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#### 2019 WBCCI GA Unit Rally & Event Schedule

April 8-9	Work Days
April 10-14	Spring Rally & General Business Meeting
April 24-28	WBCCI Region 3 Rally (Marion, NC)
May 22-27	Memorial Rally/Buddy Rally
June 19-23	Youth Rally
July 3-7	Patriotic Celebration**
July 20-27	2019 WBCCI International Rally – Doswell, VA
Aug 28 – Sept 2	Labor Day/Homecoming & Elections
Oct 16-20	Fall Rally/Installation of Officers

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## The Peach State Caravanner



**LET'S FLAMINGLE!!!**

**GRAB YOUR FLAMINGOS AND GET  
TO THE TOP OF GEORGIA FOR THE  
SPRING RALLY!**



**Greetings  
from  
The Briar  
Patch!**



Are you ready for Spring and Rally Season? We are! Edgar is checking the Airstream's brakes and tires, filling the propane tanks, and testing the electrical items among other things. I am getting the inside cleaned, refrigerator and pantry stocked, and the closets filled. Hope you all are getting ready, too.

Our April Rally/Business Meeting is April 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> with work days on the 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The lower park will be open April 1<sup>st</sup>. So, get your Airstream ready to enjoy spring in the mountains at our beautiful park.

Since the last newsletter, 43 members and family gathered at the TOP for a delicious Thanksgiving meal and fellowship. Then in December, 46 members enjoyed a wonderful Christmas luncheon at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia, home of Br'er Rabbit. We enjoyed meeting new friends and connecting with old friends at these gatherings.

The Board also met in January for a work session followed by a board meeting. All current board members attended except Bill Wild who was attending the Winter IBT meeting. Julian Clements, parliamentarian, along with guests Edgar Williamson, Ken

Rabren, and Eric Shuler also attended. We had lots of topics submitted for discussion during the work session. Some of these items were presented as motions at the board meeting while others were sent to committees.

We voted to purchase equipment and accept credit card payment for parking. John Meeks is in the process of implementing this procedure. Ken Rabren and John will conduct training for our hosts. We hope, this method of payment will make it more convenient for our members. We will still accept checks and cash.

We also voted to upgrade the Wi-Fi in the upper circle and the new office. This has been completed. If you park in those spots, you will need a password to use the free Wi-Fi. See park host for the password.

During the winter months, we had some emergency repairs done on the park well tank and some leaking water lines. As most of you may already know, we have our well, tank, and water tested periodically per state regulations. So far, we have been good stewards of our land the public resources that adjoin and run through our park. Let's continue to do so.

Look forward to seeing you at the April Rally and Business Meeting.

*"Make New Friends but Keep the Old.  
One is Silver, and the other is Gold."*

*Charlotte & Edgar Williamson*  
President and First Mate





## “Loving Concerns”

We have had a number of our members needing prayers and several of our member’s families have needed prayers since our October Fall Rally. We pray for their improved health and that their medical teams will have the knowledge and skills to meet their needs for a better quality and quantity of life. Also be in prayer for those who have lost family members. Grief doesn’t end at the funeral-these families need your continued support and sympathy.

Oct.:

Mary Holcomb had eye surgery and has been doing well.

Jerry and Dianne Hodge both had respiratory infections. Jerry had an MRI and got good news that his condition is stable.

Nov. :

Debbie Cribbs had gall bladder surgery.

Dec.:

Jack Laster had a seizure and has been in the hospital. Later Jack had to have surgery on his leg. Lisa Roberts has been in the hospital with stomach problems. Mike Lankford suffered a broken rib.

Jan.:

Jimmy Jarrett is having serious health problems. He’s also been in the hospital with pneumonia.

Lisa Roberts has been sick and requested prayers.

Feb.:

Gail Ward has been having respiratory problems. John Worley had a liver biopsy.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Litton on the death of their granddaughter.

Caroyl Johnson and her family. Her mother died earlier this month.

Please keep Myrna informed of any sickness or deaths.

