

COASTAL NEWS

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Welcome to the Emerald Coast Airstream Club!

Hello Club Members!

I hope everyone had a good holiday season, and a Happy New Year! I trust the holiday season brought you good times with family and friends, plenty of rest, and maybe even a little travel time in your Airstreams.

As we roll into the new year, I want to thank each of you for making our club such a welcoming and enjoyable group. Whether you joined us at rallies, helped out behind the scenes, or simply shared stories and laughter around the campfire, your participation is what keeps our club strong.

We have some exciting plans ahead for the coming months, including upcoming rallies, social gatherings, and opportunities to explore new destinations together along the Emerald Coast and beyond. Keep an eye out for details in future emails and announcements.

If you have ideas for trips, activities, or ways to get more involved, please don't hesitate to reach out. This club is at its best when everyone feels encouraged to participate and share their ideas.

Thank you again for being part of the Emerald Coast Airstream Club. I'm looking forward to another great year of adventure, friendship, and plenty of shiny aluminum on the road.

Safe travels, and I hope to see you all soon!

Randy Shropshire
President
Emerald Coast Airstream Club



Have an Idea for a Rally?

Email: EmeraldCoastAirstreamClub@gmail.com

AIRSTREAM RALLY

CANOPENER

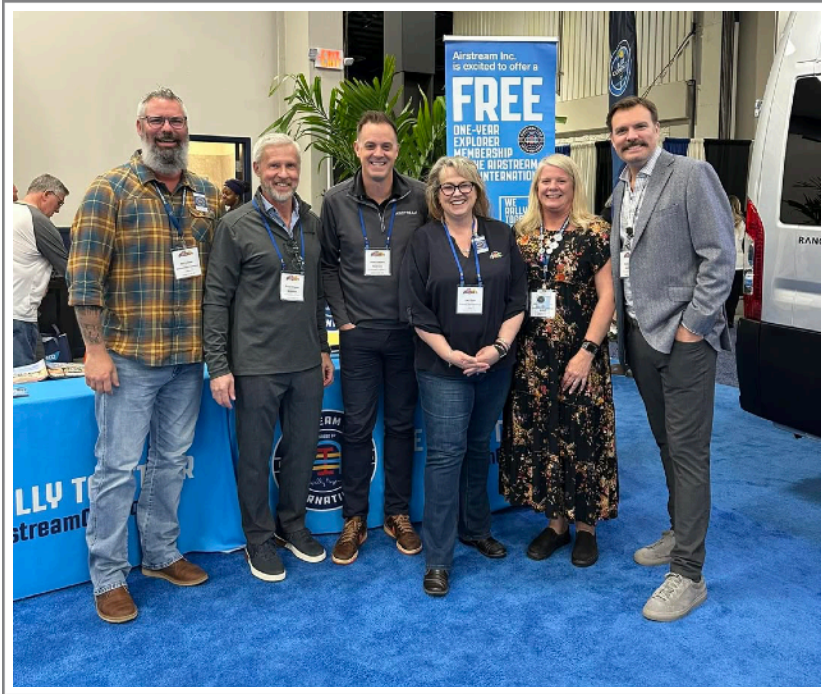
SINCE 2007



Top Row L-R: Chuck Kelley, Eddie Baker, Ron Lester, Renee Lester, David Fleet, Ron Jones, Randy Shropshire, Ernest Bingham, Fred Bassnet, Nick Frerman.

Bottom Row L-R: Tonja Jones, Lori Kelley, Debra Bingham, Crystal Baker, Lindsay Shropshire, Victoria Basnett, Emily Frerman, Elissa Sorrels.

2026 FLORIDA RV SUPERSHOW

L to R:

- ECAC Affiliate and ACI Executive Committee Board Member **Bill Hamblin**
- Airstream Inc. President and CEO-**Bob Wheeler**
- Airstream Inc. VP of Sales-**Josh Fonner**
- ACI Executive Director-**Lori Tilton**
- ECAC Secretary and Newsletter Editor-**Lindsay Shropshire**
- Airstream Inc. Chief Operating Officer- **Brian Melton**



3rd ECAC VP **Nick Frerman and Emily Frerman**



ECAC Membership Chair **Victoria Basnett and Fred Basnett**

EMERALD COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB AFFILIATES



And Many More.....

