



# *Pelican Briefs*

**April, May & June**

**2026**

**Unit #50**

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## A Note From Our President

Greetings Louisiana Airstream Club Members and Affiliates

Time is going by so fast—it's hard to believe that summertime is almost here. Over the past few weeks, we've had two incredible rallies, our annual Seafood/Ronald McDonald Auction Rally and our

Spring Rally on Lake Palourde. Each event was a huge success.

Our Seafood Rally was especially memorable as a joint rally with the Mississippi Airstream Club. I want to extend a sincere thank you to Blake and Jeri Donald of Mississippi for serving as hosts, along with Rebecca and myself. I truly enjoyed planning this rally. Blake and I spent months coordinating and discussing ideas, while Rebecca and Jeri kept us on track behind the scenes, making sure everything came together just right.

We boiled 300 pounds of crawfish along with corn and potatoes, giving everyone a true taste of a classic Louisiana feast. I also want to give a special “thank you” to Will Schexnayder for providing the boiler and serving as our crawfish cooker, he did an excellent job. We were also entertained by our club musicians, the Mudbugs, who added to the fun and lively atmosphere of the evening.

The chili cook-off, held during our seafood rally, was a well-attended event. There were six participants: Linda LaPorte, Rebecca Perere, Mark Williams, Curt Fontenot, Blake Donald and Will Schexnayder. Three local judges had the tough job of choosing the winners. First place went to Will Schexnayder, with Mark Williams taking second place for his Green Chili Verde. All the entries were excellent, and by the end of the night every pot was empty—a true sign of success.

Later that evening, we had our annual Ronald McDonald Charity Auction. Thanks to the generosity and support of everyone involved we raised \$5060.

Overall, the Seafood Rally was a wonderful time filled with great food, fellowship, and plenty of memories. It was truly a team effort, and we're grateful to everyone who helped make it such a success.

Our recent election rally at Lake End Park in Morgan City was a wonderful success and a true reflection of what makes our Airstream Club so special. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Shan and Jan Tidwell for serving as host with us. Jeffery Theriot brought the house down with his five-piece band. The music was so good it was hard to stay in your seat! Everyone had a great time dancing and singing along with them.

From the moment members began arriving, it was clear this would be a memorable gathering. The park itself provided a beautiful setting with its scenic views and relaxing atmosphere offering the perfect backdrop for both activities and quiet moments alike. Many members commented on how much they enjoyed the location, whether it was morning walks, fishing, or simply taking in the surroundings.

Of course, the highlight of the rally was our election, where members came together to participate and support the leadership of our club. The positions filled in the election were: 2nd VP Jim Russo, 3rd VP Chris Markerson, Trustees Dan Laporte and Dale Spillman, all of whom were elected to serve the club in the coming term. Paul Bartel was appointed to serve as our club Treasurer. We are truly grateful to all incoming officers for stepping up to serve and for their commitment to helping our club continue to thrive.

As we wrap up another wonderful rally, we're reminded once again of how special this club truly is. From beautiful locations to great conversations and lasting friendships, it's the people who make each gathering so memorable. We look forward to seeing everyone at our next rally and continuing the journey together.

See you down the road,  
*Robert Perere*



Meet Sukie & Jim Russo from Abbeville, Louisiana.

We've been Airstreaming in our 2019 Classic since 2021 and are members of the Louisiana Airstream Club and affiliates of the Arkansas Razorback Club as well as members of the Grapes & Grains Intra-Club. We have attended many Airstream rallies including the last 4 International rallies in Maine, Wyoming, Missouri, and Pennsylvania. We've thoroughly enjoyed 3 Airstream International caravan adventures including Springtime in the Rockies, North to Alaska, and Sipping Across California. This year we are assistant leaders on the East of the Blue Ridge caravan and then later this summer we will be on the Southwest Adventure caravan.

Jim retired from the supermarket business in 2021 and Sukie retired from the oil and gas industry several years before. After retirement, our travel adventures shifted into high gear! We typically spend about 4 months of the year traveling. Other than air streaming, Jim's hobbies include woodworking, gardening, and photography. Sukie enjoys tennis, Mahjong, and duplicate bridge.

