

The Peach State Caravanner

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Greetings, Fellow Airstreamers!

Beth and I enjoyed representing you at the International Rally in Du Quoin, Illinois. The Georgia Unit had a wonderful Unit dinner with twenty-eight in attendance. Interna-

tional President Norm Beu and Linda, Region 3 President Rick Bell and Carol, and Region 3 First Vice President Jay Thompson and Elna joined us at the event. Pat (jewelry and wall hanging) and Mike (golf) King both brought back awards. In addition, thanks to the efforts of Warren Fore, the Georgia Unit received the Superior Merit Award for last year. The Delegates Meeting discussed proposed changes to the WBCCI Constitution, but did not vote on them this year. Instead, we will have another chance to discuss them in the Spring before a vote next summer. I hope you will consider joining us on a caravan to Sedalia, Missouri next summer!

Wasn't it great to see so many at the July rally. The last time we had this many at a rally was 2007 and the last time in July was 2004. We had a fantastic program for our children and grandchildren and they returned the favor by providing an entertaining talent show on Friday night. The Duck Race, three-legged race, and water balloon toss returned, to the delight of all.



Above: Matt proudly carried our unit flag at International.

Below: Matt presents Georgia Unit's Superior Merit Award for 2010 to Warren Fore who accepted it on behalf of our unit.

I think you will agree that the program provided something for everyone. Al Holcomb again brought outstanding entertainment and Steve Rosenthal had a fantastic collection of door prizes. Jack Jones and his kitchen staff made sure we were well fed, and Jack Cooper taught several of us how to prepare a low country boil for 200! We want to improve our rallies and welcome your ideas. Please use the Suggestion Box our drop me an email or reach me with a phone call.

September brings our Homecoming Rally. This year is a special one, as we celebrate the 50th year of the Georgia Unit. Please plan to join us for a Homecoming/Birthday Party on Saturday afternoon, at 3:00 PM. Make sure you contact any longtime members who are no longer own an Airstream. They should plan to visit beginning in the early afternoon and stay for the party. Also, please let us know they plan to attend.

On Friday afternoon, the Curbside Cafe' returns; please bring food to share. On Saturday morning we will hold a Business Meeting and elect officers for the coming year. Al promises some entertainment you won't soon forget. Finally, we will serve TOG BBQ on Sunday afternoon. That's right, the same fine BBQ we had last September, returns for your dining pleasure. Remember, this rally begins on Wednesday, August 31 and concludes on Monday, September 5 (Labor Day).

Please join us as we Celebrate 50 years of Fun, Fellowship, and Adventure. We at The TOP!

Matt and Beth

"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

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. One is a long-time member and two are grandchildren: Richard Spruill, 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
1207 Cormac Street
Franklin TN 37064

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.

Richard Spruill
Baptist Manor
10095 Hillview Drive
Pensacola FL 32514

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.

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.

Death of Member: Mort Vittum

Death of Family Member: Cecil (Red) Rogers, death of sister.

Get Well to: Laney Bradshaw, Creed Campbell (Mary Ann Parks' grandson), Anita Farley, Bob Glancy, Jeaneane Jones, Alice and Jesse Lyle, Jane Miller, Fred and Joyce Moore, Jack Reynolds, Ben Roach, Richard Spruill, Sid Watters, 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.

Accident: C.L. Davis, granddaughter in serious boat accident
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>.

September Business Meeting

The Georgia Unit, WBCCI will hold a Business Meeting Saturday, September 3 at 10:00 AM at the Top of Georgia Airstream Park. The agenda will include election of officers for 2012. In addition, a vote will be held on a proposed amendment to the WBCCI Constitution. The change can be viewed at <www.WBCCI.org>; it will be posted at the park during the upcoming rally; and it will be discussed at the meeting. ***A minimum of 10% of our regular members is required to conduct business. Please try to attend.***

Steve-isms

"Airstreamers don't get old, they just oxidize."

"Airstreamers don't get old, they just lose their clear coat."

Remember, Airstreamers Never Die...They just "POP Their Rivets!!!"

FYI:

Door Prizes

I would like to thank all of the folks that brought the wonderful door prizes to the Kids Rally. They were *great!*

I am sure that when we get together for the Fall Rally we will all be looking forward to a beautiful autumn at the Top of Georgia.

I would like to ask if you have an artistic skill or craft that you bring some of your work to donate to the rally so that we can show it off and share it with the membership as a door prize or auction it off so that we are able to raise additional funds to buy the rest of the chairs that we need.

We are so fortunate at how generous our membership is toward the club. It is wonderful. Thanks again for your generosity and kindness...It is Terrific!