You can contact Myrna Warren by email email: [myrnawarren@windstream.net](mailto:myrnawarren@windstream.net) or call her at 706-233-2722.

## Myrna J. Warren Love and Concerns





## Membership News

Spring has arrived in the South. A beautiful time of the year to get outside and get those campers ready for traveling. Its Rally Season folks! So as a member, there are some important items you will want to keep in your camper when visiting all the Airstream events as an active member of the Airstream community.

When you joined WBCCI and a Unit, you were sent a welcome package and, in that package, one of the most important items were your "Badges". So, get a good lanyard you like and wear them with Pride. Your badge has a lot to say about you as a member and with it comes privileges in the Airstream world and keeps you safe. It gets you into Rallies, allows you to be in a Caravan, and is a conversation starter for old and new friendships. It also is your ticket for meals at Rallies, discounts for group tours, insurance and identification purposes. It gives you access to attend annual meetings and attend board meeting at your local units, Region and International meetings. Did you know that the different colors on your badges have meaning, "not that they are old and yellow", but that "Blue and gold" are International Presidents', or "Green and White" are Past Intl Presidents and Spouses. Region Officers badges are "Red/silver and white". Unit club members are "Clear and White". Your Badge also comes with your Name, your unit name and Region number. If you serve as a Board member or past Board member of your Unit, that is also a special badge, made just for you. More information on Badges can be found in

WBCCI's Blue Book. So show folks who you are by wearing those badges!

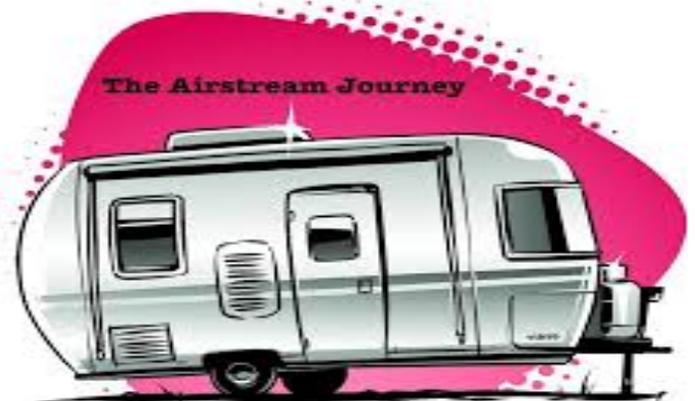
Another tradition to remember this rally season as an airstream member comes responsibility to support the rallies you attend. In your by-laws under Article III, Membership, Section 9. *Members shall be subject to all dues, rally and parking fees as levied by the Board of Directors.* To attend a Rally lets support them by paying the required rally fee if we are going to be visiting a campground, even if we are not going to participate. Those rally fees, pay for meals, reimburse speakers, pay for entertainment, etc. Without every member paying these fees we could not have a rally. If you come in to camp on the last couple of days of a rally the fee is usually reduced by \$5.00 per day. Sometimes the fees cover the cost, sometimes they do not. Come and enjoy the fellowship, make new friends and support the volunteers who spend hours putting together these rallies.

Next month I will talk about those Big Red Numbers". So till then, enjoy the benefits of membership in the WBCCI and local Airstream Clubs. Get out there and roam, explore and arrive in style.

Safe Travels

**Stephanie Lankford**  
**Membership Chair, Unit 32**

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## Host Report

Hosting has had a very good winter the weather has been much better than most previous years, only one small snow and no power outage. We have had two families that volunteered to host during the winter months, David and Shelly Podowski and Sam and Shrista Fontanez Sam and Shrista and son Jacob have committed to host all five months next Winter. Repairs have been to each of our three sound systems new equipment has been installed to upgrade and improve their operation we should have the park P A system back in operation very soon. The W I F Y has been improved in the upper loop an installed in the office area. Thanks to all volunteers that have helped with Hosting.

**Ken Rabren**

**Host Coordinator**



## Property Report from: Al Holcomb and Edgar Williamson

In January we had a leak in the water line it was approximately 8 gallons per minute, according to Dan Kiesling. We had to replace the water line from the meter to the cut off valves at the upper end of the park. Also, we had to replace the air compressor that pressurize the water system.

