

# RIVETED RAZORBACK



## March 2026

### President's Message

By David Holsted, BRN 6884

#### It's Airstream Rally Season!

Spring and summer are the perfect time for Airstream enthusiasts to come together and celebrate their shared love of adventure. We're excited to announce that Airstream rallies are now in season with new rallies scheduled each month across the country. Martis Tipton is gathering all Region 6 rally information in one place so you can easily view and plan to attend.

#### ARAC Monthly Rallies

Every month the Arkansas Razorback Airstream Club (ARAC) has exciting rallies planned to connect with fellow Airstreamers, explore unique destinations and participate in fun activities. Whether

you're a seasoned rally-goer or new to the community, each event offers a welcoming atmosphere and the chance to make lasting memories and make new friends. All the rallies are posted in this newsletter and more information will show up on GroupMe as needed. If you're not on GroupMe, send Martis Tipton a message and he will hook you up; that is now our go to for upcoming rallies and information.

#### February UBT Streaming on the Farm

A **HUGE** thank you to Zach, Cassie, and the Bullock family for hosting us again on the farm. It was a great turnout, and the weather cooperated for a really good time. Next year's UBT Rally is moving a little south to Louisiana at Grand Encore RV Park in Natchitoches. Many have

already booked – if you're thinking of going give them a call soon at (318) 238-7446. Sukie and Jim Russo jumped in to host this rally so I know it will be awesome.

#### National Rally in Minot, ND

Mark your calendars. The highlight of our rally season is our 69<sup>th</sup> Airstream Club International Rally taking place in Minot, N. D., this August 22-27, 2026. This is an incredible opportunity to join fellow Airstreamers from all over the country for an unforgettable week of festivities, learning, and camaraderie. There are some great YouTube videos posted at [airstreamclub.org/rally2026](https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026). Check them out. Be sure to register early – spots fill up quickly!

We look forward to seeing you down the road and at a rally soon. Happy travels!

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## Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

### ARAC Members:

- **John & Ann Rothrock, BRN 2599**, Winslow, AR, 1978 Ambassador 28
- **Jimmy & Kathy Starr, BRN 1728**, Camden, AR, 2000 Excella 30

### Affiliate Members:

- **Karen Fisher & Wallace Kimmel, BRN 248 & 155**, Oxford, Mich., 1988 Limited 34 [Michigan Airstream Club]
- **Tana & David Flanagan, BRN 1853**, Cropwell, Ala., 2006 Classic 28 [Alabama Airstream Club]
- **Phillip & Marjorie Green, BRN 2222**, Tulsa, Okla., 2012 Flying Cloud 25 [Oklahoma Airstream Club]
- **Craig & Judy Hardwick, BRN 14000**, Hunstville, Ala., 1973 Argosy 26 & 2006 International 28 [Alabama Airstream Club]
- **Kelly & Lori Passmore, BRN 2505**, Ponchatoula, La., 2025 International 27 [Southeastern Camping Unit]
- **Blanche Thomas, BRN 1603**, Daytona Beach, Fla., 2011 Flying Cloud 25 [Member at Large]



### Silver on the River - ACI National Event Rally

- Custom itinerary in France on the Rhone River with a full boat charter for our Airstream Club group
- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Luxury Cruises
- Check the ACI website for complete details
- <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>
- Airstream Club friends and family welcome!
- Space is limited, sign up today!

Sailing  
July 15-22  
2026

Registration  
Now Open!

**New email address for club!!!** Many thanks to Martis Tipton for updating our membership directory and creating a new email address for the club: [rivetedrazorbacks@gmail.com](mailto:rivetedrazorbacks@gmail.com). You can email to this address, and an officer will be contacted to respond to you. Only officers, board members, and selected representatives will have access to this email account or send out emails from this account. Newsletter submissions should still be sent to Dana at [rbackairnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rbackairnewsletter@gmail.com).

**GroupMe:** ARAC is using the GroupMe app to communicate about rallies and other club news. Email the club email address if you need help connecting with us there.



**“Streaming on the Farm” at Zach Bullock’s Farm in Stuttgart, AR  
UBT (Unit Board of Trustees Meeting) • February 2026**





## Member Spotlight: Pam & Ronnie Belk, BRN 10432

By: Pam Belk

Camping has been part of our married life from the beginning. Over the years we traveled with tents and a variety of campers, always enjoying the adventure and time spent together outdoors. Just before retirement, we bought an older SOB (some other brand) and completely updated the interior Pinterest-style. That little project launched us into a new season of camping as we made our way through all the Arkansas State Parks and then began exploring National Parks and campgrounds beyond our home state.



Our camping partners, the Jesters, owned an older Airstream. On one memorable trip, our SOB seemed to need

repairs every time we stopped, while that vintage Airstream just kept rolling along without a problem. Ronnie had never wanted an Airstream because of the price -- he even went so far to price aluminum to see what it would cost to build one -- but on that trip he finally said, "We can start looking."

We found our 2019 Globetrotter Airstream in Missouri and took it straight to our very first rally in 2018, where we immediately joined the Arkansas Razorbacks Airstream Club. I even had to run out and buy sheets that day so we would have something to sleep on that first night!

We retired in 2018 and started traveling with our Globetrotter, and it has been wonderful. Since then, we've traveled to 49 states, as well as Mexico, Canada, and Newfoundland with our Airstream.

