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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, 1st 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, 2nd 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
Loun, 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 6.32pm. (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.

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January 15, 2025

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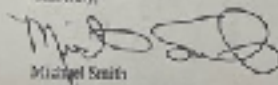
Dear Tina and Friends,

On behalf of the Alabama Sheriff's Youth Ranches, I would like to express our appreciation to you and your friends of the Alabama Airspeeds Club for the generous \$1,000.00 donation. Per your request, each of our four Ranches received \$250.00 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 program.

This is such an exciting time for our Ranches. It was the first time some of them have ever really celebrated Christmas. They helped decorate their Ranch family trees, 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 huge impact on their lives. May God Bless you all.

Sincerely,


Michael Smith

*Thank You So Much
For Supporting our Ranches!*

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

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BOYS RANCH
50756 County Road 22
Tusculum, AL 36689
(205) 969-6492

COLBERT COUNTY FAME
GIRLS RANCH
4450 Ligon Springs Road
Russellville, AL 35554
(205) 251-5635

ST. CLAIR COUNTY
BOYS RANCH
2400 Hanks Drive
Pell City, AL 36869
(205) 840-6177

TALLAPOOSA COUNTY
GIRLS RANCH
174 Sanford Drive
Camp Hill, AL 36619
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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

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)

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