Steve Rosenthal, 1st Vice President

Christmas Campout

It's time to start thinking about Christmas. For the third year in a row, we will be hosting a weekend campout for the Christmas Luncheon. This year we will be staying at Country Boys RV Park in Madison, Georgia. They have full hook-ups and a party room and are expecting your call. The cost is \$25/night. We will have plans for Friday afternoon, December 2, through Sunday morning, December 4. You can make your reservation now by calling 888.742.1799.

Christmas Luncheon

Our Christmas Luncheon 2011 will be at Rockeagle. Please reserve Saturday, December 3, on your calendar for the luncheon. Tickets are \$20 per person and we will have them at the September Rally! Also, please plan on camping with us Friday and Saturday nights, December 2 and 3—see information to the left.

Let Me Entertain You!

WOW..if you were not at our last rally, you missed some great singing and dancing. Those Dazzling Dames really dazzled us with their beauty and talent.

Make your plans now to attend our Anniversary/ Homecoming Rally and enjoy the next great entertainment planned for you. Friday night, our own Brenda Sue Holcombe has arranged for *The Carol Burnette Show* to come to the Top of Georgia.

Saturday night, get ready for Cornbread Ted and the Butterbeans. (Sounds like dinner, but it's not.) This is an amazing group that will entertain you with their singing, playing and jokes. Don't miss these two nights of great fun!

Al Holcomb

One More Thing

Did you lose a ring? It was found at the park during the Kids Rally. If you're the one who lost it, please contact Matt Hackney at 706.860.8690 or email him at <eroney@aol.com>.



We were entertained; we saw the birth of a cabbage patch baby; we did crafts; we ate; and we, watched the ducks racing to mention a few of the activities! In other words, a grand time was had by all.

Our First 20 years, Briefly

- 1961: Organizational meeting to form a Georgia Unit
Georgia Unit granted a charter at Fourth International in Hershey; officers elected.
June 9: first rally; those attending considered charter members.
- 1962: First Christmas party held; buying a site proposed there.
- 1963: First Peach State Carvanner mailed; first mention of bell being rung to herald arrival of trailers.
- 1964: Constitution and by-laws proposed; action taken to have unit incorporated.
At International Joe and Mary Belle Bennett organized, printed and delivered daily what became the *Blue Beret*.
- 1965: Constitution and by-laws adopted.
Georgia Unit incorporated; new charter accepted.
- 1966: Possible clubsite found; donations taken.
Ray Haycraft, Georgia Unit, elected Vice President of International.
Leased clubsite in Rabun Co. from Georgia Power.
Cread's land leased for the club; Joe Bennett names the spot Top of Georgia.
- 1967: Top of Georgia officially opened March 18 with 20 complete hookups; rally and camp host were started.
Ray Haycraft installed as International President.
First Buddy Rally
- 1968 Voted to have pavilion built.
Electricity improved; new sanitary station and septic tank added; club now has 48 complete hook-ups.
- 1969: New pavilion first used at Buddy Rally.
- 1970: New ovens used at Buddy Rally; nature trails cleared; telephone installed.
Pavilion paid off.
- 1971: Ice Breaker Rally held with 14 inches of snow.
- 1972: All rallies held at the Top.
Trailer pads added: 102 complete hook-up sites.
- 1973: Water system improved; pet section completed.
Property leased for 10 more years.
- 1974: Bridge built at lower end of park; hosted first caravan to stop at the Top.
First Memorial Service held.
- 1975: Committee appointed to investigate purchase of property.
Host patio was paved.
- 1976: Upper circle paved; road across bridge developed and graveled; 24 sites added below bridge.
- 1977: At special business meeting, possible purchase of property passed; installed roll-up doors at pavilion.
- 1978: Property purchased January 12.
Lower lot graded, filled and sodded.
- 1979: "Big Breakfasts" started.
First motorhome attended a rally.
Open end of pavilion enclosed and repainted.
- 1980: Septic tank added; new water lines laid; underground electric wires laid.
Lower end: three septic tanks added; water lines laid; new electric laid.
- 1981: Unit's 20th Anniversary.
Patio added to rear of pavilion; telephone moved to a booth; iron gate added; 200 chairs donated; fans added.

Mike's Rivets

It was a hot and steamy rally...at least for a few days. This led to discovering leaking A/C pans. I had an up close and personal look at two of them. To make a repair when you are using your A/C is darn near impossible. The best repair is made with everything good and dry which gives you a better chance. I like to use Lexol®, RV Goop®, Proflex®, maybe, even bondo—all of these work on wet surfaces. Most pans leak at the point where the barbed fitting attaches to the pan. There may be cracks in the pan at that point.