Rally Schedule 2026

February 5-9, 2026	Fontainebleau State Park	Debbie and Clarence Brown	cowboygecko@yahoo.com	SOLD OUT
“Mardi Gras Bash”	Mandeville, LA			
March 25-29, 2026	Ahoy RV Park	Ernest and Debra Bingham	outbackhomesteader@gmail.com	For Reservations: Call Cassidy - (251)233-7250 Group Rate \$42 night Registration is available on the ACI website
“Elberta German Sausage Festival”	Foley, AL			
April 16-19, 2026	Blackwater State Park	Randy and Lindsay Shropshire	LindsayShrop@gmail.com	Reservation Window - NOW OPEN Registration is available on the ACI website
“Spring Camping”	Holt, FL			
April 30- May 2, 2026	Presnell’s RV Resort	Ed and Crystal Baker	redfishfam@gmail.com	Reservation Window - NOW OPEN Registration is available on the ACI website
“Kentucky Derby”	Port St. Joe, FL			
August 22-27, 2026	Minot, North Dakota			Reservation Window - NOW OPEN Registration is available on the ACI website
“Airstream International Rally”				
September 23-27, 2026	Unhitched RV Park	David Gulley		SOLD OUT with Wait List Email David: dmgulley@gmail.com
“Region 6 Rally”	Foley, Alabama			
October 22-25, 2026	Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds	BUDDY RALLY GAC	EmeraldCoastAirstreamClub@gmail.com	Reservation Window - NOW OPEN Registration is available on the ACI website
“Hiawassee Brew Festival”	Hiawassee, GA			
November 5-8, 2026	Restroville RV Park	Business Meeting And Installation Rally	EmeraldCoastAirstreamClub@gmail.com	TBD
“Cowboys and Indians”	Freeport, FL			

Rally Schedule 2027

January 3-10 2027



Reservations: **SOLD OUT**

Stay Tuned to the Facebook Page for Cancelations

February 2027

HOST NEEDED

March 2027

HOST NEEDED

April 2027



CAMPING ON THE GULF

MIRAMAR BEACH, FL

Dates: TBD

Hosts: Randy and Lindsay

Shropshire

May 2027

HOST NEEDED

June 26-July 1 2027



**SWEETWATER SPORTS
COMPLEX**

ROCK SPRINGS, WY

October 2027

**Joint Rally with the
Georgia Airstream Club
TBD**

(Our Turn to Host-Send Great Ideas to
EmeraldCoastAirstreamClub@Gmail.Com)

November 2027

HOST NEEDED

December 2027

CHRISTMAS DINNER

HOST NEEDED

HOW TO HOST AN EMERALD COAST AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY

1. Pick a Month that is Available-Inform 2027 ECAC President-Debra Bingham outbackhomesteader@Gmail.Com that you would like to host.
2. Find a location and pick a weekend....it can be a short weekend or a long weekend, variety is awesome.
3. Pick a Theme or Point of Interest—We are flexible, new ideas welcome!
4. Figure out a budget. Our normal rally fee is \$20 a person, but if you need more funds, let us know before we announce it. Do you need a clubhouse or shelter fee?
5. How many rigs/people do you feel comfortable hosting?
6. We welcome creativity in announcements, but if you need help, our newsletter editor, Lindsay Shropshire(lindsayshrop@gmail.com) is more than happy to help.
7. At LEAST three weeks before the rally, email attendees the schedule of events. Inform the Newsletter Editor, before publication of newsletter the month before.
8. HAVE FUN!! A is for Airstream and A is for Adventure!!
9. If you are interested in hosting a special event, caravan, or something outside our normal rally schedule, WE CAN DO THAT!! Email us at EmeraldCoastAirstreamClub@Gmail.Com



