



<http://airstreamclub.org/alabama>  
<http://airstreamclub.org/region6>  
Facebook: Alabama Airstream Club

## Alabama Airstream Club Newsletter

### January 2026

#### President's Message

Hello from the President's Desk

I hope this finds you Safe and Warm, Full and Sassy.

I hope everyone safely navigated the storms. There are a lot of people that had a difficult time during this storm. Nashville as well as other areas are an Emergency Zone. Top of Georgia had damage and loss of power for a substantial period of time.

Be aware of what we might could do to assist our fellow members.

Judy and I just returned from two weeks along The Gulf Coast and enjoyed our time with fellow Canopians, our Winter Camp buds, and just a few days, just us. We did tour and stay in our site that is scheduled for Canopener 2027 and enjoyed that part of our trip as well.

Thank you all for the donations for the Sheriff's Boys' and Girls' Ranches. We were able to give them \$1,000 towards Christmas gifts at each of their ranches. \$250.00 each for one boy and one girl at each ranch. One of their mottos is, "It's easier to build boys and girls than to repair men and women," so I am glad we could support them in this way.

Your board has been meeting almost monthly as we prepare for upcoming rallies and I'm looking forward to seeing familiar and new faces at each one...

Oak Mountain is going to be great with 30+ rigs in attendance. Hopefully, the weather cooperates and we can have a spirited maintenance discussion. Numerous first-time rally attendees are signed up.

Rob Fike, 1<sup>st</sup> VP is jointly hosting Mystic Springs Cove in March and is planning a great Rally as well. This joint rally is always a great time with the Pensacola Club and a trip to NAS is in the works.

Foley Balloon Rally is also going to be wonderful. Alan Furr, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, is hosting and has a great agenda planned.

The Natchez "Trace" Your Music Roots Rolling Rally is fully planned and booked. 11 Rigs from Alabama and 11 Rigs from Music City. It's gonna be a great time.

Lastly, I want to encourage you to join our facebook group, **Alabama Airstream Club 001 GROUP** at - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/553193193752700> - This is an easy place to get to know each other and disseminate information quickly.

Craig

## New Members

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

Rebecca & Jerry Crabb  
Bentonville, AR  
**31706**  
Affiliate

Patti BuBose  
Brunswick, GA  
**08002**  
Affiliate

Kathleen Hillman  
Jupiter, FL  
**03465**  
Affiliate

Michael & Kelly McCrady  
Gulf Shores, AL  
**07221**

Kelly & Lori Passmore  
Ponchatoula, LA

**02505**  
Affiliate

James & Lizabeth Rigsby  
Birmingham, AL  
**05844**  
Affiliate

Mike & Patti Smith  
Alexander City, AL  
**21414**  
Affiliate

Sidney & Lori Tally  
Louin, MS  
**01216**  
Affiliate

## Upcoming Events

**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 6.30pm. (Civil twilight).

Saturday: 8.00am coffee. 9.30 maintenance discussion about our Airstreams/possible Craft project. 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 Rob Fike
- b. Agenda will be set by them. We would likely provide one meal, Friday or Saturday night.

**Foley Balloon Rally  
Anchors Aweigh RV Resort  
April 29th-May 3rd, 2026.**

- a. Rally Host Alan Furr
- b. Agenda: See Below.

**Up, Up and Away Balloon Rally  
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  
Minot, ND  
August 22nd-27th, 2026.**

See the January Blue Beret for registration info.

**Region 6 Rally  
Unhitched RV(formerly Johnny's)  
Foley, Al  
September 23rd-27th, 2026.**

Watch for registration info in February.

**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 Monday, January 12 at Sommers Place Restaurant in Montgomery. Attending were Paul & Flip Aehnlick, Brooks & Catherine Darby, John & Carol Rylee and hosts, Griff & Candy Harris who

brought home-made desserts for all.

## North Alabama Area

TBD

See you down the road!

John Rylee, Editor



Alabama Airstream Club Christmas Luncheon



## ALABAMA SHERIFFS YOUTH RANCHES, INC.

"WE ALABAMA TO BUILD BOYS AND GIRLS STRONG, BRAVE, REPECTFUL AND HONEST."

January 15, 2026

MICHAEL SMITH

Chief Executive Officer

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES:

P.O. Box 54945

Montgomery, AL 36121

(334) 235-2471

Fax: (334) 235-8585

[msmith@ayr.org](mailto:msmith@ayr.org)

Alabama Albrecht Club

Attn: Tina Flanagan

VIA: Email

Dear Tina and Friends,

On behalf of the Alabama Sheriffs Youth Ranches, I would like to express our appreciation to you and your friends of the Alabama Albrecht Club for the generous \$10,000.00 donation. Per your request, each of our four Ranches received \$2,500.00 that was used for the children's Christmas presents. It really means a lot to me personally as well as to the staff and children of the Ranches. We appreciate your interest in the welfare of Alabama's young people and your commitment to our programs.

