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Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter

October 2025

President's Message

From Your President,

Greetings,

As I begin my time as your President. I want to thank you for your confidence in my abilities and leadership. I think the Alabama Airstream Club has a great team in place to lead us for the next several years. It is exciting to have Rob Fike as our First Vice-President. Rob has shown his leadership and organizational abilities in Hosting the Foley Balloon Rally last year and chairing the parking committee at the Fiddler's Rally this year. I look forward to what is to come. It is also a pleasure to have Alan Furr as our second Vice-President. Alan's abilities are clear and I look forward to his time with us as a leader, as the Club continues to grow and excel. Plans are being made now for great rallies for the coming years.

I thank the previous Presidents and other officers for their service to the Club.

Without them we wouldn't be where we are today. Thank you to Mike Riggins and John Burton, our most recent past presidents.

We have seen membership in the club grow these past few years and are happy we have Mary Ellen Hall as membership chair. Also, much thanks to Mike Hamilton who keeps us in line financially, and also to Cathi Hamilton as recording secretary. Judy and I are working to expand communication opportunities within the club. I am pleased to have John Rylee continue as the newsletter editor and am happy to welcome Ron Ackridge as the Web Master. Thank you to all of the above. Social media and Web presence is one of the best ways to share with our members information that is important to know timely in order to know what is available and maximize the opportunities of Alabama Airstream Club membership. Our Alabama GROUP on FaceBook

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/19svi1SST9/>

is a place where we can all share together and get to know one another better. As corresponding secretary Judy will send out occasional reminders to members about upcoming events.

Judy and I grew up in The Shoals area of North Alabama and have close connections still to that area, but have lived in Huntsville for 37 years and raised our two boys here. We attend and are involved at Whitesburg Baptist Church. I began camping at age 8 with my parents and was involved in a camping club that

was the rule of the day in the late 60's and 70's. It is the basis of my Rally experience and was wonderful training and knowledge that lends itself to Rally planning even today. Judy and I have camped all our lives together and have owned tents, pop-ups, travel trailers, hybrids, truck camper (only 3 weeks) and motorhomes and currently have a 1973 Airstream Argosy, a 1993 B190 Motorhome (kinda for sale) and our new to us 2006 28W Christopher C. Deam model.

Judy is currently the Region 6 Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) Representative and we are highly involved in VAC. As some of you know, Judy and I have hosted rallies for many years and enjoy the opportunity to have groups of people enjoy getting to know each other and make life-long friendships. We certainly have and do. We have a couple vintage groups that host Vintage Camper Rallies throughout the year, Deep South Caravans and Argosy Adventures. They are a great group of folks that love to camp and fellowship together. We look forward to being engaged with many of you at Rallies, Gatherings and Campfires Soon.

We are so very **happy** proud to be your Alabama Airstream Club President and First Lady.

New Members

Welcome to these new members that have joined the Alabama Airstream Club. We hope to see you soon at an upcoming event.

Carol-Ann & Thomas Albecker
05004

Huntsville, AL

Edwin & Audra Forteza
06505
Affiliate
Tarmac, FL

David & Paula Gautreau
16362
Affiliate
Gonzales, LA

Greg & Annette Hathaway
05491
Affiliate
Maryville, TN

Wade & Graham Holder
08163
Owens Crossroads, AL

Pat & Jeanie Lawley
08647
Mt Olive, AL

Randy & Tracy LeBlanc
22731
Affiliate
Gonzales, LA

Joanna Long & David Pillet
04672
Affiliate
Vanceleave, MS

Micheal & Carol Meely
24012
Decatur, AL

Scott & Caroline Murphy

11579
Vestavia Hills, AL

Terry & Anna Reynolds
01158
Affiliate
Gautier, MS

Jared & Haley Roddam
13473
Centre, AL

Christopher & Dana Spires
05525
Affiliate
Buffton, SC

Perry & Linda Tilghman
02755
Chapmansboro, TN

Kyle & Abby Wilson
23902
Saraland, AL

Jeane & Adrian Zarr
05393
Affiliate
Hendersonville, TN

Upcoming Events

The Alabama Airstream Club's annual Christmas party will be December 9, 2025, at the Gardendale Civic Center, Full Moon BBQ' will be catering our lunch. Time: 11 AM to 2:00, 11:00 -12:00 Meet n' Greet/

Announcements, 12:00 Lunch and Program.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Please contact John and Judy Burton at JLBurton1601@gmail.com. This is important so we can have a headcount.

Oak Mountain State Park, February 19th-22nd, 2026.

a. Rally Host: Hardwicks

b. Agenda, Friday 7.00 coffee at Oak Mountain then tour Silverliners restoration in EastLake area, Birmingham @ 9.00am. Lunch @11.00 at the Irondale Cafe then Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Supper on our own. Campfire back at the park around 6.32pm. (Civil twilight)

Saturday 8.00am coffee. 9.30 maintenance discussion about our Airstreams/possible Craft project. Thank free day to hang at the park. 5.00pm Pitch-In meal as a group. Sunday Head out.

Joint Rally with Mystic Springs, March 5th-8th, 2026.

a. Rally Host unknown

b. Agenda will be set by them.

We would likely provide one meal, Friday or Saturday night.

Foley Balloon Rally at Anchors Aweigh, April 29th-May 3rd, 2026.

a. Rally Host Alan Furr

b. Agenda as it has been in the past. Likely hors d'oeuvre on Thursday, meal out on Friday, Shrimp Boil on Saturday. Hardwicks can cook Pancakes and Sausage one morning if you wish.

Up, Up and Away Balloon Rally at Joe Wheeler State Park May 21st-24th, 2026.

- a. Rally Host Hardwicks
- b. Agenda, follow the flight schedule for the Jubilee Balloon Festival in Decatur. Attend flights as weather allows. Especially Saturday AM and PM and Possibly the Key Grab Race on Sunday morning. One other activity to watch Up on Video movie display sometime, during the weekend one PM.

Airstream Club International at Minot, ND August 22nd-27th, 2026.

Region 6 Rally at Unhitched RV, Foley, Al September 23rd-27th, 2026.

The Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention Alabama Airstream Rally September 29th-October 4th, 2026.

- a. Rally Host: Rob Fike
- b. Agenda- TBDetermined.

Joint Alabama Airstream Club/Music City Airstream Club Natches "Trace" Your Music Roots Rolling Rally down the Natchez Trace Parkway October 15th-25th, 2026. **SOLD OUT. 22 rigs included 11 from each club. If interested, contact Judy Hardwick, a waitlist is being maintained.**

Area Meetings

Montgomery Area

Submitted by John Rylee

The Montgomery area Airstreamers met on Oct 14 at the Catfish House in Millbrook. Attending were Flip & Paul Aehnlich, Brooks & Catherine Darby, Griff & Candy Harris, Jerry Mitchell, John & Carol Rylee, Peter & Nancy Cutler who drove from Auburn to attend, and hosts Paul & Julia Pasley.

North Alabama Area

Submitted by Mary Ellen Hall

TBD

See you down the road!

John Rylee, Editor



