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From The President's Desk

Greetings Louisiana Airstream Members and Affiliates.

We enjoyed a very successful Dutch Oven Rally at Fontainebleau State Park this past weekend, and I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mark and Janelle Williams for helping Rebecca Perere and me put together such a fun and well organized event. Our Club hasn't held a Dutch oven rally in the 11 years I have been a member, which made this occasion especially meaningful.

Thirteen participants prepared side dishes in Dutch ovens, and Curt Fontenot along with assistance from Jeffery Theriot, graciously stepped in to prepare the main course—a delicious red gravy stew. Will Schexnayder had originally planned to cook, but due to his wife's surgery, he was unable to attend, and Curt and Jeffery filled in on his behalf.

All of the dishes were prepared beautifully, nothing was burnt and everyone thoroughly enjoyed both the cooking and the fellowship. The weather was ideal, and I am confident this will be the first of many Dutch oven rallies to come.

I would like to thank everyone who attended, participated, and offered their help throughout the rally. It is encouraging to see our membership continuing to grow, along with an increase in the number of members attending our rallies. The willingness of so many members to lend a hand at each event has been outstanding and greatly eases the responsibilities of our host. This truly is everyone's club, and the spirit of cooperation and fellowship is what makes our club gatherings so enjoyable.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm, friendship, and for making every event a joy to be part of. I can't wait to see you all on our next adventure!

See you down the road,
Robert Perere



We are Paul and Rose Fontana from Lafayette. Rose is a transplant from N West Indiana after meeting and marrying Paul who had moved there to work as an Occupational Therapist. In 1986 we relocated to Abbeville, Paul's hometown, and a year later to Lafayette where we owned and operated an Industrial Occupational Therapy practice for the next 36 years. We are retired 3 years ago and have 4 grown children: a School Teacher in Gifted Studies for Acadia Parish, a chemical engineer at Dow Chemical, a Catholic Priest in Eunice and an Occupational Therapist in Zachary. We have 10 Granddarlings, ages 12-3, including 2 sets of twin girls! The 11th Grand is due in March.

We had enjoyed camping (tent, Pop-up, SOB TT) when our 4 kids were young, then everyone got busy with school and sports activities and we sold our TT. After we retired, we bought our first Airstream, a 2025 Classic 30 RQ. We named it "Tootles" and our BRN is 05362 .

With our Goldendoodle, Atticus, we set a goal to visit all of Louisiana's State Parks and as of now, have only a couple left to go. Some State Parks we visit often.

Louisiana is blessed with so many really nice ones! Most of our trips are Sun-Fri weekday trips as we prefer quiet spaces, so we try to avoid the weekend crowds. We have made a couple multi-week, multi-state trips including last October a visit to The Mothership then Lake Michigan's southern shores. We like to take 2-4 Granddarlings occasionally to some of the local campgrounds.

We are enjoying our membership with the Louisiana Airstream Club and all the fun people we spend time with at the Rallies and Luncheons. We are in the process of hosting a Rally for the first time! Look for news soon on the October 15-18 First Ever "Explore Acadiana" Rally at Palmetto Island State Park. If y'all like it, we can think about making it an Annual Event.

We look forward to learning so much more about Airstreaming from our Club friends and sharing life and laughs with them when we get together. We are planning the drive to the International Rally in Minot, ND this August. That will be our longest trip yet, and hopefully we can do an East Coast trip up to Acadia National Park soon after. Acadiana to Acadia!



Franklin Avenue Club Bike Ride



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**Happy St. Patrick's Day
March 17**

May you live as long
as you want,
and never want as
long as you live.

Sunday, March 8th

Daylight Savings
time begins

RALLY TIME

- March 12-15** [This Rally Is Now Closed. A Waiting List is Available.](#)
Joint Seafood Rally with the Mississippi Airstream Club. Hosted by Robert & Rebecca Perere and Blake & Jeri Donald at La Pay E Bas RV Park. 669 Arpent Road, Eunice, LA 70535. Annual Ronald McDonald Auction on Saturday. Email Rebecca Perere at rebeccaperere@yahoo.com with trailer length and number in your party. Contact Robert Perere for more information at 225-315-3825
- April 9-12** Spring Rally on Lake Palourde, hosted by: Robert & Rebecca Perere co-host John & Cindy Griffin at Lake End Park 2300 LA Hwy 70, Morgan City, LA, 985-380-4623. Make reservations now to get a good site. Preferred sites 76-87 & 80-92. We will be touring an Oil Rig as well as the Wendell-Williams Aviation and Cypress Sawmill Museum. Contact Robert Perere for more information at 225-315-3825.
- May** Open to ideas. Does anyone want to host a rally in May?
- July** 4th of July Rally. 250th anniversary. More to come.
- August 1** Installation Luncheon, 11:00 AM at Galvez Seafood. Hosted by: Curt Fontenot. More information to come.
- August 22-27** International Rally, Minot, North Dakota
- Sept. 23-27** Region 6 Rally, Foley, Alabama. Unhitched RV Park. 251-970-3773

