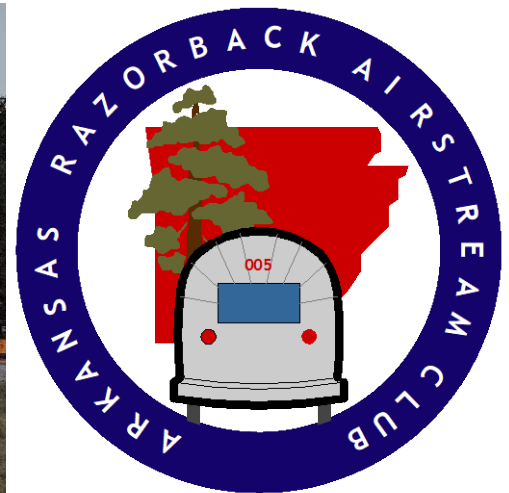


RIVETED RAZORBACK



September 2025

President's Message

By David Holsted, BRN 6884

As the seasons have shifted and the open roads have called, I am thrilled to write this — a tradition we started that helps bind our club together, no matter how far our travels may take us. Whether you're reading this while sitting beside a campfire, parked in a wonderful spot with an awesome view, or simply planning your next trip, I hope all of you are well and ready to hit the road to the next adventure.

As Nancy and I travel from one gathering to another, I am continually struck by the warmth and resilience of our club. Whether it's a helping

hand with a stubborn awning, an invitation to share a potluck dinner, great happy hours, or advice on how to fix something broken in our trailers, I am always reminded that our club is built on our support for each other and shared adventures.

I am especially moved by the way we welcome newcomers. Each fresh face brings a new story, a new skill, and a new sense of wonder. To our newest members: thank you for choosing to join our club. May your journeys be filled with joy, the friendships you make deepen with every mile, and you enjoy becoming part of our family.

Over the past several months, our club has had some fantastic rallies. From North Arkansas to York, PA, to the heart of Texas, our gatherings have been marked by camaraderie, laughter, and a sense of belonging to a great family that only the Airstream lifestyle can bring.

Our rallies have seen record attendance, and I am continually inspired by the creative ways our members have connected—whether through shared meals under the stars, great happy hours, Jerry's wonderful Dutch oven deserts or planning a side trip together. The generosity and open heartedness of this club never ceases to amaze me.

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Some rally highlights from the past few months include:

- Fun in the Fort was just a wonderful and well attended rally hosted by Larry and Terry Madden. We enjoyed great meals and happy hours along with learning and exploring the rich history of Ft. Smith. There were many things to do like the Ft. Smith Museum of History, United States Marshall Museum, and the Ft. Smith Regional Art Museum just to name a few. The Ft. Smith River Front RV Resort was a wonderful place right on the Arkansas river. We'll return there for sure.
- The York International Rally was a tremendous success. Starting with the caravan to York where we stayed at Waters Edge Winery in Elizabeth Town, KY, Brew Dog in East Winchester, OH, and South County Brewing in York, PA. We had great beer and wine, and the food was fabulous. We all supported the Harvest Hosts by buying beer, wine, T-shirts, etc. The Riveted Razorbacks shined again with rally registration as well as other volunteering. Our own Jeff Dalrymple was the Head Rally Chief in charge for all things on the ground and did a perfect job.
- The ladies celebrated the 5th anniversary of our club's annual Girl's Weekend with a road trip to The Range Vintage Trailer Resort in Ennis, TX. This year's theme was "Caftans & Coladas," and the girls had a great time celebrating with big floppy hats and flowing caftans. From gourmet meals in the barn to relaxing and swimming in the beautiful pool to visiting a local winery, it was a weekend full of fun, laughter, and wonderful memories.

The coming months promise even more opportunities to gather, learn, and explore. Mark your calendars for our upcoming rallies, and stay tuned for details about a holiday gathering on December 13 in Little Rock.

Thank you all for the laughter, the wisdom, and the friendship you bring to our club. As we look ahead to the next quarter, may we continue to travel boldly, live lightly on the land, and cherish the bonds that unite our Airstream family.

Now keep on streaming!!!

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Member Spotlight: Ken & Caitlin Koonz, BRN 16102

We are honored to be featured in this month's newsletter! For those who might not know us, we are both active-duty Air Force officers and C-130J instructor pilots stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base. We currently call North Little Rock, AR our home. The mighty C-130J is capable of landing on dirt runways less than 3,000 feet long and can carry 92 passengers or up to 42,000 pounds of cargo. Prior to this assignment we were stationed at Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene, TX. We deployed four times at our first assignment and traveled all around the world with stops in Africa, Europe, Afghanistan, Greenland, and South America to name a few. After a busy five years in Texas, we are thankful for a slower pace here in Arkansas. In our current assignment, we instruct new pilots on combat mission planning, tactical formation operations, flying with night vision devices, and airdrop and airland operations.



