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TOP OF GEORGIA AIRSTREAM PARK

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Airstream family,

Summer is here and the Top is awaiting your arrival. Our volunteers at our April Rally clean up days certainly out shined themselves this year. The park has never looked better. A huge thank you to all involved.

Our Memorial Day/Buddy Rally is right around the corner 5/21-5/26
Please come join us.

"Rally" can refer to several things, but in general, it means to bring people together for a common purpose. In our case the love of Airstreams, friendship and mother-nature.

As a reminder our schedules are always posted on our website along with our Sister Rally schedules. Speaking of South Florida just completed their sister rally in our park. They had a great turnout out..and a lot of fun. We thank them for choosing the Top of Georgia.

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day." — Henri Nouwen

Finally, search inside yourself and decide what brings you unwavering joy... Whatever the answer is, please take a moment to find your Joy this summer.

Jiji Haque, President TOG



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Rally News with VP **DON DOERR**

We started April with 2 days of Spring cleaning inside and out. An extensive task list and 8 AM coffee and pastries greeted a group of 20+ volunteers selecting assignments all around the park.

At the Spring Rally that followed, morning meals were prepared by Kat and Jackson and a lasagna dinner Saturday night cooked by Lori. I found there was more to Bingo than calling numbers when hosting a very full competitive group. This was a true learning experience for this novice. Chris held a Hosting 101 class to help recruit for vacant positions here at the TOP.

So, four full days made more enjoyable by Floy's special ice cream.

Then, it was on to the Region 3 rally just west of Charleston, SC. Altogether, 51 TOG members arrived to full hookup sites in the Exchange Fair Grounds and our TOG group was the largest of the 17 clubs represented. There were new Airstreams on display and a good group of vendors that included NoloX owners Kevin and Debra. They upgrade and align ill-fitting doors; and,

have since followed us back to the TOP to host and provide a technical session at our Memorial Day Rally. Food was a huge success: unlimited ice cream; daily breakfast; a taco supper; and, a low- country boil followed by a dessert smorgasbord. Cindy, Nadine, and others setup and prepared munchies for the TOG happy hour. Donn Gray began evening meals by giving thanks. The TOG members could be seen in all aspects of the rally including cooking, serving and cleaning.

If you haven't participated in a Region 3 rally, plan now to attend next year's which will be at the fair grounds near Lakeland, FL.



Opening ceremony



Rip & Cindy at Bingo



Happy Campers



TOG happy Hour



Don & Julie Gray

a note from the secretary's desk
MIKE DEEGAN

AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL [Membership profile update]

ACI [AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL] voting rules dictate that a ballot be e-mailed to each member's e-mail address as detailed on their profile.

Many members only have one spouse / partner e-mail on file. For the last election Bruce Peace created a work around. However, going forward we suggest you update your profile and add any missing e-mail addresses. Missing e-mail address will also exclude you from voting in ACI elections. Profile editing on the ACI website does not allow you to add your missing e-mail address.

Please send an e-mail to one of the following addresses to request adding an e-mail to your profile. [be sure to include your membership #].

[assist@airstreamclub.org
membership@airstreamclub.org

Regards,
Mike Deegan
Jmd327@bellsouth.net
404-372-3884



The 2025 spring workday was wildly successful! Many folks worked very hard, cleaning inside and outside, weeding, planting, organizing, cooking, serving, and removing natural debris. Some trash and metal for recycling was removed from the tractor shed area. (It looks much better. Take a look.) A new gate was installed in the dog park fence for easier landscaper access. We had many new folks in the park who pitched in and worked hard. Everyone put forward a positive, welcoming and friendly face for the Top of Georgia.

Since our recent rally, there have been some electrical repairs of damage from a falling tree in the lower loop, as well as repairs to Wifi system by the I.T. team.

We are blessed to have members who are willing to be involved and work very hard for the benefit of all. The park looks beautiful. When all the recently planted grass and flowers emerge, it will be even more so. Our gratitude goes to our President, our Park Manager and other officers for their hard work in organizing the workdays and the rally.