October 15-18 Explore Acadiana. Hosted by: Paul & Rose Fontana Co-Host Curt Fontenot. Palmetto Island State Park 337-893-3930 mention you're with the Louisiana Airstream Club. Sites #69-96 are blocked off. Senior rates \$17/night. Reserve now as sites fill up fast. This will be a weekend of fun and food. Hike the parks well maintained trails, bike, canoe/kayak and fish in the park, enjoy some of the best of Cajun Country just a short drive away in Lafayette, Downtown Abbeville, Delcambre, Erath and more. Tour the Joseph Jefferson Island Home and Rip Van Winkle Gardens. (terrific lunch cafe).

Visit the Delcambre Fish Market, Tour Lafayette's Vermilionville Museum and cafe, spend time at the Lafayette Science Museum and join us for a Buffet Supper at Shuck's Restaurant in Abbeville and much more... For more information on this rally please call Rose Fontana at: 337-344-6861

November **November Club Informal Caravan: FULL**, a waiting list s available. Dates TBD (about 10 days). Dale Spillman is planning an informal club caravan to St. Augustine, FL., and Silver Springs in Ocala FL., sometime in early November, depending on available campgrounds. Dale will find accommodations for 12 - 15 units depending on availability. Dale needs to know **NOW** who would like to participate in this adventure. Email your name, and phone number. As usual, spots on caravan will be assigned by regular member, affiliate member and all others. A waiting list will be available. Please contact Dale Spillman at: lau15880@yahoo.com or text at: 225-405-4057
***Informal Caravan: All participants pay own expenses**

December 3-6 Christmas Rally hosted by: Curt Fontenot, Dale & Kathy Spillman and Jeffery & Donna Theriot.

Please make your reservations now. Bay Palms RV Resort, 15440 Dauphin Island Parkway, Coden, AL. 251-873-4700 ask for Lisa Whotten and tell her you're with the Louisiana Airstream Club. Curt has sites 1-25 blocked off; they're all paved and offer both 30/50 amp service. The park also has an enclosed room for our happy hours and party. \$140.00 for 3 nights. We will visit Bellingrath Gardens beautiful Christmas light display. The USS Alabama Battleship will have a WWII re-enactment, it is truly amazing. Cancellations with refunds will be accepted up to 30 days prior. Much more information to come! If you have any questions please call Curt Fontenot at: 337-380-8631.

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT OUR RALLY'S

If you have made reservations to attend a rally and find that you're unable to come, please be sure to notify the host as soon as possible. We understand that things happen - you may be looking forward to attending, and then something unexpected comes up. Often we have a standby list (as we did for our last rally), and there may be someone else hoping for the opportunity to attend. Letting the host know allows them to offer your spot to another member. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.



We want to welcome our new members and affiliates, and have a message for them! "Come and join the fun!"

Members

Jody & Judy Cantrelle: Belle Chasse, LA
Ann Reese: Arnaudville, LA.

Affiliates

Kelly & Lori Passmore: Ponchatoula, LA
Craig & Judy Hardwick: Huntsville, AL
Grand & Jennifer McCormack: New Orleans, LA
Vic & Cinnamon Salvador: Lake Charles, LA.

By popular demand, here is Dale Spillman's "Corn Pudding."
(He cooked this in his dutch oven at our rally)

Time: 1 Hour Serves about 8+

Ingredients:

5 Eggs	1/4 cup cornstarch
1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted	1 (15.25 ounce can whole kernel corn drained
1/4 cup white sugar (minus 1 Tbsp)	2 (14.75 ounce) cans cream style corn
1/2 cup milk	

Directions:

Step 1

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Grease a 2-quart casserole dish.

Step 2

Whisk eggs lightly in a large bowl.

Step 3

Add milk, melted butter, sugar, and cornstarch; mix until well combined.

Step 4

Stir in drained corn and cream corn until fully blended.

Step 5

Pour mixture into the prepared casserole dish.

Step 6

Bake in the preheated oven until golden brown on top, about 1 hour.

Remove from oven and let pudding rest for 10 minutes before serving; this allows it to set.

If doubling recipe, allow additional 10-15 minutes to cook time.

Recipe can easily be adopted for iron pot cooking.

“What’s your favorite place?”

**“I don’t have a favorite place.
I have my favorite people,
and, whenever I’m with my
favorite people, it becomes
my favorite place.”**

