs of leadership necessities) Marketing: Stickers, Buttons, etc. (the things we display to show our affiliation that members keep and use) Merchandise: Flags, misc. (things we intend to either sell or give away to new members/recruitment)

## Get your Merchandise for GAC from Land's End

Make an account on Land's End. If you have an account with Land's End, you can skip this step.

Go to the ACI webpage and look up the Georgia Airstream Club. <u>https://airstreamclub.org/</u>

Slid down to the Merchandise link below the GAC header.

### Select Land's End Outfitters Business

Select the items you would like by color and size.

You will see the button to add a logo.

If in doubt or have any questions you can call **Land's End Outfitters** Customer Service. 1-800-587-1541

### Hey everyone!

We've got some exciting news! The Top of Georgia Board has given us the green light to host a pop-up rally at their campground. It's going to be a joint effort with **Top of Georgia, Southeastern Camping Unit and Georgia Airstream Club**. The date is June 5-8, 2025, and all three clubs will be hosting.

Right now we don't have any specific plans for the weekend, but I'd love to hear from you who are interested. If we have a successful rally we'd love to make it a yearly event.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you're interested. Embrace the journey,

Jill Rabb, President Georgia Airstream Club

### 2025 Rally Schedule

JULY Social Event towards the end of the month - TBD

> AUGUST 68th Airstream Club International Rally York, PA Aug 23-28

> > SEPTEMBER Talona Ridge RV Resort. Ellijay, GA Sept 4-7







OCTOBER / NOVEMBER Georgia / Florida Showdown Joint Rally Peanut Festival Hidden Hallows RV Park (The Crossing At Big Creek) Dothan, AL Oct 30-Nov 2

DECEMBER Social Event Dinner and Light Show at the Botanical Gardens Athens.





### 2026 Rally Schedule

MARCH 4-8 Region 3 Rally Sun and Fun Campground

March 8-11 Ocala Equestrian Center Make own Reservations





AUGUST. 22-27 International Rally Caravan?

SEPTEMBER 10-13 Talona Ridge RV Resort. \*This will be a Annual Rally\*



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### **Campfire Peach Cobbler**

### Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
4 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup 2% milk
1/2 cup butter, melted



## Filling

- •2 cans (15-1/4 ounces each) sliced peaches
- •1/4 cup sugar
- •1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, optional

### Directions

1.Prepare campfire or grill for low heat, using 32-40 charcoal briquettes.

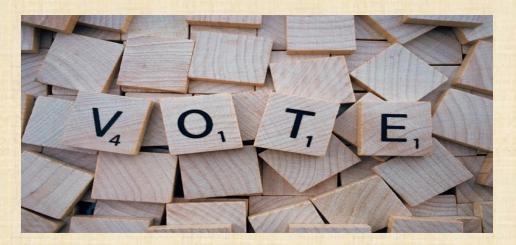
2.Line the inside of a 10-in. Dutch oven with heavy-duty foil. In a large bowl, whisk together first 4 ingredients. Add milk and melted butter, stirring just until moistened. Pour into prepared pan.
3.Drain peaches, reserving 1 cup syrup. Arrange peaches over batter; sprinkle with sugar and, if desired, cinnamon. Pour reserved syrup over fruit. Place lid on Dutch oven.

4.When briquettes are covered with white ash, place Dutch oven directly on half of the briquettes. Using long-handled tongs, place remaining briquettes on top of pan lid. Cook 30-40 minutes or until cobbler is set and beginning to brown, using tongs to lift lid carefully when checking. If necessary, cook 5 minutes longer. Remove from heat; let stand, uncovered, 15 minutes before serving.



## 2025-2027 Airstream Club International Executive Council Election

It's that exciting time again—when Airstream Club members have the opportunity to cast their vote and help shape the future leadership of our organization. The election for the 2025–2027 ACI Executive Council is underway, and your participation is vital to ensuring a strong, dynamic, and member-focused leadership team.



### **Election Schedule**

Stay in the know with these important election dates:

April 25, 2025 – Deadline to submit questions for candidate interviews
Mid-May 2025 – Candidate interviews published on YouTube

•May 21, 2025 @ 7:00 PM ET – Live "Ask the Candidates" webinar •May 27, 2025 – Deadline to request a Paper Ballot

•June 1–June 15, 2025 – Voting window open to eligible Airstream Club members

•June 18, 2025 – Election results announced (pending receipt of paper ballots)

July 17, 2025 – New Executive Council Officers announced
 August 2025 – New Executive Council seated at International Rally

# Rally With GAC 181 Camping in the Peach State, Y'all!!

Please fill out Jotform if you plan on attending any rally. Rally fee is per person unless stated otherwise. Forms will be available on our GAC Airstream International Page and our Facebook Page.

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