Our interest in Airstreams started as kids as our parents had an interest in them. I would see a few on the road and think to myself, "wow those shiny trailers look cool!" However, I never dreamed we would own one. While we lived in Texas, we realized we wanted to start camping more. We both camped as kids – Ken in tents, and my family in tents and a pop-up camper for a few years. We decided to test out tent-camping again in our backyard, a night we will remember for many years. The night was filled with a full moon, barking dogs in our neighborhood, too many house lights, one restless dog in our tent, and a wind that made the tent flap loudly. We barely slept and by 2 a.m., we picked up our pillows and moved back inside the house to our comfortable bed!

We quickly realized it was time for a camper if we wanted to camp more (and have a more enjoyable experience). Originally, we considered a small teardrop camper that a Subaru could tow, but we quickly realized we would not have enough towing capacity. With two big dogs at the time, we probably needed more space. The thought of a kitchen inside, a large bed, and our own bathroom were all appealing to us. In 2021, we started considering an Airstream trailer. We looked at a few dealers to view the different models and watched countless YouTube video reviews to understand each model/size pros and cons. A few significant life events in 2021 made us realize life is too short – never take a day for granted and have fun now. With that in mind, we finally pulled the trigger in April 2021, right before our second deployment to Africa. We ordered a 2022 Flying Cloud 27FB with a queen bed.

We still have our first trailer today and her name is Lunar Eclipse. We both love the night sky, and the name is also in memory of our first dog, Luna. While we've discussed at length upgrading to a large Airstream (Globetrotter 30!), we love our 27FB and it is truly the goldilocks size. It is perfect for us and our dog, Sadie. We have enough storage and kitchen space, and it is easy to tow and maneuver. We initially thought about a smaller trailer to try it out, but I am happy we got the 27FB as our first Airstream. We've made a



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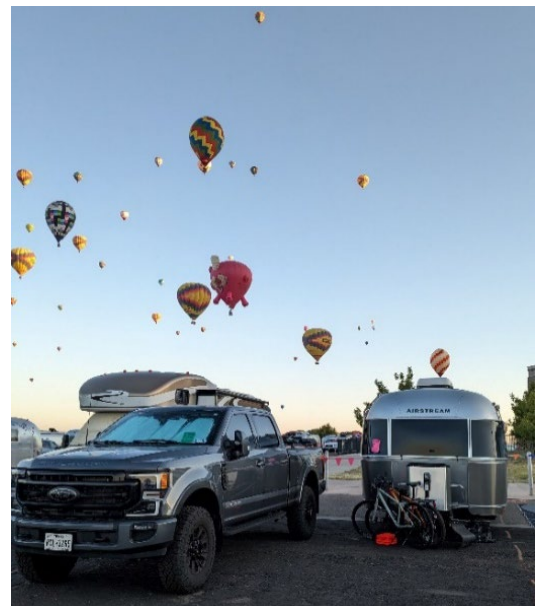
few small modifications already (ceramic coating, lift kit, AC soft starts) but the list of modifications is quite lengthy and will occur over the years.

After picking our camper up in November 2021, we haven't looked back. In almost four years, we have had so many adventures. We traveled more in our last year in Texas than we did the first four years (Big Bend NP, Dallas, Austin, Fredericksburg, countless state parks). We quickly realized traveling with a travel trailer requires a slower pace and more preparation, but we're thankful for the shared experiences and the quality time provided by camping. We have been to nine states with Lunar Eclipse so far.

A top trip for both of us was a two-month adventure to Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama in January to February of 2022 for a 5-week Air Force training course. We stayed in the campground on base with a short commute each

day. After completing training, we headed to Florida to drop the truck and trailer off at Vinnie's for ceramic coating. We then visited family and Disney World before moving back in and starting the journey back to Texas. After the sunshine state, the temperature quickly dropped. We faced a critical decision – delay our trip a few days and stay in east Texas with a small snow chance... or attempt to return to Abilene knowing there would be a few inches of snow on the way and freezing rain. We opted to stay safe in eastern Texas and wait for the cold and snow to pass. Of course, nothing goes perfectly, and our furnace died in the 20-degree temperatures - a temperamental sail switch was to blame. Thankfully, our heat pumps struggled but kept us warm enough overnight, no lines froze, and a mobile RV tech fixed our furnace the next day. We were newbies on their longest and only fourth trip – so many learning lessons occurred but we were hooked on the Airstream life.

Some of our favorite rallies have been the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and our local Arkaluma rally. We attended the balloon fiesta with the Airstream club in 2023, and it was absolutely incredible! Not only did we have a front row seat to view the hot air balloons, we met tons of people and also had a balloon land about 20 feet from our Airstream. Arkaluma is one of our favorite club rallies because October finally brings fall to Arkansas (even if there may be some rain too). Additionally, it is incredibly cool to camp in the wagon wheel formation. The Moonshadow Eclipse rally in April 2024 was also a favorite – Airstreams from all over the country (and Canada) met in Morrilton, AR to view the solar eclipse.