JOIN US FOR A

MARDI • GRAS BASH

THURSDAY - MONDAY

February 5 - 9, 2026

Fontainebleau State Park

62883 LA-1089, Mandeville, LA 70448

MUSIC • GOOD FOOD • DRINKS • DANCING

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED

Cowboygecko@yahoo.com
cramseybrown@Gmail.com

REGISTERED ATTENDEES:

Debbie and Clarence Brown
Lindsay and Randy Shropshire
*David and Paula Gautreau
Ed and Crystal Baker
Paul and Jessica Zado
*Pat and Debbie Attaway
*Erik and Megan Hand
*Robert and Rebecca Perere
Victoria and Fred Basnett
Emily and Nick Frerman
*Randy and Tracy LeBlanc

*First Timers

Reservations SOLD OUT

\$20 Per a Person Rally

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED,
AND YOU ARE ATTENDING, EMAIL
DEBBIE [ASAP!](#)

Mardi Gras Rally 2026

Mardi Gras Guide to All Parades

<https://www.mardigrasneworleans.com/>

CLICK HERE

Camp schedule:

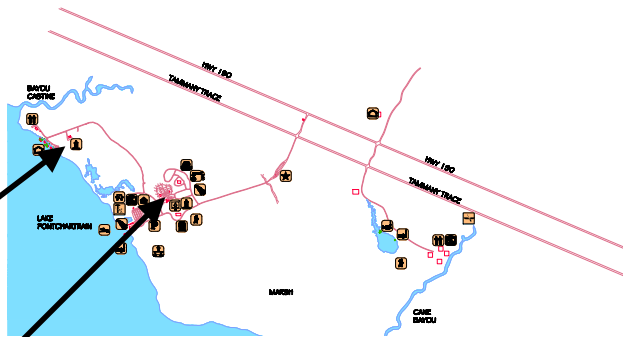
Thursday 5:00 meet and eat at the group meeting house

*Please bring your favorite beverage and perhaps a game.

Menu

- Chicken and Sausage
- Gumbo with Potato salad,
- Shrimp and Grits,
- White Chocolate bread pudding.

Fontainebleau State Park Mandeville



Dinner

Camping

meeting room shown in map below.

Fontainebleau State Park

If this is your first time to experience Mardi Gras let me give you some tips.

- ❖ get there early for parking and the ideal spot to jump around begging for beads.
- ❖ bring a chair to sit while you wait for the parade to start,
- ❖ if you spot a place to go to the bathroom, do not pass it up. pay for a pass if given the opportunity
- ❖ brings snacks and drinks,
- ❖ There are different ways to experience a parade and your location is a huge part of that. Closer to the quarter you are, the more adult it gets. Garden District is family friendly.
- ❖ Bring a bag to put your treasures in.

Events

As you will see on the link above you have many options for Parades this weekend. We usually enjoy Eve in Mandeville on Friday night. They have great throws for a smaller city and its a quick ride back to the campsite.

If you want to head across the bridge (toll only charged heading south to Metairie or New Orleans there are various options.

Saturday am lets get together for some King Cake in the am. So, bring your coffee and lets all share our plans for the day.

Saturday is a big day, you can catch as many as three or four if you have the energy.



Trailer Decor Encouraged!



For any Questions or Comments:
Email Debbie Brown—
CowboyGecko@yahoo.com



If you are interested in going to New Orleans to support our own [ECAC](#) member *Jessica Zado*:

Parade Day:
Saturday, February 6,
2026



THE ORIGINAL
**ELBERTA GERMAN
SAUSAGE FESTIVAL**

FREE ADMISSION
LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY
SAUSAGE DOGS \$6
DOMESTIC & GERMAN BEER
190 ARTS & CRAFT VENDORS
FOOD TRUCKS
KIDS AREA



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
THE ELBERTA
VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Saturday, March 28, 2026

8AM - 5PM
ELBERTA TOWN PARK
ELBERTA, AL



AHOY RV RESORT



Great Location



More Amenities

For Reservations:
Call Cassidy - (251) 233-7250
Group Rate \$42 night

QUESTIONS-
Debra Bingham
outbackhomesteader@gmail.com

The Elberta Sausage Festival is held in Elberta Town Park, just north of the town's only stoplight on Hwy. 98. For over 40 years, the festival has been a major regional event that attracts a cross-section of the community in what has become a reunion-type atmosphere. It is also the primary revenue source for the area's volunteer fire department.

