



# *The Pelican Briefs*

## *July 2025*

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*FROM* the Editor  
Donna McBroom-Theriot

Happy July to everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Jeffery and I would like to organize a caravan to the Region 6 Rally in Tennessee. If you are planning to attend and would like to join us, please email or text me (985-696-6250 or [dmcmbroomtheriot@gmail.com](mailto:dmcmbroomtheriot@gmail.com)). We will need to know who is interested, and their homebase so we can begin planning the caravan.

Do you have a favorite campground or one that you've been wanting to try? Please let us know so the Planning Committee can consider it for a future rally. Thank you!





## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Robert Perere

Greetings Louisiana Airstream Club members and affiliates

It was so nice to see everyone at our June 28, 2025 luncheon at Dukes Seafood and Steakhouse in Denham Springs La. Thanks to my wife Rebecca for arranging everything for us. We like to have luncheons during the summer months because it's too hot to have Rallies or do any camping unless you go north. Luncheons are a good way for us to keep in touch and meet new members and just chill. It is very difficult to plan a luncheon that would be feasible for everyone to attend because of our statewide membership, so we try to find a location that is central to most of our members.

We had 37 attendees and had one couple that made this their first function with us, Randy and Tracy Leblanc from Gonzales La. There were several couples that drove over one hundred miles to attend. We had members from fifteen different cities present.

David Gulley, our incoming Region 6 President, and his wife Mary from Little Rock, Ark. Also attended. David gave a very interesting and informative talk about the history of the Airstream Club, and how he grew up Airstreaming. Everyone was impressed. In my opinion, Region 6 could not have chosen a more knowledgeable, and personable leader than David Gulley. On behalf of the Louisiana Airstream Club, I want to thank David, and his wife Mary for their visit with us, and we look forward to working with them.

Rebecca and I would like to give recognition to Dukes Seafood for their outstanding service. The food was good and the waitress was awesome. Thank you to all that attended. We enjoyed having each and everyone of you. I had a good time and I hope everyone else did also.

*"Success is what happens after you've survived all of your mistakes."*

*See you down the road!*

*Robert Perere*

## JUNE LUNCHEON 2025



David Gully, Region 6



David and Mary Gulley



Randy and Tracy LeBlanc



### WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

Welcome to our new affiliate members  
Adrian and Jeanne Zarr from Hendersonville, TN!





On June 3, 2025 our club sent a letter to RMHC along with checks totaling \$3,222 from the proceeds of our annual auction. Grace McIntosh, the Executive Director of RMHC followed this up with a phone call and a Thank You card. She has invited all of our members to visit the new RMHC in New Orleans. She has also invited us to have official meetings or parties at their house.

The correspondence we had is below.

*Rebecca Perere*

Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Louisiana  
210 State Street - Building 4  
New Orleans, LA 70118

Grace McIntosh: Executive Director

Grace, I enjoyed speaking with you on the phone and will definitely take you up on your offer to visit and tour the new large and improved Ronald McDonald House.

We at the Louisiana Airstream Club just had our annual auction and I am happy to say we raised more than we did last year. I am enclosing \$3,222. We will also have our annual Christmas raffle in December and hopefully we will surpass the amount we gave last year.

It's truly a pleasure raising money for such a worthy cause.

Rebecca Perere  
Louisiana Airstream Club

Dear Rebecca,  
Thank you so much for  
your support! I hope  
to see you and the  
Club members soon!  
Grace





## UPCOMING RALLY SCHEDULE



- August 2025**      **International Rally in York, PA. Check the Airstream International Website and Facebook page for additional information.**
- September 2025      Caravaning to the Region 6 Rally. It is in the planning stages, and additional information will be available soon.
- 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.
- Oct. 25-Nov. 2, 2025      "Following the Natchez Trace to Nashville." Hosted by Dale Spillman and Shan Tidwell. Unit caravan limited to 10 units. For **regular** and **affiliate** members of the LA Airstream Club. Other WBAC members can apply and will be placed on waiting list for empty spots available. All applicants are to email Dale Spillman: [Laul5880@yahoo.com](mailto:Laul5880@yahoo.com) Caravan full; standby only.
- 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!*



**Print me!**

## HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY



The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the [American Revolution](#). On July 2nd, 1776, the [Continental Congress](#) voted in favor of independence, and two days later, delegates from the [13 colonies](#) adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by [Thomas Jefferson](#). From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from [fireworks](#), parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2025 is on Friday, July 4.

# HOW TO PACK YOUR RV FOR A CAMPING TRIP

Special Feature

Whether you're a first-timer or a pro, packing your RV takes some forethought and planning. And even though it might seem like your RV has endless shelves, cabinets, and nooks and crannies, you'll soon find that space is limited. To help make the most of your RV's space, this RV packing checklist includes a few dos, and don'ts, tips, and tricks to get you started.

Remember to space your heavy items throughout the RV to avoid weighing down one side of the rig. Do this both from front to back and side to side. Staying as light as possible is important to keep your rig under the necessary payload and towing capacity limits.

