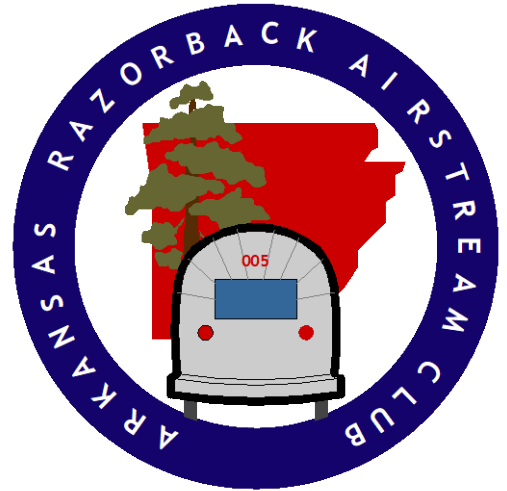


# RIVETED RAZORBACK



## June 2026

### President's Message

*By David Holsted, BRN 6884*

What a fun camping season we have had so far this year. We just finished up a rally celebrating the 60th anniversary of our club at Maumelle Park on the Arkansas River. It was a little toasty, but I think everyone had a great time.

Many new members came, and we even met a camper in a Nest who has now joined the club. Quite a few members jumped in and volunteered which was greatly appreciated. What makes our club so successful is our members who volunteer to help in any way they

can. We have a large group of cooks which make the happy hours and meals special.

We had a 2027 rally planning session, and some new rallies are included in our schedule on page 11. Other new rallies are in the works and will be announced as plans are finalized. If you have an idea for a fun rally, email one of the officers or directors.

Jeff Dalrymple held a radio meeting covering all things using CB radios and GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) units even though he was recovering from a finger accident. He powered through like a champ. We also enjoyed

tours of David and Mary Gully's collection of Airstreams, vintage campers, and all things camping related.

Next up is the caravan to Minot and the International Rally in August. Jan Heavener may need a few more volunteers and may have one camping spot left for arrival on August 17. If you would like to help, get in touch with Jan.

Be sure to check out the rallies we have planned for this Fall. From boondocking and enjoying time around the campfire to smalltown camping around a courthouse square, we have something planned you will enjoy.

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## Please Welcome Our Newest Members!

### ARAC Members:

- **Stuart & Nonie Lay, BRN 2445**, Royal, Ark., 2026 Globetrotter 27
- **Deborah & Gary Saunders, BRN 9651**, Warren, Ark., 2016 International 30
- **Bon & Hee Yon Shaw, BRN 5083**, Little Rock, Ark., 2019 Nest 16

### Affiliate Members:

- **Michael & Sandy Bolger, BRN 20986**, Lac Du Flambeau, Wis., 2023 Flying Cloud 23 [Wisc-Up Airstream Club]
- **Susan Haefner & Lauri Patrick, BRN 22406**, Flagstaff, Ariz., 2026 Stetson 6666 27 [Arizona Airstream Club]
- **Kaci & Matt Jackson, BRN 1703**, Bixby, Okla., 2021 Caravel 19 [Oklahoma Airstream Club]
- **Mark & Karen Kruer, BRN 18757**, Floyds Knobs, Ind., 2022 International 27 [Indiana Airstream Club]

### 2026-2027

#### Officers

**President:** David Holsted

**Vice President:** Katie Gulley

**Second Vice President:** Meagan Walker

**Secretary:** Cindy Kugel

**Treasurer:** Laura Wessinger

#### Board of Directors

Melissa Anthony (2024-2026)

Jack Blakley (2024-2026)

Jonathan Gulley (2025-2027)

Peter Hartman (2025-2027)

#### Other

Paul Beck, Webmaster

Dana Landrum, Newsletter Editor

Frank Cox, Membership Chair

**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.

## Member Spotlight: Laura & Jerry Carter, BRN 19525

*By: Laura Carter*

We are the Carters, Jerry and Laura. We have been married 53 years and travel with our three fur babies, Sugar, Maggie, and Daisy. We joined the Riveted Razorbacks in 2021 after receiving an invitation from Laura Wessinger. Camping is second nature to us as we grew up camping with our families. Our first campout was in a three-man pup tent with our two-week old son. Our youngest son was much older (six months) on his first trip. Over the years we've had two motor homes, two toy haulers, a 40' trailer with three slide-outs and a fireplace, and a teardrop that we still own. Each time we upgraded Jerry would talk about an Airstream, but we never thought it was feasible. In 2018, with retirement approaching, we realized we needed to pick our final camper. I finally gave in, and we started looking into the Airstreams. We thought after the teardrop we could go small,

so we bought a 19CB Bambi. After six months we knew it was too small, so we bit the bullet and traded for a 22FB Bambi. Eleven months later, I'm still complaining, and Jerry admitted he did not like the tight layout. We wound up traveling one year through Texas, and I spotted an Airstream dealer in Dallas. We walked in with Jerry trying to get me to look at the 23' and 25', but all I could see was the 27' Flying Cloud. We both agreed it was perfect. I would not recommend the "buy three until you find the one you love" method, but I'm so glad we didn't settle for the first one.

