

The Peach State Caravanner

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Greetings, Fellow Airstreamers!

We were so glad to see so many of you at the May Rally. Not only did you come for the rally, but you also brought a very large group of buddies! We had buddies

in the kitchen, buddies singing in the choir and at the campfire, buddies playing piano, and buddies donating toward the Chair Fund. The quality of your friends speaks volumes about the quality of ones character!

Now, let's see how successful we can be at getting these fine people into Airstreams.

I hope you had as much fun at the rally as we did. Rob Kelly once again put together a great program with something for everyone, including a few new activities. Al Holcomb brought McElvis back to the park, and he was a great hit, as always. Steve Rosenthal had a treasure trove of door prizes. Jack Jones and his kitchen staff made sure we were well fed, and we had a tremendous gathering for Curbside Café. Finally, on Sunday we had a fantastic lunch. A very large group left after church to enjoy lunch out! Those choosing to remain in the park were treated to hot dogs, potato salad and a few leftovers. I don't have a count on the number eating out, but we had seventy-five at the fire ring for the cookout. We will continue to offer new activities at our rallies but hope to not leave out any of your favorites. Please use the Suggestion Box to offer feedback and new ideas.

May also included our Memorial Service. We were hon-

ored to have so many family members in attendance. The service is a very important tradition and allows us to honor and observe the recent passing of our dear friends and family members.

As we compose these thoughts, we are on the road, headed back from Alumapalooza at the Airstream factory! It's amazing how many opportunities for adventure you can find in your Airstream. Before we see you again, we will also be travelling to DuQuoin for the WBCCI International Rally. The Georgia Unit always has a tremendous group at International, and I hope we see many of you there!

Looking forward to our July Rally, we have a schedule full of events that starts on *Tuesday* and ends on Sunday afternoon. The rally program won't be published until Wednesday of the Rally, so a listing of the Tuesday and Wednesday activities are provided on page six in this edition of the *Caravanner*.

Remember to contact Al Holcomb about the special child, grandchild, or great

grandchild you will be bringing and all about their talent. This was my favorite entertainment last year and with your help, Al will provide a better Kids Show than I did. The Talent Show is scheduled for Friday night, so don't miss it. Don't worry, Al has entertainment planned for Saturday Night, as well.

July is a time when most of us find time to travel. In your travels, make sure you find plenty of *Fun, Fellowship, and Adventure*. We will see you very soon at The TOP!

Matt and Beth



Above: Beth and Matt take second place in bucking at Alumapalooza!
Right: Beth shows us the finer points of scrapbooking.

"Keep your eyes on the stars, and the stars in your eyes...see if you can find out what's over the next hill, and the next one after that." Wally Byam

Board Actions

In the May board of directors meeting, the board heard a report from Al Holcomb on the recent severe storm that left the park without power for an extended period. A committee was formed to look at emergency planning. In addition, the board authorized Jack Cooper to add chair dolies to the Memorial Chair Fund purchase. These will be used for moving stacks of the new chairs. The board also voted to allow the Membership Chairman to reserve a spot in Section A or B on the Sunday of Rally week. With the park full for a rally, it becomes difficult to carry the membership files and supplies to and from sites that are far from the office.

Finally, the board recognized the outstanding efforts of those who responded to the recent storm, both during the storm and in the aftermath. Their good work gathered folks in a safe location during the storm, ensured perishable food supplies were not lost, and provided for continued operations even without electricity or telephone. Thank you to Jerry and Irene O'Connell, Bud and Roni Clements, C.L. and Carol Davis, Andrew Clemons, and Al and Mary Holcomb.

Officer Elections 2011

The 2011 election-of-officers-time will be here in September. If there is someone you would like to be considered for one of our elected positions, please contact Durrell Purmort at the rally or email him at <mpurmort@bellsouth.net>.

Continual Reminder:



The Automatic Heart Defibrillator (AED) is located at the Host Trailer. If you or your Airstream neighbor has need of the AED, get to the Host Trailer as soon as you know of the need. There are trained personnel to help you.