After trying one of the above products, the next step is a pan replacement on a Dometic Penguin AC. I have been told that the pans are no longer available for the Coleman ACs anymore.

The easiest way to clean your AC drain tube is a shot of air, a vacuum hose, or my latest tricks—weed-whacker line. The line comes on a roll and you will need about ten feet of it. Run it up the tube and see what happens. You just may unblock the tube!

At our September rally I will pass out a Dexter Axle handbook regarding bearings, repacks, seals, proper torque, etc. First-come, first-served. There is a limited supply available.

Safe travels, my friends,

Mike

What a Grand Fourth of July Parade It Was!



Attention Airstreamers who like “FFA” (Fun, Fellowship and Adventure)

The long Labor Day Weekend provides opportunity for more FFA. Join us for some special activities and old time favorites. Here’s a sampling of what’s in the works.

- Homecoming: visit with those who helped build our beautiful park
- 15+ year Member Recognition: get your name in and get recognized
- 50th Year Celebration: celebrate the birthday of the most successful Airstream Park in WBCCI! (Guess it’s okay if I brag a little.)
- BBQ meal: a favorite of Georgia Airstreamers
- Clydesdale Horse Farm Tour: for you horse lovers, and the curious
- Curbside Café: bring your favorite snack to share and fellowship
- Kayaking on Lake Burton: on a non-busy weekday with few power boats
- Hiking on a challenging North Georgia Trail: for you serious adventurers
- Fishing: bring your gear for early, early morning trout fishing
- Ladies Craft: a Pat King special; bring silk ties for a unique craft
- Mike’s Rivets: RV Flooring and upholstery demos by local vendors
- Labor Day Cookout: Hotdogs and S’mores provided
- And: Garden Club hints, computer clinic, card tournaments, holey board, ice cream, horseshoes, kids treasure stroll, bingo, door prizes, popcorn, caravanning videos, and two nights of entertainment. Wow! Don’t miss it—make this another attendance record-breaking rally!

Rob Kelly, Program Coordinator

PS. If you’d like to help on an activity or have a new idea, let us know

PPS. Please hide the water balloons!



Makes one wonder how many got wet during the adult/child balloon toss.

Garden Club: Double the Pleasure

The Garden Club *doubled our pleasure* at the July rally. We had an adult Garden Club meeting and a Kids’ Garden Club.

Twenty-four members attended the adult Garden Club meeting on Thursday. Those in attendance decided to keep the meeting format informal, but everyone agreed that officers were needed to keep the club organized and communications flowing. Election of officers was held: Carol Cone was elected president, Lisa Roberts vice president and Mary Ann Parks secretary. Mary Ann Parks treated the club to a demonstration on flower arranging. She created a flower arrangement that could be used in church or other formal setting. The arrangement was beautiful and we all learned so much about flower arranging. Thank you, Mary Ann.



Saturday the youth at the Top of Georgia planted a flower garden. Twelve children participated as well as several parents and grandparents. All the children were given work gloves and they shared shovels for



Carol Cone explains the plan for the kids’ flower garden.

the planting. They planted dark pink and white impatiens along with pink geraniums. The kids’ flower garden is located outside the office. And it is BEAUTIFUL!

Please drop by to see it the next time you visit the park. Thank you kids! (Note: the Kid’s Garden Club meeting will be held only during the Youth Rally at the Top of Georgia.)

We look forward to seeing you at the next Garden Club meeting during the September rally.

Nominees for 2012 Presented for Election

At the July Rally, the Nominating Committee presented their slate of candidates for unit office for 2012. Provided below is a brief biographical summary of each candidate. This should assist you in casting your votes at the September Business Meeting.

Director—Craig Stephens: Craig and his wife Carol are from Peachtree City and use the 34-foot Airstream originally owned by Carol's parents. Her parents were members of the Pennsylvania Unit and stayed at Penn Wood, Traveler's Rest and, once, the Top of Georgia. Craig is a Captain with Delta Airlines and is looking forward to enjoying many years in the WBCCI, just as his in-laws did.

Director, Membership—Willa Davis: Willa needs no introduction. She has been a member of the Georgia Unit since 1989 and serves as our Winter Host. Most of you have enjoyed her cobbler at recent rallies. She is an long-term resident of the Top of Georgia and often provides her advice and input to the members of the board.

Treasurer—Cindy Carr: Cindy is finishing her first year as treasurer of the Georgia Unit. She and her husband Don spend most of their weekends at the Top but live in Cumming. In the past, she has served on the Beautification Committee and for the past year handled the financial duties for the Georgia Unit.