Our favorite thing about the Riveted Razorbacks is the friendships we've developed. We are all like family and no matter what issues come up you can count on someone to help. Happy hours and potlucks never disappoint. Our favorite rallies are El Dorado on the Square, Arkaluma at Petit Jean, and Buffalo Point. We have also been to four International Rallies and are preparing for our fifth to Minot, N.D.



As many know, Jerry loves to create special wood projects. We have put our own personal touch to our Airstream with two custom tables and a stove and sink cover. If we can manage to stay home long enough, he plans on adding a storage cabinet under the TV and possibly a new countertop to match our table.

We love the relaxed atmosphere of the club and hope we can keep it simple for many years to come.

**Top:** Laura and Jerry at the rodeo in Cody, Wyo. after 2023 International Rally. **Left:** sunset in Torey, Utah in 2024. **Page one top:** Laura & Jerry's most recent adventure in South Fork, Colo.



Spring Fling • Gulf Shores, Ala.





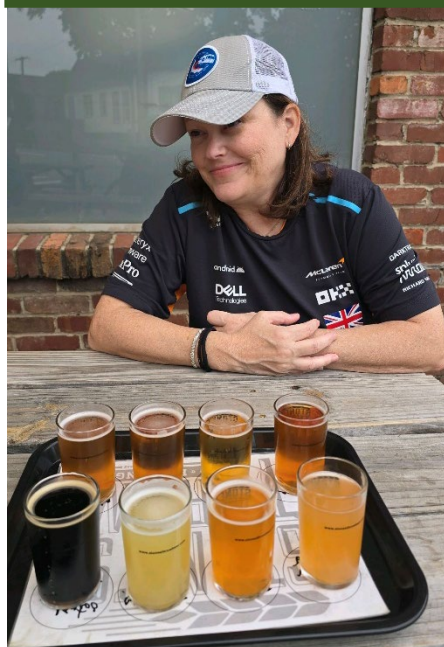


**Bikes, Buddies, and Brewpubs**  
**North Little Rock, Ark.**





*Friday's bike ride was followed by a pub crawl to Diamond Bear Brewing Co., Flyway Brewing (middle right), and Lost Forty Brewing. On Saturday, we made our way from Fassler Hall (bottom right) to Stone's Throw (middle left), Moody Brews (top right), Camp Taco (bottom left), and Loblolly Creamery (top left).*







### ARAC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rally at Maumelle Park



## Some Highlights from Gulley Museum Tours



Above left: 1955 Airstream Panorama, one of three surviving 1956 European caravan trailers; above right: 1958 Airstream Caravanner, one of four surviving 1959 Africa Caravan trailers



Above left: 1963 Airstream Safari, one of six surviving 1962-63 Around The World Caravan trailers; above right: 1964 Airstream Bambi II, one year only model

## SUMMER & EARLY FALL 2026 RALLY SCHEDULE

**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 & 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. Host: *David Gulley*

**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! *Hosts: Jan Heavener, Mark Magie & Paul Moore*

**October 22-25, 2026: Arkaluma aka "Burning Mouse" – Museum of Automobiles, Petit Jean Mountain, Ark.** 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. *Hosts: Jerry Carter, David Holsted & Martis Tipton.*

**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! *Hosts: Jeff Dalrymple and Cindy Kugel.*

**November 5-8, 2026:** The end of the camping season would not be complete without the Buffalo Point Rally near Yellville, Ark. on America's first national river. A hike to the Indian Rockhouse, and food, glorious food, are a few of the activities that delight Airstreamers each year. Make your own reservations at Buffalo Point Campground @ recreation.gov six months in advance (C or D loops). *Hosts: Jason and Dana Landrum.*

**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, 2027: Arkansas Food Bank Service Rally – Little Rock, Ark.** Arrive after 3 p.m. on Friday. *Host: Trent Roberts.*

**May 2027: Bourbon Trail Caravan (dates and locations TBD).** *Host: Meagan Walker.*

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

**September 9-12, 2027: Girls' Rally – Location TBD.** *Host: Meagan Walker.*

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

**October 2027: Airstreams on the Square, El Dorado, AR (date TBD).** *Hosts: Jan Heavener, Mark Magie & Paul Moore*

**October 21-24, 2027: Arkaluma aka "Burning Mouse" – Museum of Automobiles, Petit Jean Mountain, Ark.**

**November 4-7, 2027: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Buffalo Point Rally.** *Hosts: Jason and Dana Landrum*

**\*\*\*Stay tuned for more details and more rallies in 2027!!!\*\*\***