Loving Concerns

We have a number who are ill or convalescing or who have had a death in the family. Cards were sent to let them know that their Top of Georgia friends are thinking of them. If you know them, send them a card or note to let them that you are thinking of them.

Get Well to: Walt Bethel, Laney Bradshaw, Creed Campbell (Mary Ann Parks' grandson), Bob Glancy, Susan Hancock, Jimmy Jarrett, Alice and Jesse Lyle, Bessie McCullough, Jane Miller, Fred and Joyce Moore, Jack Reynolds, Lisa Roberts, Richard Spruill, Raymond Tarpley, Ben Walker, Sid Watters, Charles and Jackie Whittington, and Ben Wilbanks.

Remember our Troops serving in the Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world. Pray for their families as well. It is they who are protecting us and our freedoms.

Cards can only be sent if Mary Holcomb knows about them. You can contact her at 706.348.6060 (home) or 678.231.3355 (cell).

Our Chaplain, Jack Bradshaw, routinely passes on loving concerns by email to around a hundred members of the Georgia Unit. If you would like to pass on a concern, request a prayer, or would like to be added to his distribution list, email Jack at <Jbradshaw9@sc.rr.com>.

Special Requests:

You can brighten the day of any of those members of the park who have lost a loved one or are ailing. There are a few who have requested cards and/or calls. Two are grandchildren: Jack Bradshaw's granddaughter and Mary Ann Parks' grandson. Please take a minute and bring a smile to someone's face—everyone wants to know someone is praying for them.

Laney Bradshaw, 2055 Harvington Drive, Franklin, TN 37069

Creed Campbell, c/o Mary Ann Parks, 101-E Country Club Dr., Americus, GA 31709. You can call his prayer pager at 229.931.1635 so he will know you're praying for him.



“What you do speaks so loud I cannot hear what you say.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Airstreamers don't get old, they just lose their clear coat.” Steve Rosenthal

FYI:

WBCCI Constitution Update

The WBCCI International President has determined that the proposed revision to the club constitution should be considered more carefully by the membership. He announced that the revision will be discussed at the Delegates' Seminar in DuQuoin, but will not be brought to a vote until next year. You will get a full update on this discussion at the July Rally. Please continue to provide your thoughts on this subject to Matt Hackney.

Georgia Unit Dinner at International

The Georgia Unit will have a dinner in DuQuoin. Please join us at Alongi's on Saturday, July 2 at 4:30 PM. Contact Beth or Matt Hackney by Tuesday, June 28.

Memorial Chair Fund

Thanks to your generosity and the auctioneering talents of Warren Fore, the Memorial Chair Fund was a tremendous success. In only a few short weeks you raised over \$4,000. This is enough to complete the purchase of new, padded, comfortable chairs for the main pavilion. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Jack Cooper, we have identified and executed the purchase of the chairs. You should be much more comfortable at the July Rally.



The chair.

As many of you know, the folding chairs currently in use were purchased through a similar effort a number of years ago. These chairs are available for purchase. Please contact Jack Cooper or Al Holcomb if you would like to make a purchase.

If you donated toward the chair fund, we will be sending letters, thanking you for the donation. A plaque will be placed in the main pavilion, listing those who donated and the loved ones they are honoring. In addition, the donor plaques from the folding chairs will also be incorporated in the plaque. This will take a little longer to put together, so please bear with us.

A Gentle Reminder

The date for our annual Children's Talent Show is quickly approaching. Hopefully, the grandchildren and children are practicing their talents and will sign

up for this yearly, anticipated event that we always have during our July rally. I can hardly wait to see all this young talent!!

Dazzling Dames, Dazzling Dames

Now that I have your attention...don't forget our entertainment for the July rally will be some very talented ladies that will sing and dance their way into your hearts. So, mark your calendar and don't miss this wonderful treat!!

Dues

Connie Crowe will be taking 2012 dues at the next rally. It will save us a lot of money if the notices don't need to be mailed to everyone. You also get your membership card immediately and it doesn't require a stamp to mail that to you as well.