Again, thank you!

Floy Jumper, Property Manager



Barbara Jumper
holding the ladder
for Floy



Jesse Stone & Bill Harris at the
top of the TOP



HOSTING 101

TOP OF GEORGIA AIRSTREAM PARK

DAILY ROUTINE

- OPEN THE FRONT GATE
- TURN OFF THE OUTSIDE LIGHTS AROUND THE PARK
- CHECK THE RESTROOMS AND RESTOCK AS NEEDED
- OPEN FACILITIES LIKE LAUNDRY, KITCHEN, ETC.
- ANSWER INCOMING CALLS THROUGHOUT THE DAY
- GREET GUESTS & PROCESS PAYMENTS

NIGHTLY ROUTINE

- CLOSE THE FRONT GATE
- TURN ON THE OUTSIDE LIGHTS AROUND THE PARK
- CHECK FACILITIES AND LOCK DOORS AS NEEDED
- LOCK UP CASH BOX & MASTER KEYS

SO WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Camp hosts receive:

- Free Parking
- Host Award Credits
- Free Laundry
- Fiber Optic High Speed Internet

Curious about hosting at Top of Georgia?

We've got you covered!

During the **Spring Rally**, the Park Management Team hosted an exciting **Hosting 101** session—giving an inside look at what it means to be “on duty” as a host. From responsibilities to system walkthroughs, we broke it all down in a way that makes hosting feel simple, fun, and rewarding!

Did you miss the presentation?

No worries! Just email infotopofgeorgia@gmail.com and we'll be happy to send you the PowerPoint or even set up a **one-on-one Hosting 101 session** to answer your questions and ease any concerns.

Step into the hosting world with confidence—we're here to help every step of the way!



< Scan to Sign Up

MEMORIAL DAY RALLY

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 21

- 5:15 PM Rally Registration
Adults \$25; Kids \$10
- 7:00 PM Welcome/Announcements
Snacks provided; bring your own
drinks

Thursday, May 22

- 8:30 AM Breakfast on your own
- 1:30 PM Line Dancing
- 4:30 PM Meet at Cottage House in
Cleveland
- 7:00 PM Bingo & Popcorn. Bring your own
drinks.

Friday, May 23

- 9:00 AM Breakfast at the Pavilion,
Kat and Jackson Elder
- 10:00 AM Board Meeting
- 1:00-4:00 Games in the Pavilion *
- 7:15 PM Rally Registration
- 7:30 PM Welcome/Announcements
Trivia Contest

Saturday, May 24

- 9:00 AM Breakfast at the Pavilion,
Kat and Jackson Elder
- 10:00 AM Business Meeting @ Pavilion
- 1:00 PM Ice Cream Social at the Pavilion
- 2:00 PM Seminar:
Kevin and Deborah, NOLOX
- 6:30 PM Rich Caplan & Tina Shelton of
Here Now

Sunday, May 25

- 10:00 AM Memorial Service for members
who have passed away this past
year and our Veterans. *
Refreshments to follow.
- 2:00 PM Corn hole and croquet
- 6:00 PM Potluck Dinner at Pavilion *
Bring plates and eating utensils.

Monday/Memorial Day, May 26 - R&R; Safe travels

**Please sign up if planning to attend*

Spring Rally



(pictured) Fill in Rally Organizers: Chris & Adam Higgins, and Lori & Chris Modly

Our thanks to all those that volunteered your time for this rally & for our park.

Blessings to our Rally Committee chairs; Nancy Sibley & Mary Ann Meeks , you all helped us immensely, now please come back, rally planning fun but hard work!



Newly painted TOG sign



Get those books in shape ladies



Work smarter not harder



Working lunch



Duck washing



Storage Room/Decoration organization. We now have an itemized list with photos!

Let's EAT

One thing is for sure, we eat WELL at our Rallies. Clara Ellis started us off with her appetizers and tropical cake. Kat & Jackson Elder fueled us up with amazing breakfasts all weekend.



