



ALABAMA UNIT #001
WBCCI NEWSLETTER
March 2018

President's Message

March is here, and we are fully engaged in rally plans and caravan plans. We got off to a good start with the joint rally at Mystic Springs Cove, McDavid, FL. Once again, the Pensacola Unit welcomed us and shared their site-seeing and meal plans with us. Thanks so much for all you do! You always make us feel so welcome. Bill and Betty Lancaster provided a fine evening of entertainment. The Alabama Unit managed to pull off a nice hamburger meal, as well. Thanks Alabama Unit.

PJ and I continued south to Fort Pickens Campground, situated on Santa Rosa Island, a part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore south of Pensacola and Gulf Breeze, Florida. We enjoyed the seashore by hiking around the western end of the island on the

sandy beaches and visiting the historic sites. We took pictures of nesting Osprey, a tree frog climbing on our Airstream and a snake that scarred us pretty good. We had a blast, and we plan to bring our son's family there in late March.

By now, everyone should know about the plans to camp at Gunter Hill, Corps of Engineers Campground, on the way to Anchors Aweigh in Foley. We have made our reservations. We hope many of you join us there. We have Paul Pasley and Jerry Mitchel to thank for the plans at Gunter Hill, and John & Carol Rylee to thank for all the planning at Anchors Aweigh. John Burton is planning a shrimp boil at the Foley Rally, so we hope there are a lot of members attending to enjoy the feast.

In this newsletter and future newsletters, you will continue to hear about Alabama Rally at the Fiddlers Convention in Athens, AL. No, everything is not final, but it sure looks like it is heading in the right direction. Athens State University is rolling out the welcome mat. I have already asked many of you to fill positions, and each of them can use some help. The goal, is to keep this as simple and easy as possible so that no one gets burned out and this rally continues each year.

Thanks to all of you who invest your talents in our club and make our events so enjoyable.

Russ Pry

A note from our Region 6 President

For those planning on going to the International Rally, Region 6 will have it's luncheon on 6/26/18 at 12 noon in the Floral Bldg. Lobby. Tickets will be available at registration.

Area Meetings

Montgomery Area

Submitted by
Becky Smith

The Montgomery Area group met for dinner on February 12th at the Red Lobster Restaurant. There was a lively discussion about upcoming Airstream events. John Rylee reported on the meeting with Athens State University representatives to plan our rally in conjunction with the Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention in October. In attendances were Paul & Flip Aehnlich, Spencer Bach, Brooks & Catherine Darby, Lynn Fitzgerald

& daughter, Jerry Mitchell, Tony Olm, John & Carol Rylee, hosts Lamar & Becky Smith, and guest Stan Jones.

Birmingham Area

Submitted by John Burton

The next luncheon will be at 11:30, on March 12, 2018 at the Char Bar No 7 Restaurant, 900 Jamison Lane, Mountain Brook, AL. Phone # 205-802-9050
Afterwards, for those interested, we can visit the Beautiful Birmingham Botanical Gardens located just down the street from the restaurant.

North Alabama Area

Submitted by
Ron Akridge

North Alabama had their monthly luncheon yesterday February 8 at the Urban Cookhouse, Huntsville Alabama. There were eight airstreamers that attended. Urban Cookhouse is a new franchise recently opened in Bridge Street Town Ctr. The restaurant prepares their meats on the Big Green Egg using local hickory wood and lump charcoal allowing the pork, steak, shrimp and turkey to have great flavor. The emphasis is on fresh ingredients and supporting local farmers.

Cents for Youth

Submitted by Flip Aehnlich

This Airstream Charity project was started to raise funds each year for a family with a very sick child that needs some financial help. The family must meet certain standards to be eligible for the money, which is presented to the family at the International Rally. The program has grown so that Airstream can give this family \$5,000-\$8,000 dollars. All Airstream units are asked to collect money at meetings and rallies during the year.

I am the Region 6 Chairman for the Cents For Youth, and I would like to thank the Alabama Unit and lunch and dinner groups for your support. Region 6 almost always contributes the largest amount of money. Let's try to be number 1 again!

