

Magnolia Messenger

Mississippi Airstream Club (MAC) Unit 056

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Mississippi Streamers,

Mary and I just got back from the Airstream International Rally. The experience was enjoyable. We also had the opportunity to meet some of our new club members. Our Mississippi group was a little small this year, but it was fun.

Attendees: Randall and Mary Colston
Bob and Elizabeth Hawkins
Keith and Cindy Bradley

John and Jackie Fortner
Dick and Edna Ball
Richard Ball and Michelle Arnoult

The band and chorus did a great job as always. The Hawkinses and Balls are members of those units. As always we like to see our members involved. Volunteering at International is a good way to meet new people. Check the *Blue Beret* this year to find ways that you might be involved next year in Minot, ND.

We are on our sixth year in the Mississippi Airstream Club, and I believe we can be considered old timers now. We stay involved, and we have stories to tell!! On the way back from Pennsylvania, my rear passenger side truck tire went flat on the road, and it took us four hours to get it fixed. It was on Sunday in a small town in TN. We called the insurance company; they were in a systems outage. We had to call a repair service out of Nashville. Needless to say, my new tire is the most expensive tire I have ever bought, and I do not even know what brand it is. Regardless, it will be my new spare. The other spare had never been on the ground, but it was not designed for the weight of a trailer. Anyway, we finally made it home.

We are going to Region #6 Rally in Sevierville, TN., next week. I am looking forward to attending; it could be the best Airstream Rally we have been to so far.

Speaking of getting involved: If you would like to host a rally, please talk to me. We don't have anything scheduled for next fall (Election Rally). Many times, the Election rally is hosted

by the incoming President. If you are interested in serving as President or VP next year, I would like to give you an opportunity to work with one of the VPs or me before next year. If you are new to the club, please consider getting involved with the club activities.

I hope all is going well with you all. We have lots of fun rallies coming up. I look forward to seeing you in Sevierville. Have a safe trip.

Randall Colston

Election

The election and installation will be held on Friday the 10th of October at the Fall Fest Rally. We have one director position to fill. Our nominating committee, Mary Colston, Anna Reynolds, and Elizabeth Hawkins, submitted the name of John Fortner for the open position. In accordance with our by-laws, you may make a nomination from the floor at the meeting. If you do that, be sure that you have the permission of the one being nominated. The election and installation will be a club business meeting. After the installation, the Board will meet. The Fall Fest Rally schedule is in this newsletter.

CLUB NOTES

Welcome our new members: [Look Who's Joining the Party]

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UPCOMING EVENTS [OR LET'S HAVE FUN]

If you are willing to help with any of the rallies, please contact
Randall Colston, randall@lonecastle.com, 901-484-0018

Region 6 Rally Sept. 24-28, 2025. The Ridge Outdoor Resort, Sevierville, TN. Call 1-865-505-3111 for site reservations. Ask for Teresa or Samantha. Rally registration will be online. For info: David Gulley, dmgulley@gmail.com

Fall Fest Rally – Oct. 8-12, 2025; Escambia Co. Lake Stone Campground, 801 County Road 4, Century, FL; Hosts: Dick/Edna Ball and Bob/Elizabeth Hawkins. No reservations. \$18/night.

Christmas Rally – Dec. 4-7, 2025; Central Hills Baptist Assembly, West, MS; Host: Colstons; co-host requested

Spring Rally- LA/MS Joint Rally, Mar 12-15, 2026; La Pay E Bas Campground, 669 Arpent Rd, Eunice, LA. Co-hosts: Blake/Jeri Donald and Robert/Rebecca Perere. Contact Blake Donald (bdonald2014@gmail.com or 210-823-5370) and include your trailer length and number in your party to reserve a spot. You'll pay the park when you arrive. Activities include a big crawfish boil (*the true Cajun way*) and an auction with proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House Foundation. Please bring your items for auction, which will turn into someone else's treasures. Rally fee will be determined after a confirmed attendance list.

International Rally August 22-27, 2026, 2005 E. Burdick Expressway, North Dakota State Fairground, Minot, ND. Online registration at airstreamclub.org.

MAC Fall Fest and Election Rally
Arrive October 8th - Depart October 12th

Hosts: Edna and Dick Ball, Elizabeth and Bob Hawkins

Please Text/Email Dick Ball at rjb4415@cox.net 850-982-0948 or Elizabeth Hawkins at ejhawkins@bellsouth.net 662-312-4882 if you plan to attend and if you will volunteer for the opportunities noted in italics.

Location: Escambia Co. Lake Stone Campground, 801 County Road 4, Century, FL (county park)

NO RESERVATIONS –first come, first park; \$18/night; Please do not drive/park on the grass!
Rally Fee – TBD depending on number of rigs; for all meals – bring your beverage and table service

Early Arrivals

October 7th Tuesday

6:00 - Dinner -David's Catfish House – Atmore, AL 251-368-3063

October 8th Wednesday

6:00 pm Dinner– Closed-in Pavilion

Welcome all and enjoy Dick's spaghetti supper; need volunteers for salad and garlic bread

October 9th Thursday

8:00 am - Breakfast – Pavilion – Don Williams (scrambled eggs) and Blake Donald (sausage biscuits)

9:00 am – Caravan to Pensacola to NAS Museum NOTE: no admittance to NAS if firearms are in your rig

For those who want to skip the museum:

Light House at NAS

Museum of History and Museum of Art 330 S. Jefferson St. 850-595-5985 10-4; \$11 seniors includes both museums and the museums of Historic Pensacola Village

Lunch on your own – Cubi Point in the NAS museum or your choice downtown

3:00 - leave NAS; if you want seafood to take home, head to Joe Patti's (take something to ice the fish in)

4:00 pm – supper at McGuire's Irish Pub

Back at campground – games, visiting

October 10th Friday

8:00 am - Breakfast – in your rig (unless someone offers to prepare breakfast)

9:00 am – Fishing, corn hole, bocce ball, board games, canoeing (bring your canoe/kayak); biking/hiking around the lakes; alternate is Poarch Creek Indians Museum, 5484 Jack Springs Rd., Atmore, AL

12:30 pm – Lunch in the Pavilion - Hawkins and kind volunteer

2:30 – Business meeting and installation

3:30 – Board meeting

5:00 – Caravan to Milton (if you are not a night driver, ride with someone who is)

6:00 pm Dinner – Food trucks in Milton

7:00 – 9:00 – Bands on the Blackwater – Kari Ryan is entertainer (Facebook: Bands on the Blackwater)

October 11th Saturday (we will not have the pavilion on Saturday)

Breakfast in your rig

8:30 – caravan to Milton

Lumberjack Festival (contests, food, crafts, entertainment), PSC Milton Campus, 5988 US 90, Milton, FL **OR** Rails to Trails Bike Ride (directed by Walt Schumann)

Lunch on your own

Afternoon -Stay at Lumberjack Festival **OR** Pea Ridge Flea Market, 5186 US 90, Pace FL32571

6:00 Supper – Edna's 15-Bean Soup; need volunteers for cornbread and salad. Since we are outside, please offer a table for outside set-up; bring chairs

October 12th Sunday

8:00 Breakfast (sweet rolls and fruit) outside Balls' rig; bring your coffee - See you down the road