THE PEACH STATE CARAVANNER

TOP OF GEORGIA AIRSTREAM PARK

VOLUME 64 ISSUE 1

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Airstream family,

I would like to thank each one of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the Top of Georgia Airstream Club as your President and I look forward to the year ahead of us.

Many thanks in advance to all of you, the members. Together as volunteers, we make it happen and provide a wonderful place for all to enjoy.

I would also like to thank the members who stay through the winter months volunteering their time. Sleet nor hail nor snow, year after year, they tend to our park, keeping it safe until we return in springtime.

It's finally here! The season we've all been waiting for Spring at The Top. Go outside. Inhale that fresh mountain air. Look how blue the sky is; listen to the sound of birds chirping and water flowing. Smell the fresh air. Play with your kids, pet your dog, go for a walk in the woods, and let the excitement of spring rejuvenate your mind.

Health and happiness to all. Let's camp! Regards, Jiji Haque #6789 President, Top of Georgia





IN THIS ISSUE

President's letter pg 1 Park project update pg 2 Note from the VP pg 3 Hosting opportunities pg 3 Spring Rally schedule pg 4 Spring Rally worklist pg 5 Winter events pgs 6-8 Dog days pg 9 Loving concerns pg 10 Rally schedule pg 11

www.topofgeorgia.net



This winter, several projects were successfully completed at the Top, emphasizing the entrance area with updated lighting and managing the years of natural growth. These efforts aim to prepare the property for the upcoming season, ensuring it remains beautiful and as welcoming as possible for members and guests. The Property Management team would like to thank the volunteers who assisted in the completion of these projects, including Chris Modly, David Cardoza, Eric Ernst, David Waldrip, James Matznick, Vince Marolla and Michael Kent.



A NOTE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Don Doerr

A hardy group of Top of Georgia Airstreamers endured a tough winter season in the park. There were many consecutive nights below freezing and some snow. But now, it is time for the rest of us to get back to the TOP and join them. The upcoming Spring Rally in a few weeks is a nice place to start. So make your plans and let the rally crew know your intentions so that food and other preparations can be made.

Hosting in the wintertime is fairly calm but there were 6 rigs that checked in during a 24 hour period earlier this month. So, the season is beginning, and we are in need of hosts, actually lots of hosts in the summer months ahead. While some may seem intimidated by host duties, Chris, our Park Manager, and Adam have been taking action to make this easy. Chris will conduct a short Hosting 101 class during the Spring Rally. There are benefits to hosting that are rewarding and they round out the Airstream experience. I hope to see you there and I will be the smiling face host to check you in for the rally. The week after our Spring Rally, Region 3 will have their annual rally near Charleston. So far, 30 TOG members have registered. Come join us. Finally, I welcome your ideas for improvements to the park. Top of Georgia only exists because of the volunteers, so please consider getting involved and contributing to our future success. Happy camping, Don







March 31. 2025 - April 6. 2025

Monday 3/31 and Tuesday 4/1 WORK DAYS Friday, April 4

Spring Cleaning at the Top – Inside and Out We need your help. Project Lists in Pavilion

Lunch Provided for working volunteers.

Wednesday, April 2

Another Work Day - Hey, we have lots to do. 3:30 P

- 6:30 P Rally Registration at Pavilion Adults \$25; Kids \$10 Refreshments, Clara Ellis
- 7:00 P Welcome/Announcements, Jiji Haque

<u>Thursday, April 3</u>

- 9:00 A Breakfast @ the Pavilion (Bring set-ups) Kat & Jackson Elder
- 9:30 A Craft/Painting, Sherry Johnson

Explore the area on your own

- 4:30 P Meet at Cottage House
- 7:00 P Welcome/Announcements, Bingo Snacks Provided

9:00 A Breakfast at the Pavilion (Bring set-ups) Kat & Jackson Elder

- 11:30 A Tech Talks: Tank Care Mark Thomason, Wolf Creek RV
 - P Afternoon Games in the Park
- 6:00 P Rally Registration
- 7:00 P Cook-Out & Bonfire Food will be provided
- <u>Saturday, April 5</u>
 - 8:30 A Coffee and Pastries in the Pavilion

9:00 A - Spring Craft & Yard Sale (Pavilion) 1:30 P

- 1:00 P Ice Cream Social Floy & Barbara Jumper
- 1:30 P Hosting 101 Chris McConnell, Don Doerr

Afternoon Excursions See Carpool Sign-Ups in Pavilion

6:00 P Italian Dinner & Game Night Lori & Chris Modly <u>Sunday, April 6</u>

10:00 A Worship in the Pavilion Donn Gray

4







Some of the projects we will be targeting for the workdays are:

Exterior

Reseeding bare areas in the lawn, particularly where the septic tanks have been recently pumped and left bare soil.

