



Pelican Briefs

**Louisiana Airstream
Club**

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President's Message

As I write my final President's Message, I find myself reflecting on what an honor it has been to serve the Louisiana Airstream Club. This journey has been filled with friendship, laughter, miles traveled, and memories that I will cherish for years to come.

Our club is much much more than Airstream. It's about the people who gather around campfires, share meals, lend a helping hand, and welcome new members with open arms. That spirit of community is what makes this club so special.

I want to thank each of you for your support, encouragement, and willingness to volunteer. No president succeeds alone, and I have been fortunate to serve alongside an outstanding group of officers, board members, and dedicated members who generously gave their time and talents.

Over the past two years, we've enjoyed rallies, explored new places, celebrated traditions, and strengthened friendships. Whether you attended one event or every event, you helped make our club vibrant and welcoming. As I pass the gavel to our new leadership, I do so with confidence and excitement for the future of the Louisiana Airstream Club. I know they will bring fresh ideas, enthusiasm, and the same commitment to preserving the fellowship that makes our club unique.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your president. It has truly been one of the highlights of my Airstream journey. Although my term is ending, I look forward to continuing to travel, camp, and make memories with all of you as a fellow club member.

May your roads be smooth, your campsites beautiful, and your adventures plentiful.

Safe travels, and I'll see you down the road!
With gratitude,

Robert Perere

President, Louisiana Airstream Club



PARTY LIKE IT'S 1776

What an outstanding success our 1776 July 4th Rally was! We were thrilled to see such an enthusiastic turnout at Fairview - Riverside State Park as our members gathered to celebrate Independence Day with patriotism, fellowship, and a shared appreciation for our nation's founding principles.

A special thank-you and heartfelt shout-out goes to our outstanding hosts, Linda & Dan LaPorte and Tony & Juliana Cloud. Their hard work, hospitality, and attention to every detail helped make this rally one of our finest celebrations yet.

Our days started with an outstanding breakfast of fresh coffee and a wonderful assortment of donuts, providing a warm and inviting start to the day's festivities. It was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, and meet new ones. We all probably gained a few extra pounds.

One of the highlights of the rally was gathering around the table to enjoy a delicious barbecue of hot dogs, hamburgers, fresh watermelon and all the trimmings. We also had apple pie cooked every way that it has been cooked since 1776, everything was delicious. The meal was followed by a lively game of patriotic bingo that brought everyone together for an afternoon filled with laughter, fellowship, and good old - fashioned fun.

We were especially pleased to welcome several members attending their very first rally. We hope they enjoyed themselves and look forward to seeing them again. Judith Carlyle From Metairie, LA, Joel Gautreaux & Cynthia Duet from Baton Rouge, LA, Vic & Cinnamon Salvador from Lake Charles, LA., and Paula & David Gautreaux from Gonzales, LA.

As we reflect on this wonderful event, we are grateful for everyone who attended, volunteered and helped make our 1776 Rally such a success. We look forward to gathering again as we continue to celebrate our freedoms and strengthen the bonds that unite our community. God Bless America







We are Will and Holly Clancy from Baton Rouge, and joined the Louisiana Airstream Club in September 2024 after purchasing our “ClanTanc” a 2023, 23 - foot international Airstream

Our camping adventures began in 1976 in Will’s 1967 Ford Echo line “hippie van,” complete with shag carpeting and white fur lined walls. As our family grew, so did our camping accommodations - we moved from a tent to a pop-up camper, then a travel trailer, a sailboat, and finally our Airstream. Now that we're both retired, we have more time to travel. Will spent his career in the industrial control valve service industry, and Holly retired from the State as a grant administrator. We recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary by traveling with our dog, Scout, to Gatlinburg, where we met up with our three grown children, and eight of our 12 grandchildren.

Like many Airstreamers, our goal is to visit all 49 drivable states and explore as many national parks and landmarks as possible. We're already more than halfway there and hope to participate in an Alaska rally within the next couple of years.