More than the places, it's the people who make this journey special. Our club members are some of the best you could ever meet, always ready to lend a hand to anyone in need. They make us proud to be part of the Airstream community.



## Member Spotlight: Arnie & Eleanor Jester, BRN 13698

By: Eleanor Jester

As Arnie and I were nearing retirement, we decided we needed to find something to keep us active. I had a coworker who talked about vintage Airstreams so we decided to find one to purchase. Our first Airstream was a 1978 Sovereign Land Yacht which we kept for five years visiting lots of Arkansas state parks, Yellowstone, and Grand Tetons. While we were camping on Petit Jean Mountain, Paul Moore came by and invited us to join the Arkansas Airstream Club. We joined on September 9, 2015, at Maumelle Park in Little Rock, Ark.

After five years we sold our 1978 Land Yacht and bought a 2013 Classic. We have visited or camped at all 52 Arkansas state parks (twice) and camped in 49 states. We have also enjoyed staying in Harvest Host sites around the country. We went on the Cajun Caravan, Mexico 3 Gems Caravan, and a trip to Alaska with friends we met on the Mexican Caravan. The highlight of that trip was seeing the Monarch butterflies! We have also attended local, Region 6, and International rallies. Two of our favorites were the Balloon Fiesta Rally in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Fort Wilderness Rally at Disney World. But the best part of Airstreaming is the people we meet, especially the Arkansas group.

We recently purchased a 23-foot 2020 Globetrotter and are planning a trip down the Washington, Oregon, and California coastline with Pam and Ronnie Belk. We will be visiting all the national parks and historic sites to get our passport stamps that we have been collecting over the years. We are also looking forward to spending time with the Arkansas group at several of the 2026 rallies that are scheduled this year. It always feels like spending time with family.





**Hope, Diamonds & Jonquil Rally**  
**Hope, Arkansas • March 2026**





*Rallygoers toured the Klipsch Museum and President Clinton's birth home in Hope, Ark. and visited the Jonquil Festival and Historic Washington State Park in Washington, Ark.*



## 2026 RALLY SCHEDULE

**April 12, 2026 – TBD (by you): Spring Fling in Gulf Shores State Park in Gulf Shores, Ala.** 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 7-10, 2026: Bike Rack Brewing Co., Bentonville, Ark.** Boondocking on site. *Host: Jon Cadieux. Details to follow via email and GroupMe.*

**May 14-17, 2026: Bikes, Buddies, and Brewpubs at Downtown Riverside RV Park, North Little Rock, Ark.** 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., Diamond Bear, Flyway, Lost Forty, Fassler Hall, Stones Throw, Southern Tail Brewery). 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).*

**June 18-21, 2026: ARAC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally – Maumelle Park, Little Rock, Ark.** Celebrate our club's 60<sup>th</sup>! Make your reservations at recreation.gov. More details to follow.

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

**September 10-13, 2026: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Weekend – Blowing Springs Campground, Bella Vista, Ark.** To reserve your spot, book online at [www.campspot.com/park/blowing-springs-campground-bellavista-ar](http://www.campspot.com/park/blowing-springs-campground-bellavista-ar) or call 479-855-8075. Be sure to tell them you are with the Airstream Club (put it in the notes if you book online). We are booking Sites 22-43. *Hosts: Laura Wessinger (lwessinger@gmail.com) & Terry Madden.*

**September 23-27, 2026: Region 6 Rally – Unhitched RV, Foley, Ala.** Call 251-970-3773 to reserve – sites are filling up! More details to follow.

**FALL 2026 COME-AND-GO TRAVELING RALLY – SEE NEXT PAGE!**

## 2027 SAVE-THE-DATES

**February 25-28, 2027: Unit Board of Trustees (UBT) – Natchitoches, La.** Grand Ecore RV Park; contact Debbie at (318) 238-7446. *Hosts: Sukie Russo & Gail Estabrook.*

**March 19-21: Arkansas Food Bank Service Rally – Little Rock, Ark.** Arrive after 3 p.m. on Friday. *Host: Trent Roberts.*

**June 26-July 1, 2027: 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Airstream Club International Rally – Rock Springs, Wyo.**

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

## FALL 2026 COME-AND-GO TRAVELING RALLY

*This fall Traveling Rally is a come-and-go rally. Drop in, drop out, or stay for the whole trip. Make it work for you ... the Razorbacks may be the only club that does this! We're certainly the most fun! More details to follow about these rallies.*

**October 15-18, 2026: 9th annual Airstreams on the Square in El Dorado, Ark.** Plan for an out-of-this-world fun time at "Silver Trek: The Final Frontier" ... think Spock's pointy ears!

**October 22-25, 2026: Arkaluma aka "Burning Mouse" – Museum of Automobiles, Petit Jean Mountain.** Join your friends around the campfire and hear the tragic tale of two lovers with tails – Arka and Luma. This is a boondocking rally on beautiful Petit Jean Mountain near Morrilton, Ark.

**October 29 - November 1, 2026: Halloween on the Rez!** Jeff and Cindy have opened their place for a Halloween adventure in Jay, Okla. Costumes welcome!

**November 5-8, 2026: Buffalo Point Rally, Buffalo National River.** The end of the camping season would not be complete without the Buffalo Point Rally on America's first national river near Yellville, Ark. A hike to the Indian Rockhouse, and food, glorious food, are a few of the activities that delight Airstreamers each year.

### 2026-2027

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*September 23-27, 2026*