The lure and benefit of Airstream travel is not only the adventure, but particularly the close friends we have made and relationships we have built with people across the country.

We have 3 grown boys, 3 awesome daughters-in-law, and 5 amazing grand kids. They love to meet up with us when we are camping in the areas in which they live.

## Membership Update



We are delighted to welcome several new members to our Airstream family. Please join us in greeting Judith Carlyle of Metairie, Joel Gautreau & Cynthia Duet of Baton Rouge, and Leonard Locascio of New Iberia. Also, We are excited to welcome back Billy & Sandra Guidry of Slaughter. We are also pleased to introduce our newest affiliate members, Dave and Janet Kittinger of Moss Point, MS. We're glad to have all of you with us and look forward to sharing good times and great travels together.

Our membership just keeps growing and we couldn't be happier! We're now up to 104 members (trailers) including 72 regular and 32 affiliate members. It's exciting to see our group continue to expand. With every new addition comes new stories, fresh adventures, and plenty of enthusiasm for the road ahead. It's a great reminder that the Airstream spirit is alive and well.

We'd also love to see more of our members take advantage of becoming affiliates of our Region 6 clubs. It's a great way to meet even more Airstreamers, attend additional rallies, and experience the different things our neighboring clubs offer.

Do you know about the ACI STAR program? At five years of membership, you earn your first star to display next to your BRN #. A new one awarded every five years thereafter. A symbol with a lot of meaning! It's a fun way to recognize your time in the club and all the miles, memories, and friendships that come with it. So if you've hit that five-year mark (or getting close), be sure to claim your star, just let your president or membership chairman know, and they'll take care of it for you.



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## **Another Scheduled Rally**

April 8-11 2027

Island Time Grand Isle Rally

Hosted by: Jeffery & Donna Theriot

Grand Isle State Park

Admiral Craik Drive, Grand Isle, LA 70358

Reservations: [www.lasteparks.com](http://www.lasteparks.com) or 985-869-7275

It's a "bring your bike" rally as there will be a scavenger hunt, and possibly another island tour with Jeffery, like we did last year. Some of the tentative activities planned are: a boat ride to the old fort, seafood dinner with music, crab fishing contest, kite flying contest, and hot dogs. Right now the park is wide open with plenty of sites, so grab one soon! Theriots are in site C1009 where the festivities and happy hours will be set up. For more information about this rally please call Jeffery at: 985-696-6251 or Donna at: 985-696-6250. Please text Donna with your site number when you've made your reservations. At checkout mention 62plus for a discount.

# Join the Fun

**June  
2026**

Luncheon. Date to be announced soon.

**July 2-5  
2026**

Party Like It's 1776 Rally. Hosted by: Dan & Linda LaPorte and Tony & Juliana Cloud. Celebrate Independence Day the old-fashioned way. Parade, live music, watermelon and rooster crowing contest, horseshoe tournament, food & drinks, and fireworks along the riverfront. More to be announced later. Make your reservations today! Fairview Riverside State Park, 833-609-0686, 119 Fairview Drive. If you have any questions about this rally please call or text Linda LaPorte at: 985-789-8216 also, please text her your site number. Mention 62Plus for a senior discount

**Aug. 1  
2026**

Installation Luncheon, 11:00 AM at Galvez Seafood. Hosted by: Curt Fontenot. More information to come.