Door Prizes

I really want to thank everyone for the wonderful and plentiful door prizes that were donated at the Buddy Rally!

For the next rally, I would like for everyone to bring practical, useful items to be used around our Air-streams—T.P., chemicals, hoses, flashlights, batteries etc. Also if you have collectibles, handmade artwork or woodworking items that you might be willing to donate to be auctioned, please bring them as well. I think we all enjoy watching the bidding!

Thanks again, I cannot wait to see all of the terrific *goodies* at the next rally in mid July!

Steve Rosenthal, 1st Vice President

Fourth of July Parade & Potluck



Nell and George Fields led the 2010 July 4th Parade

All members of the Top of Georgia are invited to the Annual Fourth of July Parade and Potluck. Come on up to the park for the long week-end; bring your flags and red, white, and blue patriotic items; and make something for the potluck.

It may not be the biggest Fourth of July parade, but it makes up for it in enthusiasm!

Caravan Report

Matt and Beth Hackney

(The Georgia Unit has authorized two official unit caravans this year. Both will have taken place or be underway when you receive this edition of the Caravan. This report will summarize the first.)

We took our first trip to Alumapalooza in June. This five-day event is sponsored by *Airstream Life Magazine* and the Airstream Company, and is similar to the Homecoming Event previously hosted in Jackson Center. There were vendors, maintenance seminars, cooking demonstrations, factory tours, competitions, entertainment and fellowship. In addition, the Open House included some unique vintage trailers.



Matt led a “cooking class” through preparation of a dessert treat. Ten Dutch Oven cooks (including three first-timers) prepared pineapple upside-down cake, using charcoal and an assortment of dutch ovens. The finished cakes provided an early afternoon treat to the entire gathering.

Matt and Beth entered a competition against twenty other first-time rivet newbies. After a quick lesson from Rick March and Dave Schuman of Airstream, the teams had a minute to install as many rivets as possible in a section of genuine Airstream aluminum. The Georgia Unit Team didn't win, but did tie for second. Perhaps with a little work, we will bring home the prize next year!

Dixie and Dave Jennings are new members of our unit. They enjoyed the trip, the tour of the factory and especially the maintenance seminars provided by Airstream and Dexter Axle. Since they have owned their Airstream only a short time, they had a long list of questions going in. All their questions were answered before they departed.

Bob Wheeler of Airstream and Rich Luhr of Airstream Life have announced that this Airstream event will return next year, so mark your calendars now!

Mike's Rivets

Hi, Airstreamers! In the last newsletter I wrote about A/C cooling; as a reminder don't freeze up the unit by turning the temperature too cool. Summer presents a challenge: refrigerator cooling during a heat wave. Any kind of air movement at the rear of your refrigerator will help. I bought a kit with a small 12-volt fan that attaches to the coils on the rear of the frig. It creates a breeze over the coils to add efficiency to it. It works!

Motorhome owner? The current (June) issue of *Motorhome* magazine has a relevant article on fogged dual-pane windows which includes how to fix them or who can fix them for you. They have five companies that do this. Do you have problems with a parking brake not releasing and/or letting you move on a P-30 Chevy or Workhorse chassis? Try <www.wolfswords.com/motorhome/autoparkingbrake>; it has some helpful steps to follow.

Own an older trailer or a silver bullet motorhome? Want a new-looking vinyl interior for less than \$5? You can check out an article with pictures at <www.inlandRV.com> which demonstrates just how you can do it. The information covers the vinyl-clad interior wall covering on trailers prior to 1994. You can remove the stickiness of the wall covering using Future® floor wax.

If you adjust your own brakes, try marking your backing plate with an arrow showing which direction to move the adjusting tool to tighten your brakes. I know I'm never sure which way to turn the adjuster while I am on my back under the trailer. Safety first—don't forget to use jack stands under there; never use just a jacking device to hold the trailer up.

Please check the water in your batteries. The park had a battery blow up in a motorhome at the last rally. We also had an exploding gas changeover valve; the plastic indicator blew off.