Festival fans can enjoy Elberta's famous German sausage and sauerkraut, plus continuous entertainment for adults and children and 250 arts & crafts booths. There will also be carnival rides and a full-scale Midway. Of course, there will also be a Bier Garten featuring a large selection of imported and domestic beers.

Other scrumptious foods include German-style filled cabbage, potato salad, goulash, red beans and rice, hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, ice cream, popcorn, peanuts, and homemade baked goods.

Spearheaded by Elberta's Volunteer Fire Department since 1978, festival proceeds are used to improve the fire department and the town. Additionally, local non-profits benefit from the festival through proceeds from their booth sales and parking lot fees. The festival is held twice a year - on the last Saturday of March and the last Saturday of October. Although it has been tweaked a bit over the years, the original secret recipe for Elberta's famous sausage is credited to Alfred Stucki, who managed Elberta's Locker Plant from 1953 until his death in 1973. About 7,000 pounds of German Sausage are consumed at each fest.



Admission:
Free admission

To Register:

Visit www.AirstreamClub.org to fill out the Jotform on the rally page.

Blackwater State Park
Holt, Florida

April
16-19
2026



SPRING CAMPING



Reservation Windows:
Residents - May 16, 2025 8AM CST
Non Residents - June 16, 2025 8AM CST

Contact Info:
Lindsay Shropshire
LindsayShrop@gmail.com

Rally Fee - \$20 Per a Person

To Register:



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VIP TICKET

The
Emerald Coast
Airstream
Club

DERBY PARTY

April 30 - May 2
2026



Presnell's RV Park
Port St. Joe, FL



WEAR A

BIG HAT



EAT SOUTHERN FARE

Contact: Ed and Crystal Baker
Redfishfam@gmail.com

RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN



Kentucky Derby

To Register:



Visit www.AirstreamClub.org to fill out the Jotform on the rally page.



69th Airstream Club International Rally

Magic
in
Minot

Minot, ND
August 22-27, 2026



SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2026



TO GET ON THE WAITLIST:

EMAIL DAVID GULLEY:

DMGULLEY@GMAIL.COM



Georgia/Emerald Coast Joint Rally

October 22-25, 2026

GA Mountain Fairground Campground
Hiawassee, Georgia

NEW

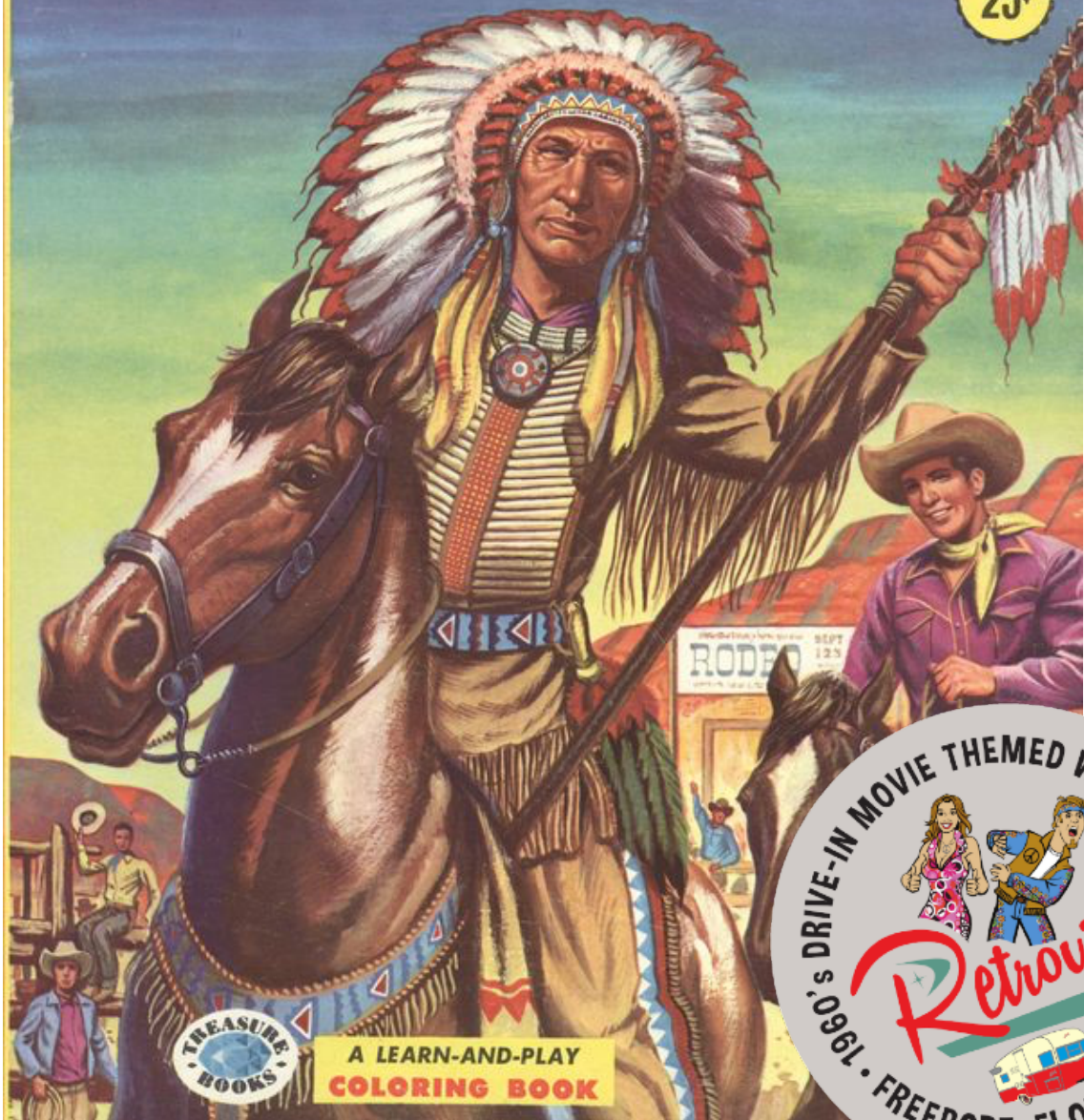
RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN: Call Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds at (706)896-4191 and let them know you want to park with the Georgia Airstream Club.



November 6 - 8, 2026

COWBOYS AND INDIANS

HOURS OF FUN
25¢



TREASURE BOOKS

A LEARN-AND-PLAY
COLORING BOOK



Contact: EmeraldCoastAirstreamClub@gmail.com

Business Meeting and Installation Rally

Emerald Coast Airstream Club

Official Club Merchandise



Garden Flag
\$30



Calling Cards
100 for \$53



ECAC Name Tag
\$15



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EMAIL
EmeraldCoastAirstreamClub@gmail.com

2

LIST WHAT PRODUCTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE.

3

PAY FOR PRODUCTS
Instructions for payment will be included in the confirmation email.

Emerald Coast Airstream Club

LANDS' END

Embroidery



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store/
emeraldcoastairstreamclu](https://business.landsend.com/store/emeraldcoastairstreamclu)

2

**CHOOSE YOUR
PRODUCT**

3

WEAR PROUDLY



WE WOULD LOVE TO FEATURE YOUR TRAVELS-

Send info to:

EmeraldCoastAirstreamClub@gmail.com