Chris & Adam Higgins hosted the campfire night. Floy & Barbara Jumper fired up the ice cream maker. Add in some yummy to go charcuterie & snacks during BINGO..

Lori & Chris Modly hosted Italian dinner with homemade lagasne, salad, & bread, including some Gluten Free options. **Thanks to all those that cooked, served, and cleaned up!**



having fun



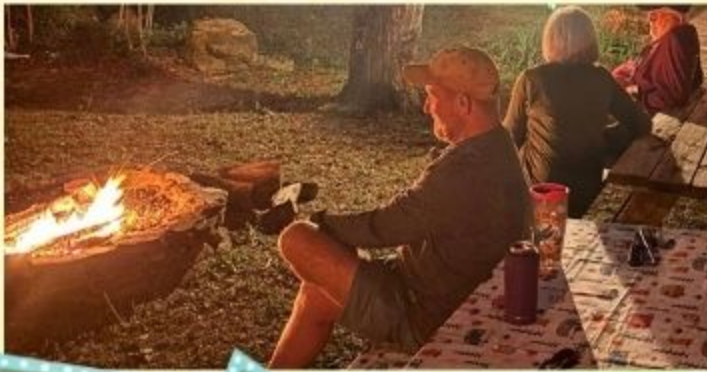
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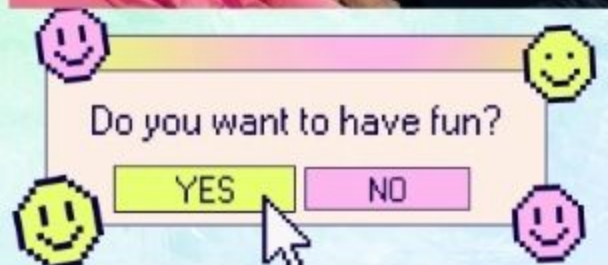
Games on the lawn



Tech Talks: Tank Care with Mark Thomason, Wolf Creek RV



FUN!



Recipes

FROM SPRING RALLY

Lori's Spaghetti Sauce & Lasagne

Makes a large portion (enough for 2 spaghetti dinners)

****make extra & good luck keeping everyone out of the pot while it is cooking**

Ingredients

3 lbs ground beef
1 tsp black pepper
½ tsp salt
2 tsp garlic powder

1 TBSP olive oil
4-6 gloves minced garlic
1 small onion diced (or 2 tsp onion powder)
2 large cans (28oz) tomato sauce
½ can of water
2 tsp oregano
1 tsp italian seasoning
1 tsp sugar
2 bay leaves



In a large pot, brown ground beef with salt, pepper & garlic powder. Drain & set aside. Add olive oil & onion to pot, cook 2-3 minutes, then add in garlic & cook 1-2 min more. Add drained, ground beef, and all other ingredients to pot. Simmer a minimum of 2 hours.

For lasagne

makes 1 9x12 pan

Ingredients

1 box regular UNCOOKED lasagna noodles
1 large container small curd cottage cheese
4-8 cups of shredded mozzarella cheese
1 batch of spaghetti sauce (above)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

In a baking dish layer:

Sauce-Noodles-sauce-cottage cheese- mozzarella cheese (repeat) finish with a large amount of Mozz. cheese. Cover with aluminum foil

Bake covered for 1 hour, remove foil, pat the top dry with paper towel, broil 3-4 minutes or until cheese is browned to your liking

From FROZEN:

Assemble lasagna as above, do NOT bake.

Cover in foil, place in the freezer.

When you want to cook it; do NOT thaw, just bake for 2 hours @ 350 before removing the foil.