BALDWIN COUNTY  
BOYS RANCH  
5104 County Road 22  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401  
(205) 989-6492

DELBERT COUNTY FAME  
GIRLS RANCH  
4450 Little Spring Road  
Russellville, AL 35654  
(205) 216-3615

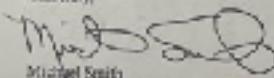
ST. CLAIR COUNTY  
BOYS RANCH  
10100 Hulke Drive  
Pell City, AL 35128  
(205) 832-0177

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY  
GIRLS RANCH  
176 Sandford Drive  
Camp Hill, AL 36839  
(334) 854-4112

This is such an exciting time for our Ranchers. It was the first time some of them have ever really celebrated Christmas. They helped decorate their Ranch family tree, prepared the holiday meals as well as experienced the joy of giving and receiving presents on Christmas morning.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you all again for being a part of our Ranch family by supporting these less fortunate young people. You truly are helping make a big impact on their lives. May God bless you all.

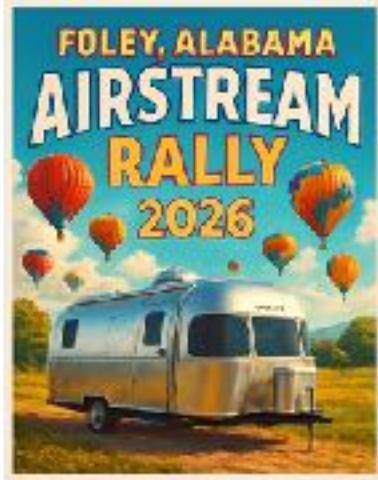
Sincerely,

 *Thank You So Much  
for Supporting our Ranches!*

Michael Smith

P.S. This letter will serve as the receipt for your 2025 contribution. The Alabama Sheriffs Youth Ranches do not provide any goods or services in consideration for the contribution received.

Thank you letter from Alabama  
Sheriffs Youth Ranches



## Foley Skies and Silver Streams Balloon Rally

### Alabama Airstream Club

April 30 -May 3, 2026

**Anchors Away RV Resort - Foley, Alabama**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 23, 2026**

**Make your reservation by submitting this form with a check for \$25 per person rally fee to Mike Hamilton – 3106 Quail Run Opelika, AL 36801**

Make checks payable to Alabama Airstream Club

**Receipt will be acknowledged via email –**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Big Red Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number / Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Emergency Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rally Fee per adult # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address questions or comments to Rally Chairperson, Alan Furr, email:**

[AlanFurr@yahoo.com](mailto:AlanFurr@yahoo.com)

**ALL RALLY CORRESPONDENCE IS ELECTRONIC**

**CALL ANCHORS AWEIGH RV RESORT AT (251) 971-6644 TO RESERVE YOUR SITE.**

## ALABAMA AIRSTREAM BALLOON FESTIVAL RALLY ITINERARY

### Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Early Arrival Day (no planned activities)

### Thursday, April 30, 2026

Breakfast & Lunch on your own

9:00 am Golf Tournament (If interested, Email JOHN BURTON  
[jlburton1601@gmail.com](mailto:jlburton1601@gmail.com))

5:30 pm Get Acquainted Social

Please bring Heavy hors d'oeuvres/Shareables/Finger Foods & your beverage of choice.

### Friday, May 1, 2026

6:00 am Balloon Launch at OWA (weather permitting)

8:00 am Breakfast - Pancakes & Sausage

Sightseeing/Shopping

12:00 pm Lunch - on your own

TBD pm Balloon Festival Vendors open in Downtown OWA

4:00 pm Happy Hour at RUSS & TANA FLANAGAN campsite - BYOB & chair.

5:30 pm Dinner on your own

TBD pm Balloon Glow at OWA (weather permitting)

### Saturday, May 2, 2026

6:00 am Balloon Launch at OWA (weather permitting)

8:00 am Breakfast - Continental Breakfast

12:00 pm Lunch on your own

5:00 pm Fried Catfish Dinner

6:00 pm Entertainment

7:00 pm Door Prizes

TBD pm Balloon Glow at OWA (weather permitting)

**Sunday May 3, 2026**

,8:00 am Breakfast - Coffee and Pastries

9:00 am Voluntary Devotion for those who desire to participate

10:00 am Clean Up and Departure