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We joined the Airstream Club shortly after picking up our camper from the dealer. We have been members for nearly four years (and just renewed our membership!). We initially joined a club in Texas but due to work schedules, we were unable to attend any of their rallies. Shortly after moving to Arkansas, I switched our membership to the Razorbacks. Since then, we've been to countless club rallies and attended the 2024 International Rally in Sedalia, MO. Our first rally with the Razorbacks was the girl's rally in September 2023 and then Arkaluma that next month. Side story, it was quite an adventure to arrive at Arkaluma past sunset. As much fun as it was towing up the curvy roads to Petit Jean area and navigating the wagon wheel in the dark to park... it would have been easier during the day! Regardless, Arkaluma is such a special rally – I recommend attending if you can.

The Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club is a very special club and has truly become our family in Arkansas. Everyone welcomed us with open arms. It is amazing how close you grow to people after only seeing them a few times at a rally every few months. We love how accepting our club is – everyone is appreciated and valued no matter who you are. I look forward to each rally and knowing we will get to catch up with friends and meet new people. We had no doubts about joining the Airstream club, but I never realized how large the community is. We have met friends from clubs all across the USA and keep in touch. The Razorbacks truly take care of each other as well – club members ensured we could park with them despite showing up with general parking at international, members check in on each other, and we have received so much advice and learned so much. If you need a tool or help fixing something, someone can probably help you. You only need to ask for help in the club – and someone will have the knowledge to help or a recommendation.

In our four short years, we have seen the club evolve yet stay rooted in its heritage. Airstream Club International is growing and the Razorback club is growing as well. It is exciting to see new faces at rallies, to meet people and hear their stories. The club is striving to modernize with an app and offers courtesy parking through the Harvest Host app. There is a large offering of national rallies and caravans – I only wish I had more time to take advantage. Members can join multiple clubs as affiliates or intra-clubs, providing more opportunities for rallies and meeting new people. I enjoy the affiliate option because the Air Force life brings us to new locations every few years. Despite new modernizations, the club still honors its history and there is a museum at headquarters in Ohio. Our local club strives to offer new and different rallies (Fort Smith this year!).

Our Air Force journey will likely take us to a different location next year, but we will remain members of the Arkansas Razorbacks as our home club. The club has provided us with friends and family, especially in difficult times. We may not attend as many local rallies after we move, but we know that the club will be here – growing, laughing, and camping together.

I'm thankful we chose to purchase our trailer in 2021 – it has led to countless memories and fun adventures. We are better humans and our marriage is stronger. What better way to improve communication in a relationship than to back up a trailer together?!? Those communication improvements have led to a new throw pillow – “sorry for what I said when we were backing up the trailer!” I look forward to more adventures in the years to come – our goals are to see every state and National Park and after military retirement, hopefully be “half-timers” on the road for extended trips. We are also incredibly thankful for the Airstream Club. When I speak with people about our camper, I tell them, “When you buy an Airstream, you don't just buy a trailer. You join a community.” This holds true today and for the future – we're honored to be part of this club and community. See you at the next Airstream rally!



FUN IN THE FORT

Fort Smith, AR • May 15-18, 2025







68th Annual Airstream Club International Rally
"Let's Make History!" • August 23-28, 2025 • York, PA





CAFTANS & COLADAS



The Range Vintage • Trailer Resort Ennis, Texas • September 4-7, 2025





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Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

ARAC Members:

- **Joseph & Janet Bouso BRN 21085**, Benton, LA, 2021 Bambi 19
- **Peter & Calee Hartman BRN 14144**, Nixa, MO, 1966 Carvel 17 & 1972 Globetrotter 21 [affiliate member transferring from Missouri Greater Ozark Unit]
- **Jake & Keli Jacobi BRN 19870**, Little Rock, AR, 2018 International 25
- **Erik Larson BRN 4887**, Bella Vista, AR, 2021 Globetrotter 27
- **Brian & Sherry Moeller BRN 4683**, Bentonville, AR, 2025 Globetrotter 27
- **Michael & Mylissa Moix BRN 29529**, Conway, AR, 2018 Classic 33
- **Dean Pinkney BRN 9352**, Jonesboro, AR, 1970 Ambassador 29
- **Rusty & Judy Reeves BRN 10677**, Frisco, TX, 2020 Atlas 25
- **Tim Trieschmann & Lydia Lane BRN 7527**, Little Rock, AR, 2024 Pottery Barn 28

Affiliate Members:

- **Trish & Don Bigler BRN 11830**, Phoenix, AZ, 2024 Globetrotter 27 [Arizona Airstream Club]
- **Pat & Barbara Cahalan BRN 1526**, Box Elder, SD, 2007 Safari 27 [Arizona Airstream Club]
- **John & Jacquelynn Fortner BRN 9913**, Lucedale, MS, 2019 Flying Cloud 30 [Mississippi Airstream Club]
- **David & Paula Gautreau BRN 16362**, Gonzales, LA, 2015 Classic 31 [Louisiana Airstream Club]
- **Randy & Tracy LeBlanc BRN 22731**, Gonzales, LA, 2021 Class 30 [Louisiana Airstream Club]
- **Paul & Tina Patrick BRN 7713**, Eureka Springs, AR, 2025 Globetrotter 27 [At-Large]
- **Jeanne & Adrian Zarr BRN 5393**, Hendersonville, TN, 1993 Excella 25 [Music City Airstream Club]

2025 RALLY SCHEDULE

October 16-19, 2025: Airstreams on the Square, El Dorado, AR. Urban camping weekend around the Union County Courthouse square; this year's theme is Silverstock, reminiscent of Woodstock 1969. Registration closed; see <https://www.mainstreeteldorado.org/aots> for details.

Caravan Option – October 19-23: Cherokee Park on the Arkansas River.

October 23-26, 2025: Arkaluma aka “Burning Mouse” – Museum of Automobiles, Petit Jean Mountain, AR. Annual boondocking rally with Airstreams parked in a wagon wheel arrangement. <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2025-arkaluma-aka-burning-mouse/items>.

Caravan Option – October 26: Movie Night at the Kenda Drive-In in Marshall, AR.

Boondocking and a movie; nominal cost per trailer. Move on to Buffalo Point on Monday for the Buffalo Point pre-rally.

October 30 - November 2, 2025: Buffalo Point Rally, Buffalo National River. Annual rally on America's first national river. Make your own reservations at Buffalo Point Campground @ recreation.gov. Hosts: Jason & Dana Landrum (jdlandrum@mac.com).

2026 RALLY SCHEDULE

February 19-26, 2026: Unit Board of Trustees (UBT) (open to all members) in Stuttgart, AR. Join us for a weekend at Zach Bullock's magnificent estate in Stuttgart, the duck and rice capital of the world! There will be all sorts of fun and some sort of meeting. Emphasis on fun. *Host: Zach Bullock (zachdbullock@me.com).*

March 12-15, 2026: Hope, Diamonds & Jonquil Rally in Hope, AR. Enjoy the Old Washington State Park Jonquil Festival while camping at the Hope Fairground. Other activities: Bill Clinton's birthplace home; Depot Museum; Klipsch Speaker Museum; and Crater of Diamonds State Park in Murfreesboro, AR. *Hosts: Arnie & Eleanor Jester (ajester2002@yahoo.com) and Pam & Ronnie Belk (calfneck42@yahoo.com).*

April 12, 2026 – TBD (by you): Spring Fling in Gulf Shores State Park in Gulf Shores, AL. Go to <https://reserve.alapark.com/gulf/campsites> to make your reservations in the 220 to 250 area so we will all be together. Stay as long as you like! Enjoy the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail; Blue Angels practices; National Naval Aviation Museum; local farmers' markets; April wine dinners; tiki bar cruises and dolphin cruises; Bushwackers; Bands on the Beach on Pensacola Beach on Tuesday 7-9 p.m; and more! *Contact David Holsted (dholsted55@gmail.com) for more details.*

May 14-17, 2026: Bikes, Buddies, and Brewpubs at Downtown Riverside RV Park, N. Little Rock, AR. Campground is 50-amp (bring 30-amp adapter if needed). Morning bike rides on the Arkansas River trail (optional of course) to be followed by local pub crawls (e.g., Lost Forty, Stones Throw, Southern Tail Brewery, Camp Taco, Flyway). Make reservations through the park at 501-340-5312 and request sites closest to river (mention Arkansas Airstream Club). *Hosts: Paul & Jeannie Beck (pacbeck@gmail.com) and Dana & Jason Landrum (jdlandrum@mac.com).*

August 22-27, 2026: 69th Annual Airstream Club International Rally – Minot, ND. Fun, friendships, and all things Airstream. <https://airstreamclub.org/2026-international-rally>

September 10-13, 2026: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun. Location TBD. *Hosts: Laura Wessinger (llwessinger@gmail.com) & Terry Madden.*

September 23-27, 2026: Region 6 Rally – Unhitched RV, Foley, AL. More details to follow.

*** *Stay tuned for the remainder of the Fall 2026 lineup!* ***

2027 SAVE-THE-DATES

June 26-July 1, 2027: 70th Annual Airstream Club International Rally – Rock Springs, WY.

September 22-26, 2027: Region 6 Rally – The Ridge Outdoor Resort, Sevierville, TN.