Recipes

FROM SPRING RALLY

Peanut Butter Sheet Cake

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Additional Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 45 minutes

Servings: 20 servings

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Line a cookie sheet 12×18-inch (sheet pan size) with parchment paper. Set aside.
- In a LARGE saucepan, combine peanut butter, water, and butter for the cake. Bring to a boil, while stirring constantly. Once boiling, remove from heat. Add in sugars, flour, salt and baking soda. Mix until well combined. Add in eggs, buttermilk, and vanilla until blended. Pour into prepared baking sheet and bake for 15 minutes.
- While the cake is baking, prepare the frosting. In a saucepan, combine butter, buttermilk, and peanut butter. Bring to a boil, while stirring.
- Remove from heat and add in powdered sugar and vanilla extract. Whisk until smooth. Pour over warm cake.

Ingredients:

For the cake

- ¼ cup peanut butter
- 1 cup water
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup light brown sugar packed
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 large eggs
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the frosting

- ¾ cup unsalted butter
- 6 Tablespoons buttermilk
- ½ cup peanut butter
- 3 ½ cups powdered sugar
- 1 Tablespoon vanilla extract





Region 3 RALLY

by Maria Harris



The TOG was well represented in the Region 3 Rally in Ladson, S.C !

We even had a TOP welcome gathering with new members to our club and many are looking forward to joining us at the TOP !

The food was amazing and several of our members did their part in volunteering many hours in the kitchen preparing , serving and cleaning up.

Charleston has some amazing seafood restaurants which many never missed a meal to enjoy !

Seminars were plenty ... from toilets to tires to tips

From fellow Airstreamers

It's astounding how much we can learn from each other !

As for entertainment I know of two fellow TOG

Musicians maybe 3 who were awesome at open mic night !

Grapes and Grains as always had a social that did not disappoint !

Fellowship and food always brings us together in addition to giving to others. All proceeds from raffles etc. went to 3 Veterans non profit organizations ... one in particular was wrapping a veteran in a hand made beautiful quilt ...many veterans are gifted such quilts for comfort and recognition for the many sacrifices they have made for our country !

And of course ... there are vendors !

So many wonderful things and "on site" services to spend money on right there at your finger tips !

And of course our own Donn Gray ended our Rally on Sunday morning with a worship gathering to send us on our way in gratitude and safe travels.

Wonderful Rally filled with more memories to keep in our hearts !



TOG has incredibly generous members, over the last few months we have received generous donations of work & time from our members, but also some have donated helpful items to the park:

Rip Rippe donated cast iron skillet, a big green egg smoker, a log splitter & a welder. Lori Modly donated a sewing machine, it is housed in the library for all to use.

Sharon & Michael Cobb attempted to refinish our old green rocking bench & when they found it was rotted beyond repair, they ordered & built a new rocking bench out of trex material



Sharon & Michael Cobb

NEW HOSTS



Kim & Rusty Carroll

Tell Us Something GOOD



Zoey Cardoza growing fast & getting flamingo'ed at the Region 3 Rally



Chris & Mike Dinizio training Tommy Burden

LOVING CONCERNS



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We are sad to inform you of the passing of Lisa Roberts, a long time member of the Top of Georgia. She passed away, April 3, 2025. Lisa is survived by her husband, Ricky.

Lisa and Ricky were frequent volunteers at the Top of Georgia. Their favorite volunteer job was Hosting and they often hosted several months at a time.

The Top of Georgia and the members were always near and dear to Lisa's heart.

The family is planning a celebration of life service for sometime in the future. Details of this service will be sent out when the plans are made. In the meantime, you can send notes or cards to:

Mr Ricky Roberts
29 Cedarwood Lane
Greer SC 29651

To submit loving concerns
Barbara Jumper
770-241-3793
toglovingconcerns@gmail.com



Submitted by Bill Hamblin (BRN 21813)

Hello fellow ACI members.

I'm Bill Hamblin and I'm running for Executive Council.

I'm a semi-retired 45-year-old traveling full-time in a 25' Globetrotter with my wife, Frances, and our two dogs, Sutton and Rhett.

We enjoy traveling and learning about our country through local history and local cuisine. From the moment we joined the club we felt like part of a community.

Traveling full-time in our RV gives me a unique perspective on the Club as we meet members from across the country.