Replanting the flowerpots. We already have grass seed and straw.

Pickup of debris

Weeding of planting areas and bushes

Clean shelters, tables, chairs and fans

Removal of some of the stored items near the tractor barn

Cleaning out the tractor barn, including removal of surplus chairs.

Install a wide gate in the dog park fence for lawn mower access. (We have the materials.)

Interior

Clean lighting fixtures and make sure all bulbs are functional Clean/organize library Organize & inventory games Organize & inventory storage closet

All 9 of our septic tanks have recently been pumped, preparing us for a busy season and a great year camping.

We have engaged a new landscape company to do some major trimming of overhanging trees and heavily overgrown areas. This is a one-time event (for now), but there may still be some of those items to be addressed during the workdays. We will know more once the landscapers are finished.

These lists are likely to be amended. Pretty much every building in the park can use a good cleaning, although they are not in bad shape overall. FYI, we will also have ice cream at least for one of the workday meals. We appreciate your willingness to help in making the park more

beautiful.

Thank you, Floy Jumper Property Manager (Interim) 770-500-6182



5

WINTER HAPPENINGS @ TOG





Chris M. & August (son) "Midnight" Balloon Drop

6

APPY NEW YEAR



Charcuterie courtesy of Jean Greenland & Jiji Haque





7



Scrub a dub dub Cardozas & Ernsts on clean up



Thanks to our cooks Chris, Karen, Lori & Chantil



DOG DAYS The dogs abound these days up at the TOG Meet some of the winter crew & their pups

New additions to the family



Larry White with Layla (left) David & Karen Cardoza with Zoe (right)



Chris & Adam Higgin's Nova & Rayleigh



Jean Greenland with Juliet & Burt



Chris & Lori Modly's Bukshi



:W005:

Jiji Haque's Copper



Eric Ernst & Boomer

9

Dog Rules

Dogs must be on a leash, attached to a human at all times Only service animals are allowed in TOG buildings It is your duty to pick up your dog's doodie



Praise for these members who have recently had successful surgery and are back to normal activities.

Dave Rand - Hernia Surgery Sharon Fore - Hip Surgery Jiji Haque - Carotid Surgery

Rick Sibly - Rick had successful colon surgery and is now home regaining his strength. He and Nancy appreciate prayers for his speedy recovery and return to the TOG.

Lisa Roberts - Lisa is battling lung cancer and is now under Hospice care. She and Ricky thank you for prayers of support.

Pat King - Pat continues to fight cancer and kidney issues. She and Mike are thankful for your prayers.

Sympathy

JoAnne Topham, a sweet longtime member passed away on Jan 17th at the age of 90. JoAnne and Ken worked hard volunteering in our park, played lots of games, worked in the kitchen, and donated the very first ice maker. They loved to travel and attend rallies and included their granddaughter in many of their trips. Our sympathy to her family as they celebrate her life

> Barbara Jumper 770-241-3793 toglovingconcerns@gmail.com



RALLY SCHEDULE

2025

3/31- 4/5 Spring Rally/Volunteer Days, TOG *4/26-5/4 South Florida Sister Rally, TOG 5/21- 5/26 Memorial Day/Buddy Rally/Business Meeting, TOG 6/18-6/22 Youth Rally/Buddy Rally, TOG 7/4 Patriotic Day, TOG *8/14- 8/17 Palmetto State Sister Rally, TOG 8/23-8/28 International Rally, York, PA 8/27- 9/1 Labor Day/ Business Meeting, TOG *9/1-9/7 South Carolina Coastal Sister Rally

2026

*4/16-4/19 Grapes & Grains Sister Rally *5/1- 5/3 Low Country Airstream Sister Rally

<u>OFFICERS</u>

President-Jiji Haque President Elect- Adam Higgins 2nd Vice President- Don Doerr Secretary- Mike Deegan Treasurer- Doug Ralston 2nd year directors- Donn Gray & Rick Sibley 1st year directors- Bill Harris & MaryAnne Meeks

The Peachstate Caravanner is the official publication of the Georgia Unit, ACI, published six times a year.



Website: <u>www.topofgeorgia.net</u>

Editor, Lori A. Modly

New feature coming next issue: Tell us something good! New pet, family member, or celebration, send us a photo & a note to feature in the Caravanner. **Email: infotopofgeorgia@gmail.com**