Safe travels,
my friends,
Mike



Okay, so you put the spring on the brake like this...

Summer Youth Rally: Rubber Duck Racing, Hatchery Fishing, Kayaking and More

Treat the kids and grandkids to *Fun, Fellowship and Adventure* at the Summer Youth Rally. We're planning some neat activities for the young and the young-at-heart.

- **2nd Annual Great Rubber Duck Race:** Sign up for a Rubber Duck to race down Andrews Creek. No talent needed.

- **Tour the Lake Burton Fish Hatchery:** Kids under 12 can feed the fish as well as fish for catfish. Please bring any extra poles you have for the kids.

- **Kids games:** A watermelon feast, followed by a seed-spitting contest (practice your pucker), three-legged race (kid with adult), scavenger hunt (guard your red socks), and water-balloon-tossing contest (the water police will be watching!).

- **Ladies and girls outing to Babyland and lunch:** See the latest in Cabbage Patch dolls while the boys play horseshoes.

- **Hot Dog & Marshmallow Roasting:** Fire, hotdogs and genuine roasting sticks provided—bring on the marshmallows and fixin's for S'Mores.

- **Tube the Hooch:** If you are up for it, come early and take your young'n tubing down the Hooch, and then rest up while he/she does a kids craft.

- **Treasure hike the Blue Mountain Trail:** You can rest, too, while we take the kids up the trail to find coins hidden under rocks, and maybe buy your lunch.

- **Kids Talent Show:** See the amazing hidden talent of our youth Friday night. Preregister your kids with Al Holcomb at 706.348.6060.



Keeping the racers honest at the 2010 Rubber Duck Race down Andrews Creek!

And then: In addition to our traditional events, we still have some special activities for the Airstreamers over 12, such as:

- **Kayaking/canoeing Lake Chatuge:** The Carrs will lead an easy, two-hour, flat-water paddling trip on the south end of Lake Chatuge. Let Cindy know if you plan to go; she's providing brownies and drinks; call 770.781.3776 or email <cindydcarr@bellsouth.net>. Bring

your own kayak or canoe and be able to transport it to the lake.

- **Jack Cooper's Famous Low Country Boil** dinner of shrimp, sausage, corn, and red potatoes Saturday evening. Hmmm. good!

- **Men's breakfast, fishing, and golf.** Bring your gear and appetite.

- **Shopping Spree:** A surprise bargain place that you'd never guess for both ladies and men.

See you at the Top for some summer *Fun, Fellowship and Adventure*.

Programs Coordinator



A few of the activities at the last rally included:
Top row: fishing, horseshoes, hiking.
Bottom row: strawberry picking, Curbside Café, and cooking at the fire pit.



ToG Summer Youth Rally Schedule

The July Rally offers such a large number of activities that many of them will take place *BEFORE* the rally program is available at the park. Since you won't want to miss any of the fun, a full schedule of the early events are listed.

Tuesday, July 12

2:00 PM Kids Tubing on the Hooch: This event is self led, but is so much more fun with a group. Those going will meet at the Host Shed and depart at 2:00 PM.

7:00 PM Kids Movie Night: Kids will gather in the Media Room (Board Room) for a movie!

Wednesday, July 13

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast at Miss Brooks; meet at the Host Shed

10:00 AM Volunteer Preparation for Youth Activities: Meet at the Elmo Pratt Shelter to plan and prepare activities.

11:00 AM Kids Craft at the Main Pavilion

2:00 PM Shopping Adventure: This trip doesn't replace our regular Ladies excursion. Men and women are welcome to explore Hwy 129 Salvage. Meet at the Host Shed.

7:00 PM Rally Registration and Refreshments



Clockwise: McElvis startled us, caused us to swoon, and just pure entertained us while some just rocked to the music!



Game Winners

The game winners for the Memorial/Buddy Rally were:

Back Alley Bridge
Joker

Jeanene Jones
Ann Millard and
Jenny Roddy

Manipulation
Men's Horseshoes
Ladies' Horseshoes

Beverly Bryan
Durrell Purmort
Linda Richards



Left to right: McElvis and his wife; McElvis kept us humming to the music.



