SC Coastal Airstream Club #150

https://airstreamclub.org/south-carolina-coastal

A Note from The President:

As some of our members get ready to head out to the 68th

International Rally in York, PA, some traveling home from various International Caravans, while others are enjoying vacation travels to different locations, we all have one thing in common—we're all blessed to be traveling in Airstreams! So whatever you're doing, enjoy it to the fullest and stay safe on those roads. Hopefully we'll have reports from some of our members on their trips at our September Rally.

As we look forward to our September Rally in Helen, GA, I would like to thank all those who attended and helped with the June rally at Mt. Airy, NC. We had so much fun, and I can't thank you enough for all the support we had during the entire weekend.

Please read the detailed plans below for our September Rally at Top of Georgia prepared by our hosts, Bruce and Amy Melville. And please fill out the JOT form by Wednesday August 13th using the link at the bottom of the Newsletter, when you receive the Newsletter.

My best to each of you, Parniece

I'm preparing a spreadsheet for the Top of Georgia Campground with information on those attending. Here is a list of members who have pre-registered with me so far. You are requested to fill out the JOT form at the end of the Newsletter even if you're pre-registered. Please do not call the campground as they do not take phone registrations.

Aichner, Bard, Buford, Cash, Dawson, Dougherty, Herron, Houge, Kreiling, Knight, Kornahrens, Maloy, Mansfield, Melville, Noel, Stuckey, Weaver, Wilson

September Rally - Top of Georgia: It's Oktoberfest ~ Prost!

Wednesday, Sept 3rd

For early arrivals - check in & set up

4:00 pm: *Meet & Greet* at main building; bring your drink and a smile and say hello! Dinner on your own. Suggestions: Cowboys and Angels, Hofbrauhaus - both downtown Helen.



Thursday, Sept, 4th

Arrival, Check-in & set-up

Free afternoon and lunch on your own *Maybe a hike or a stroll around Helen? See info below for suggestions!* **4:00 pm** - *Meet and Greet* at the main building. Bring a light snack to share, your drink, and setups for dinner **6:00 pm** - Dinner provided by Glenn and Mary Beth Kornahrens
Campfire at fire ring - bring a chair

Friday, Sept. 5th

11:15 Arrive at Hardman Farm for scheduled 11:30 tour. <u>You may want to bring a "light snack" to eat before starting the tour.</u>

Adults (though age 61) \$13.00

Seniors (62+) \$9.75

This is a 1 ½ hr walking tour, and the house is not air conditioned; however, there are fans in the rooms. If there is a need for mobility assistance, please let Amy Melville know, so she can alert the tour guide.

Location: 143 Highway 17, Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30571

**If you are planning on attending, please note on the JOT form, so a final count can be relayed to the tour guide.

From the website: "Guided house tours include the 19th-century parlor, original lighting, and interesting telephone and climate control system. Visitors will also see the bedroom belonging to Anna Ruby Nichols, the namesake of nearby Anna Ruby Falls. The old barn was the focal point of Nacoochee Dairy that operated from 1910 until the mid-1920s. Guests will learn how milk was processed and transported, plus they will see a spring house and former horse barn."

4:00 pm - Happy Hour at main building, bring your drink and set-ups for dinner

6:00 pm - Dinner provided by John and Julie Maloy

Maybe a campfire post dinner?



Saturday, Sept. 6th

8:30 am - Breakfast provided by Bruce and Amy Melville

Registrations will be open, and the rally fee will be determined by the rally expenses. A short meeting will be held after breakfast.

12:00pm -Suggestion: Oktoberfest Parade Downtown, Main Street Helen

Lunch on your own - Suggestion: Betty's Country Store, order a sandwich from the deli and enjoy lunch and beer! It's the local IGA - but so much more!

4:00 pm - Meet and Greet at main building. Bring your drink, setups for dinner and be ready to play some Oktoberfest games!

6:00 pm - Dinner provided by Chris and Carey Herron (Low Country Boil) Maybe Campfire post dinner?

Sunday, Sept. 7th

8:30 am - Meet at pavilion for a snack, fellowship, and final goodbye for the road.

Things to Do:

Visit Helen: The charm of Bavaria in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Hiking: **Anna Ruby Falls** is a beautiful double waterfall that's a super popular hike near Helen. Located in the Chattahoochee National Forest, you'll access the falls through Unicoi State Park (though it isn't part of the park and has a separate entrance fee).

Hiking trail to the falls is paved and only has a slight incline. It's a pretty easy 0.5 mile hike to the wooden viewing platforms at the base of the falls. The entire hike is just under 1 mile in total.

Is it pet-friendly? Yes, leashed dogs are allowed on this trail.

Location: 3455 Anna Ruby Falls Rd, Helen, GA 30545

Parking: Parking is available at the Anna Ruby Falls Recreation Area.

There is an entry fee per person for the falls, but no additional fee for parking.

Fees: \$5 per person

Hours: Daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with last admission at 4 p.m.

Brasstown Bald - is the highest point in the U.S. state of Georgia. Surrounded by the <u>Chattahoochee - Oconee National Forest</u>, its cloud-level observation deck offers stunning 360-degree views of the Southern Appalachian Mountains and valleys. On a clear day, one can see four states. The unique circular building is home to an 8,000-square-foot museum featuring interactive cultural and natural history exhibits. Summit Trail. The trail to the top is only .6 miles but it is a tough half mile as it is a quick and steep incline from the parking lot to the summit. Paved trail or not, this isn't an easy trail; an \$8.00 fee is required for park entry and the shuttle bus. The hike back down is doable, but steep.

Location: 2941 Highway Spur 180 Hiawassee, GA 30546

Adventure Seekers: Ride the Georgia Mountain Coaster, the first and only mountain coaster in the state. Control your own speed and choose your own adventure— go as fast or slow as you want. Go full speed ahead for an all-out thrill ride or gently glide down while enjoying the forest scenery. Cost: \$17, and half off 2nd

ride same day **Location:** 8409 S Main Street Helen, GA



Click this link to register for the September 2025 Top of Georgia rally