I feel the best way to give back is to volunteer. From holding local office to leading the Tables & Chairs committee and being a part of the photography committee at International, I enjoy serving the Club.

I encourage you all to check out each candidate's in this link [Statement of Candidacy and video](#).

And be on the lookout for the upcoming mini-interviews and webinar to better understand each candidate and their platform.

I think the Club is a great resource for all its members and I look forward to helping it grow in the years to come.

Thanks for your consideration and I'll see you down the road.



Submitted by James Schaal (BRN 08483)

Hello fellow Airstreamers!

If we haven't already met at a rally, hopefully this short introduction will help you get to know who I am. I am currently the President of the Vintage Airstream Club, as well as one of the chairs on the Entertainment Committee for our International rallies.

My actual day to day job is working within my family's catering and events business. I am also building my own company called Polished Aluminum. I have some big plans to help grow our club and my goal is to help create memorable experiences across the country for all of our members. I want to help bridge the gap between membership and leadership so that if a member has a question, we can get it answered in a timely and accurate fashion.

I'm proud to be part of this club and excited for the future. See you down the road...



Submitted by Jenny Schnettler (BRN 06594/0041)

Your support means everything...

These past 2 years have been more fun than I ever imagined! Serving this past Executive Council has been a joy and an honor... and the best opportunity to meet and work with incredible members. What a journey!

One of my jobs on the EC has been as the Project Manager leading a dedicated group of talented volunteers that was able to achieve the complete renovation of our new ACI Headquarters building — on time and under budget!

If re-elected to a seat on the EC, I will seek the Presidency to assure that all our present and future projects, including the further expansion of our ACI Campus, are continued with responsibility and accountability. What exciting opportunities would YOU like to see us pursue?

Give me a call...I'd love to hear from you!

Phone: 330-993-8444. Email: jschnettler@airstreamclub.org



70th ACI ANNIVERSARY

Celebrate 70 Years of Airstream Adventures in the Commemorative Edition of Blue Beret!

Airstream Club International is turning 70, and we're marking this milestone with a special commemorative edition of the Blue Beret this August! The issue will be packed with stories from our rich history, inspiring member spotlights, and a tribute to the incredible community that has made this journey unforgettable.

Want to be part of this historic edition?
Here's how to participate:

★ **Share Your Story** – Submit your Airstream adventures, memories, and photos in our 70th Anniversary Album. We'll feature select stories in the magazine!

📷 **Show Off Your Airstream Life** – Upload your best photos of club adventures to be considered for this special issue.

✉ **Leave Your Mark** – Purchase a 70th Anniversary message to celebrate the club and your Airstream journey. All proceeds will go to the WBCCI Historical Center.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime edition you won't want to miss! Submit your stories now and be part of Airstream history. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2025.

Visit AirstreamClub.org/70Years
for more details.



Alex, Rory and Amy Harbison in Newfoundland BRN9742



Hank and Blue Belle Enjoying the Scenery – Tim Jackson BRN10608



Dale & Virginia Lepper BRN7138



BLAAC Touring the Factory! Paula & Steven Hammer BRN3701



Elizabeth Thompson's Grandmother BRN5535



Elk in Banff! Lori Grassl BRN716



ACI 70th Anniversary Store

It's finally open! There's drinkware, accessories, and apparel for everyone, including a special 70th Anniversary T-Shirt with Wally's Creed on the back! Purchases are printed/embroidered on demand, so all sales are final. <https://airstreamclub.checkoutstores.com/>

AirstreamClub.org/70Years

RALLY SCHEDULE

2025

5/21- 5/26 Memorial Day/Buddy
Rally/Business Meeting, TOG

*6/5-6/8 Georgia Airstream Club, Sister Rally

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

OFFICERS

President-Jiji Haque

President Elect- Adam Higgins

2nd Vice President- Don Doerr

Secretary- Mike Deegan

Treasurer- Doug Ralston

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& Rick Sibley

1st year directors- Bill Harris &
MaryAnne Meeks

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