Right: Andrew Smith, executive chef at Atkins Park Tavern and Ormsby's in Atlanta, as well as being Lynne Clements' son, gave valuable information to the garden club about edible flowers.



Game Winners: (l to r) Betty Ivy, Chair, Beverly Bryan, Durrell Purmort, Linda Richards, Jeanene Jones, Ann Millard, and Jenny Roddy.



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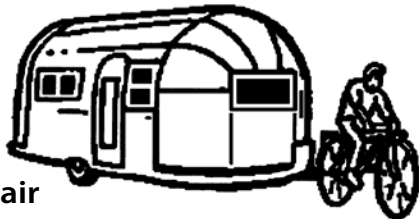
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Calling all Silk Ties!

Have some silk ties that have hung in the closet for a year or two and won't be worn again? Turn them into a dye source by bringing them to the park at the next two rallies. We'll cut them up and use them to dye two silk scarves. At the September rally anyone interested will have an opportunity to dye two silk scarves using them. The approximate cost is \$5; the process is very easy and requires no toxic dyes. So, please dig out those ties and donate them for a beautifying experience!



Betty Ivy, Jenny Roddy, Tori (Linda's granddaughter) and Linda Richards enjoyed lunch at Gusbens with the ladies.

Georgia Tourism Event Calendar

These events were taken from the Georgia Tourism Web site (<http://www.exploregeorgia.org>). Changes can occur after the calendar was posted to the web site, so please confirm this information before finalizing your travel plans. The times for these activities are listed on the site as well. All are within a 50 mile radius of the Top of Georgia Airstream Park. Many more places to see, things to do, etc. throughout the state are listed.

Each Month

- Saturdays, March 5 through November 5: Enjoy the "Mountain Music and Medicine Show" live radio show in the Holly Theater, Dahlonega.
- Each full moon take advantage of the Full Moon Suspension Bridge Hike at Tallulah Gorge, Tallulah Falls
- May 6 through October 28: Friday Night Concert Series, Blairsville. in the courthouse at the Old Courthouse.
- June 1 through August 1: First Friday Movie Night, Hartwell. The movie starts at sundown in the parking lot next to the Post Office. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket

June

24-25 2011 Mountain Top Rodeo, Dahlonega

July

4 July 4th Mountain Style at Unicoi State Park, Helen
 Family 4th of July 2011, Dahlonega
 Annual Fireworks Celebration, Homer
 July 4th Celebration - Helen
 Annual Fireworks at Dusk, Helen

31-31 Georgia Green Bean Festival, Blairsville

30-31 Folk Life Festival at Unicoi, Helen



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2011 Rally Schedule

(All rallies start Wednesday evening)

Date	Event	Location
December 11, 2010	Christmas Luncheon	Lake Pines, Midland
April 11-12	Volunteer Work Days	Top of Georgia Airstream Park
April 13-17	Spring Rally/Welcome Back	Top of Georgia Airstream Park
May 18-22	Memorial/Buddy Rally	Top of Georgia Airstream Park
June 28-July 4	WBCCI International Rally	Du Quoin, Illinois
July 13-17	Summer/Youth Rally	Top of Georgia Airstream Park
Aug. 31-Sep. 5	Anniversary/Homecoming Rally	Top of Georgia Airstream Park
October 5-9	Fall Rally (Officers' Installation)	Top of Georgia Airstream Park

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President—Matt Hackney • President Elect—Al Holcomb • 1st VP—Steve Rosenthal
 Secretary—Beth Hackney • Treasurer—Cindy Carr
 Directors: Connie Crowe • Ed Bledsoe • Lisa Roberts • Jack Cooper
 President Emeritus: Warren Fore

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Park is open all year.
 No reservations—first come, first served.

This facility is provided for your use and
 pleasure by The Georgia Unit, WBCCI, Inc.
 Matt Hackney, President