Please have a jar or bank at all of your rallies and meetings for people to deposit their change or dollars. Please bring your contribution to the April rally at Anchor's Aweigh. If you cannot attend, please send a check for the amount collected to the Alabama Unit Treasurer, Mike Hamilton.

Pull-Tabs and Pop-Tops

Submitted by Flip Aehnlich

This Airstream project provides funds for the Ronald McDonald house where the International Rally is held. Save the ones you use and ask our friends to save some for you. Have a container at rallies and meetings for these. Bring them to the April rally.

Upcoming Events

Alabama Rolling Rally

On our way to the Alabama State Rally in Foley on April 19-22, 2018, let's all leave one day early and arrive at Gunter Hill COE Park, 561 Booth Road, Montgomery, west of Montgomery on Wednesday, April 18th. The next day we can travel on to Foley, Alabama.

At Gunter Hill on Wednesday night, there will be refreshments, food and around-the-campfire and rest.

Wednesday night food will be provided by the Club. It will be lots of fun to meet and greet on our way to Foley. Thursday AM breakfast will be on your own as we move on to Foley.

Call national reservation service Reserve America at

1-877-444-6777 to make your site reservation at Gunter Hill for Wednesday night, April 18. Ask for site #54, #55, #56, #57, #58, #59, #63, #65, #66 or #67. These are the sites located nearest the pavilion we will use. Have your senior pass (if you have) and credit card ready. Rate is \$13 with senior pass or \$26 without.

Travel south on I-65 and at Montgomery, go right onto US 80 west. Go 8 miles, then turn right at brown sign (Gunter Hill COE Park) onto Cantelou Road. Travel 5 miles (thru intersection), park is on your left.

If you have any questions, please call Jerry Mitchell 334-303-1672 or Paul or Julia Pasley at 334-285-3382.

Alabama State Rally

Anchors Aweigh RV Park
Foley, AL

April 19-22, 2018

(See attached Registration Form)

International Rally

Salem, Oregon
June 23-30, 2018

Fiddlers Convention Rally

Athens, AL
October 1-7, 2018

Region 6 Rally
Lebanon, Tennessee
October 15-19, 2018

Airstream Classified

2013 Airstream Interstate. Call Mike Hamilton at 334-740-5901 or mikejhamilton@gmail.com

Safe Travels,

John Rylee
Editor



ALABAMA STATE RALLY
APRIL 19-22, 2018
ANCHORS AWEIGH RV RESORT
19814 COUNTY ROAD 20 SOUTH
FOLEY, AL 36535

**Make your reservations with the campground by
calling 251-971-6644.**

Please bring your own table service and plates to each meal.

Schedule

Thursday, April 19 - 5:15PM Leave for DeSoto's Restaurant
for Dutch treat dinner

Friday, April 20

8:00AM Breakfast - Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice

9:00AM Leave for Fairhope

9:30-11:30AM Tour Fairhope's museum, shopping & pier on
your own.

11:30AM Dutch treat lunch at Julwin's Restaurant

1:00PM Leave for tour of Five Rivers, Alabama's Delta
Resource Center, Spanish Fort, AL.

2:00PM Five Rivers Guided Tour

3:00PM Five Rivers Boat Tour.

6:00PM Dinner- Grilled Hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, chips & dessert.

7:00PM Games-Bingo, Dominoes, etc.

Saturday, April 21

8:00AM Breakfast - Bacon, egg & cheese biscuits, grits, juice

9:00 - Business Meeting

10:00 - Free time for shopping, beach, hiking, games.

6:00PM Dinner - Low country boil

7:00PM - Games

Sunday, April 22

7:30AM Continental Breakfast

REGISTRATION FORM

ALABAMA STATE RALLY

APRIL 19-22, 2018

Please send this registration form and check to John Rylee by Friday, April 9th. Rally Fee is \$15.00 per person.

Name(s)_____WBCCI#_____

Guest(s)_____

ArrivalDate_____

Number of Persons_____X \$15.00 = _____

Number of members and guests going to DeSoto's on Thursday

Number of members and guests going on the boat tour of Five Rivers on Friday _____ @ \$15 per adult.