**Aug. 22-27  
2026**

International Rally, Minot, North Dakota

**Sept. 23-27  
2026**

Region 6 Rally, Foley, Alabama. Unhitched RV Park. 251-970-3773

**Oct. 15-18  
2026**

Explore Acadiana. Hosted by: Paul & Rose Fontana Co-Host Curt Fontenot. Call Palmetto Island State Park 337-893-3930, and 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 Vermillionville Museum and cafe, spend time at the Lafayette Science Museum and join us for a buffet supper at Shuck's Restaurant in Abbeville. For more information on this rally please call Rose Fontana at: 337-344-6861

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**Nov. 1-10  
2026**

**November Club Informal Caravan: FULL**, A waiting list is available. Please contact Dale Spillman at: [lau15880@yahoo.com](mailto:lau15880@yahoo.com) or text at: 225-405-4057  
**\*Informal Caravan: All participants pay own expenses.**

**Dec. 3-6  
2026**

Christmas Rally hosted by: Dale & Kathy Spillman and Curt Fontenot. 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. \$140.00 3 nights. The park also has an enclosed room for our happy hours and party. We will visit Bellingrath Gardens beautiful Christmas light display. The USS Alabama Battleship will have a WWII re-enactment, which truly is amazing. Cancellations with refunds will be accepted up to 30 days prior. More information to come! If you have any questions please call Dale Spillman at: 225-405-4057 or Curt Fontenot at: 337-380-8631.

**Feb. 11-14  
2027**

**"Dutch Oven Cooking in the woods" Rally Hosted by:** Mark & Janelle Williams and Robert and Rebecca Perere. at Fontainebleau State Park 62883 Hwy.1089 Mandeville LA 70448. Reserve your site ASAP as sites fill up fast. during this time of year. Use 62PLUS for a senior discount. If you have any questions please call Mark at: 337-263-2718 or Robert at 225-315-3825,

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**March 4-7  
2027**

Joint Seafood Rally, Louisiana/Mississippi Airstream Club. Hosted by: Robert & Rebecca Perere and Blake & Jeri Donald, at Lake End Park, 2300 LA Hwy. 70 Morgan City, LA. For reservations call: 985-380-4623. Lake End Park takes online reservations 6 months in advance **but** are allowing our members to reserve sites by **phone** up to 12 months in advance. Make sure you tell them you're with the Louisiana Airstream Club so they will know you are allowed to book early. They are already booking up very fast. This year we will be boiling shrimp. Much more about this rally at a later date. For more information please call Robert at: 225-315-3825 or Blake at: 210-823-5370.

**Apr. 8-11  
2027**

"Island Time Grand Isle Rally", hosted by Jeffery and Donna Theriot. Where: The Grand Isle State Park (Admiral Craik Drive, Grand Isle, LA 70358. Make your reservations early. Use 62PLUS for a senior discount. Reservations can be made online at [www.lastateparks.com](http://www.lastateparks.com) or by calling 985-869-7275



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The only time you should look down on someone is when your bending over to help

Please look for us on Facebook! Going forward, we may not be able to include all of our rally photos in the newsletter-it's getting harder to fit them all in with so many to share. Any photos we don't include will be posted on our Facebook page instead.

Be sure to find and follow us at "The Louisiana Airstream Club" so you don't miss a thing!



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Louisiana Airstream Club

Rebecca Perere

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Dear Rebecca,

On behalf of the children and families at Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Louisiana, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for your Club's donation of \$5,000.00. We appreciate everything you and all of the members of the LA Airstream Club do for us, and cannot thank you enough for choosing us as the beneficiary of your auction.

2025 was quite a year for us! We proudly served over 1250 individuals, 560 children, and 315 families. Overall, since we opened our doors 42 years ago in 1983, we've helped over 40,000 caregivers and family members stay close to their child and the care they so desperately need. While in our care, families receive all the comforts of home, including meals, transportation assistance, and lovely, private accommodations. Additionally, we provide case management services to assist them in making the transition home – and to their new reality. Your gift allows us to do this all at no cost to them.

Thank you again, Rebecca. We know there are many worthy organizations you could choose to donate to, and we are grateful you chose Ronald McDonald House as one of them.

Sincerely,

Grace McIntosh, MSW, MPA  
Chief Executive Officer

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Many thanks to all those that made this possible. You can never go wrong helping a child. This is a very worthy cause. If anyone is interested in taking a tour of RMHC please let me know, if we have enough I will arrange it. [rebeccaperere@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeccaperere@yahoo.com)