Secretary—Jo Roskosh: Jo and her husband Ron are retired, live in Cleveland, and travel to campgrounds in the area for Camping World. She worked for twenty years in banking, holding many positions including Loan Officer and Customer Service Manager. She vol-

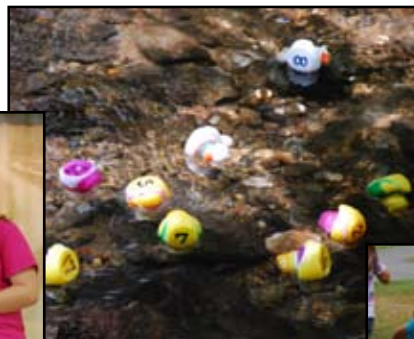
unteers with her church, cooks for hikers on the Appalachian Trail and served two years as secretary for the Board of Directors of Paradise Valley Campground Association. She is currently the Librarian for the Top of Georgia.

First Vice President—Roy Beavers: Roy is a second generation Airstreamer and member of the Georgia Unit. His family joined in 1985 and Roy and his wife Elaine joined in 2002. He holds a degree in Engineering from Southern Polytechnic Institute and has served in the Navy and worked for BellSouth. He currently serves as the Executive Director National Joint Utilities Notification System, Inc. In his spare time, Roy is our Communications Chairman at the Top and recently created the Top of Georgia Communications Guide for our visitors.

President-Elect—Steve Rosenthal: Steve is the owner of an Allstate Insurance agency; he and Chris live in Cumming. He has served on the Park Rules Committee and Nominating Committee. In addition, Steve represents the Top of Georgia on the Airstream Parks Association Board of Directors. This past year, he and Chris have done an outstanding job on door prizes, popcorn, and ice cream. They have attended the Swiss Festival National Rally (Sugar Creek) and two International Rallies

And, they're off!

The winners were (l to r): Coulson Hammonds, second; Katelyn Stephens, third; and Chelsey Dewitt, first. Accolades go to all who participated: Chelsey Dewitt, Coulson Hammonds, Katelyn Stephens, Cameron Stephens, Conner Morris, Anna Williamson, Jocelyn Kelly, Aislynn Kelly, Caitlyn Bailey, Sarah King, Michael Purmort, Walt Jarrett, Kristen Purmort, James Williamson, Emmy King, Isaac Hansard, Makenna Jarrett, Don Dorrill, Stewart Thibadeau, Aveiana Hammonds, JP Prescott, Maddi Dorrill, Jakob Hollowell, and David Dorrill



Above: One foot, two feet together—just keep repeating that!

Left: How far did the watermelon seed go?



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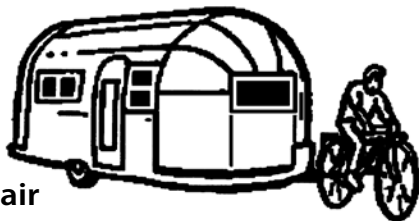
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Game Winners

The game winners for the Youth Rally were:

Back Alley Bridge	Ann Berg
Joker	Duell Robinson and Walter Berg
Manipulation	Linda Robinson
Ladies' Holeyboard	Linda Richard
Men's Holeyboard	Don Fathauer
Men's Horseshoes	Durrell Purmort
Boys' Horseshoes	Connor Morris
Girls' Horseshoes	Katelyn Stephens
Men's Horseshoes	Don Fathauer



Game Winners: (l to r, front row) Katelyn Stephens, Connor Morris; (l to r, back row) Duell Robinson, Linda Robinson, Don Fathauer, Linda Richards, Ann Berg, Walter Berg, and Betty Ivey, Chair.

Board Items from July

At the July Board of Directors Meeting, the board agreed to continue raising funds to purchase 60 additional chairs, completing the replacement of our folding chairs. In addition, the Board authorized continued advertising in the WBCCI Directory, agreed to provide two one-week parking passes to the Swiss Festival National Rally (for door prizes), and asked the Park Rules Review Committee to continue their look at the lottery. Finally, the Membership Chairman reported that the Georgia Unit has reached 332 regular members and may have become the largest unit in the WBCCI!



The Peach State Caravanner
Pat & Mike King (paking@windstream.net)
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Top row (l to r): Cameron Stephens, trumpet; Sarah and Emily King, keyboard; Katelyn Stephens, flute; James Williamson, comedian; and Kristen Purmort, gymnast.

Bottom row (l to r): Tori ???, singer and keyboard; Aislynn Kelly, Patsy Kline imitator; Maddi Dorrill, French horn; and all our incredible, talented performers.



Talent Show Greats