Our favorite way to travel is to head out with a few destinations in mind, but without a fixed itinerary. Along the way, we've collected some memorable stories - from the time our dog locked us out of our truck in the middle of the desert with no cell service, to the recent surprise when our grandson discovered a 200- pound black bear inside the truck!

We're looking forward to attending as many rallies and caravans as we can fit into the year when we're not gardening, cheering at swim meets, and lacrosse games, or volunteering through our church. We can't wait to meet more members and make new memories together.



**Aug. 1
2026**

Installation Luncheon, 11:00 AM at Galvez Seafood. 16512 Airline Hwy, Prairieville. Hosted by: Curt Fontenot.

**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 Vermilionville 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

**Nov. 1-10
2026**

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

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**Dec. 3-6
2026**

Christmas Rally hosted by: Dale & Kathy Spillman, Co-Host 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 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,

**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 ASAP. Use 62PLUS for a senior discount. Reservations can be made online at www.lastateparks.com or by calling 985-869-7275.



Will Schexnayder, a talented master woodworker, has handcrafted many of these beautiful plaques for our members. This is the one he made for the Fontana's. It comes with a chain ready to hang. If you would like to purchase one, they are available for \$85. Please contact Will at: 225-362-3906

Before reaching for Roundup, consider trying this simple alternative. Bees are essential to our ecosystem, and without them life as we know it – including the beautiful places we love to camp – would be very different. This homemade weed killer works just as well, if not better, for many weeds. Just be careful to spray only the weeds and avoid spraying bees or other beneficial insects.



2 cups Epsom salt
1 gallon of white vinegar
1/4 cup of dawn, dish soap
3 tablespoons of rubbing alcohol

Mix all the ingredients thoroughly. Let the mixture sit for at least 15 minutes, then shake well before spraying.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Grace Isn't Just A Little Prayer You
Say Before Receiving A Meal,
It's A Way To LIVE!

Want a medallion for your Airstream? Very nice, fairly large round disc's that stick on one side,. Be ready with the name you picked out, your vin #, model, BRN #, etc. Go to: airstreamsupply.com

To give you an idea here are just a few names from people in our club:

Love Shack	Junior
Dino	Dixie Darlin
My Happy Place	The last Resort
Money Pit	Curb Appeal
Road Toad	Sunday Grace



2019 Airstream Flying Cloud 19'. One owner. Meticulously maintained. Housed inside. Backup camera, ducted air, awning package, gas range, microwave/convection/air fryer combo. No smoking or pets. Located in southern Louisiana. \$50,000. Contact Donna Theriot, 985-696-6250 for additional information. Please feel free to Share this.



If you have any Airstream-related items you'd like to sell-such as chairs, hitches, accessories, or other camping equipment-please send me a photos, a brief description, and your asking price. We'll be happy to include your item in the next newsletter. Send to: rebeccaperere1@gmail.com



Welcome new members and affiliates to the Louisiana Airstream Club! We would like to introduce and extend a warm welcome to new members, James & Karen Moore from Killian, LA. Along with new affiliates, Richard & Monica Bourque from Kokomo, MS, Reed & Susan Guice from Biloxi, MS, and Greg & Kinta LeBlanc from Central, LA. We are excited to have you join our Airstream family and look forward to seeing you at future rallies and events.



The Louisiana Airstream club now uses the "GroupMe" app for communication within our club and it includes club and affiliate members. GroupMe is a private free messaging app, we now have 43 members on GroupMe exchanging ideas, rally information, caravans, how to's helpful maintenance information, etc. It's a great way to stay in touch and share information between club members, to coordinate rallies, talk Airstream tech, and much more. If you're not on the GroupMe app - you're missing out. Join the Louisiana Airstream GroupMe app today! Download the app and begin using this user-friendly, informational communication tool. For more information, contact Jim Russo at: 337-303-3977 or Chris Markerson at: 225-290-3869