Emergency Contact Information

Name_____

Relationship to You_____

Telephone Number_____

Make your check to "Alabama Unit, WBCCI" and send to John Rylee, 485 Winding Wood Dr., Wetumpka, AL 36093.

Discussion of Rally at Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention (Part One)

A Special Event Rally is held in conjunction with an event of National interest. We have asked for our rally to be classified as a Special Event Rally, but that designation will take some time. It must be approved by the WBCCI Executive Committee and the International Board of Trustees. Until then, we will refrain from calling this rally a Special Event.

The Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention attracts talent from around the country. There were over 15,000 attendees in October 2017. Please visit www.tvotfc.org for more information on the convention.

Other Special Event Rallies are:

- **Bend Classic Special Event Rally, 25th Anniversary VAC Rally, Bend, Oregon**
- **Galax Old Fiddlers, 17th Special Event Rally, Galax, Virginia**
- **Storytelling Festival Special Event Rally, 46th Year of Festival – 14th Year for WBCCI, Jonesborough, Tennessee**
- **Rose Parade Special Event Rally, Pasadena, California**
- **Canopener 2019 Special Event Rally, Santa Rosa Beach, Florida**

October is the time of Wally Byam Airstream Club membership renewals. One goal of this rally is to offer an opportunity for current members to renew and to attract new members by demonstrating our Airstream lifestyle.

Here is our opportunity to enjoy a rally at an event of national interest while attracting membership. It doesn't get any better.

Key dates:

- Volunteers for the Rally event are needed in Athens, AL for the period October 1 through October 7.
- The Rally dates when attendees should attend is October 2 through October 6.
- The Fiddlers Convention dates are October 4 through October 6.

Rally:

Rally fees do not include camping fees. The major portion of the rally fee goes toward the two-day entry into the Fiddlers Convention. Rally fees are required for everyone attending the Rally. New members attending their first rally will be given a rebate of costs, except for the two-day convention entry fee. Rally events will be located at Big Spring Park. We have access to the park pavilion and to the "Domino Room" in the Athens-Limestone County Tourism Association Office building. All tours and rally related meetings or gatherings should be in Big Spring Park.

Depending on the crowd size, we will have a 20' x 40' tent beside the pavilion, so that we can seat everyone for the catered meal. We intend for coffee and tea to be available daily. Breakfast related baked goods will be available each morning as rally funds allow.

Three RV camping arrangements:

Our primary **rally parking** arrangements are at the University's softball field. There is water available, generators < 70 DBA are allowed and a pump out has been arranged for on Thursday afternoon, October 4th. This Thursday pump out is included in the camping fee. Additional pump outs are available at \$25 by calling Aerial Sewer Service. We are still working on power arrangements that may negate a need for generators. Every Airstream is designed to operate on battery and propane for extended periods of time. The electrical power we intend to provide is only enough to keep your battery(s) charged. However, if you need electrified medical equipment, or otherwise require full electrical power, you need to camp elsewhere.

Membership chairmen for all units in Region 6, or their representatives, will be offered high visibility parking arrangements around Big Springs Park across from Athens State University. The purpose is to be visible and accessible for attracting new members and providing the opportunity for Region 6 members to renew their membership.

Some of our members enjoy playing music with friends who may have or may not have Airstreams. They have a tradition of parking on campus with their musical groups. The parking on campus is free primitive or dry camping. People start arriving up to two weeks before the event. It is all first come first served and not conducive to supporting an Airstream rally event. However, any member desiring to dry camp on campus is welcome to participate in the rally.

Alternative Camping:

The nearest Full Hook Up RV camping is Northgate RV Park. It is always full for the Fiddlers Convention. If you plan to go there, then make your reservations as soon as feasible. Parking anywhere near campus will be very difficult during the convention. Please consider parking your cars or tow vehicles at the softball field, when you come to town for rally and convention events.

See <http://www.visitathensal.com/camp-grounds.html> for additional camping opportunities.