## RV Toolbox

You'll need both an [emergency roadside safety kit](#) and an [RV toolbox](#) for repairs on the go. This is where you will keep all of the essential tools you need to maintain your RV on the road. Many of these items are similar to what you need with a car or home, like a hammer, screwdriver, duct tape, jumper cables, and a tire pressure gauge. Other useful essentials include leveling blocks, wheel chocks, roof patches, and sealant.

## RV Tool Storage Tips

Storing your mechanical equipment can be a little tricky considering the space constraints of an RV. Don't place tools next to containers full of caustic fluids. Make sure to safely store all your vehicle fluids, like coolant and oil, in a waterproof, airtight container or bin to avoid nasty spills. If you have exterior storage on your RV for tools and equipment, use it. If not, try to keep all of your tools organized neatly in a large, sturdy toolbox or a few smaller toolboxes scattered around the RV for weight distribution. Make sure to keep them out of reach of any small children.

## Water

Unless you're off to do some [boondocking](#), it's not advisable to travel with a full fresh water tank. That's because an average 40-gallon tank will add an extra 334 pounds to the weight of your RV. So, pack water for the trip to make sure you have constant access to safe drinking water.

In addition to simply packing water, make sure to bring along any water filters you'll need. A high-quality [fresh water hose](#) is a must to fill your fresh water tank when you get to your destination. A [water pressure regulator](#) is also highly recommended because the water from the RV campground might come out at very high pressure, which can cause damage to your RV. And be sure to check your water heater before you pack up and go.

If you're traveling with cases of bottled water, keep them stored evenly across the RV and low to the ground.



## Bathroom

Remember to pack your [black water tank chemicals](#), [sewer hose](#) and attachments, and sanitation gloves. Before you leave on a trip, pour the [black water tank treatment](#) into the toilet along with some water and a toilet deodorant. Each time you empty the tank, you'll need to refill the treatment chemicals.

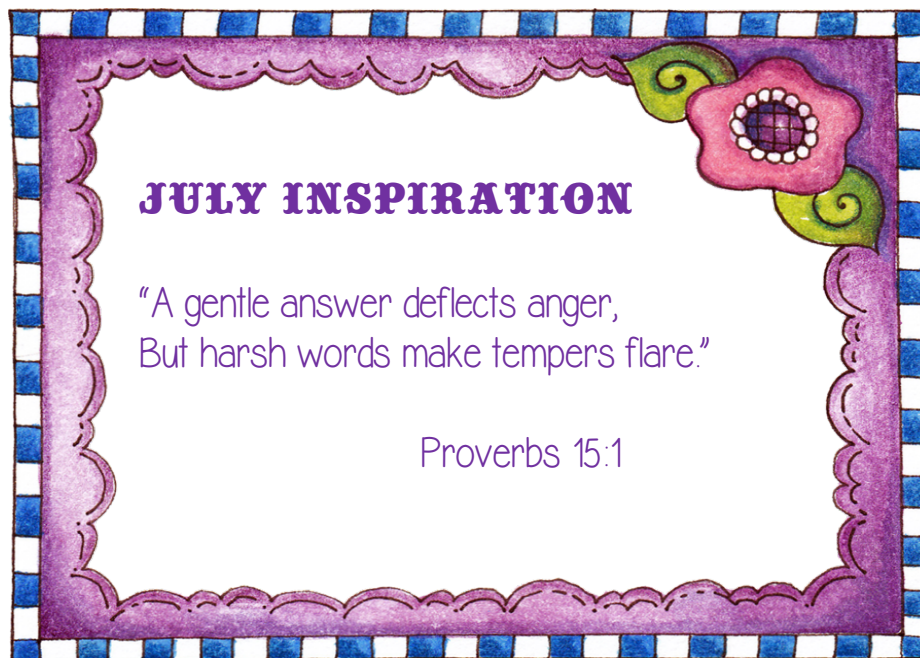
Also, make sure you have your [RV toilet paper](#) and disposable cleaning wipes to clean your toilet quickly and painlessly.

Purchase a [shower head](#) that's made specifically for RV showers. This will not only help with conservation, but it also provides a steady stream of good water pressure for your showers.

**This Newsletter: Toolbox, Storage, Water, Bathroom**

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# New Benefit: KOA Group Camping

We're excited to announce a brand-new benefit for Airstream Club International members: access to KOA's Group Sales Program!

Whether you're organizing a rally, caravan, or club event, KOA's network of over 500 campgrounds across the U.S. and Canada offers the perfect setting for unforgettable group experiences. With RV sites, tent options, Camping Cabins, and Deluxe Cabins—plus amenities like pavilions, outdoor kitchens, and meeting areas—KOA is ready to host your next adventure.

## Group Perks include:

- Guaranteed Sites
- Potential Stay Discounts
- KOA Rewards Account Holders can earn points on group stays
- Complimentary Site for Group Leader (select locations)
- Dedicated Group Coordinator (select locations)
- Concierge Service (select locations)



Whether you're heading out for a weekend caravan or planning a large-scale rally, KOA has a campground—and the hospitality—to match your vision.

[\*\*Program Details & List of Participating KOA Campgrounds\*\*](#)