We had some tree limbs that had to be trimmed back.

Water faucets and sewer connections were removed.

Other than these few things we had a great winter.



# Rolling Stone

The question always comes up for Airstream and SOB owners - "What do you do in the winter? Some options include travel to Arizona or Florida. However, YouTube'r's on two channels we follow, with over 100,000 subscribers each, traveled overseas.

- Long Long Honeymoon (LOLOHO) traveled to Taiwan
- Keep Your Daydream (KYD) traveled to New Zealand

Caroyl & I (Rolling Stones) decided it was time to revisit the island where our son was born while we were on active duty with the Navy - you guessed it - Hawaii!

However, just determining the state to visit in the winter was not the only question we had to answer! Which island should we visit? Since we have visited all the major islands (Big Island, Oahu, Maui, and Kauai), Caroyl had the only and final vote = Oahu. Now that we narrowed it down to an island, and since we couldn't bring Gracie along, we needed to decide which military facility should we stay at: cabins at Bellows AFS, cabins at MCAS Kaneohe, or cabins at Barbers Point, or at the military R&R hotel on Waikiki, the Hale Koa, or the Navy Lodge on Ford Island?

We were fortunate to obtain a room with an partial ocean view from our lanai (porch). We had daily visits by optimistic pigeons that would come into our room if our curtains to the lanai was left open! I did not remember this from when we lived on Oahu many years ago, and we could not find any seagulls!

Now that we had lodging, other questions came up. What activities should we participate in? With about a million options, we decided to visit:

- the Kualoa Ranch across from China Man's hat on the North shore. Several movies have used this 4,000-acre remote ranch/farm for many scenes in movies, such as Jurassic Park, Jumanji, 51 First Dates, Fantasy Island etc. We took two tours. One was a bus tour around the ranch and on another, we drove a UTV on the mountain trails! Both were a

blast! Other available activities at the ranch: horseback riding, ATV riding and zip lining, which were left for another visit.

- Luau's are available at many hotels and the Polynesian Cultural Center. We chose one at the Hale Koa.
- Turns out "walking the beach" is very popular, and we did our fair share of walking. The Hale Koa and property to the west, Hilton Hawaiian Village, have the only sidewalk along the beach on that side of the island, which was greatly appreciated. Anyone planning to visit, should note that on Friday nights, Hilton Hawaiian Village has fireworks on Friday nights. Be sure to arrive on time as the display is over in five minutes.
- Saturday mornings are a good time to visit the Swap meet at Aloha stadium. Several rows of booths go all around the stadium. It's a great place to purchase Hawaiian clothes (think muumuus for you ladies), gifts and trinkets at a great price!
- We wrapped it all up with a comedy show at the Hale Koa!

## NOTES:

1. Tim is available for hire as a tour guide on Oahu with only a few hours advance notice!
2. While we were there, Southwest Airlines announced that they were taking reservations for flights from California to Hawaii for \$49 each way. When I went to check them out, those fares were sold out. But keep your eyes peeled for great airfares! United, Delta, Hawaiian and American will probably match some of Southwest's fantastic fares?
3. The next episode of Rolling Stones will announce the addition of a sister for "Gracie".

## Tim Johnson Vice President Elect





## Director's Corner

### Stephanie Lankford:

**Membership** - New members, be sure and attend the New members Orientation at the upcoming April Rally. See the Rally schedule for time and place. Anyone can attend, even if you have been a member for years. Contact Stephanie Lankford, Membership Chair

**Publicity Committee** ..... Wear your game hats and get ready for some game playing. "Joker's Wild" tournaments and "Back Ally Bridge" are starting up again. Learn how, refresh your skills at the April Rally. Check the Rally schedule for time and place. Contact Judi Sells, Publicity Chair for more information.



Let me know if you have something you would like to add to the caravanner. Maybe a tip you learned at another rally, an article that you think your fellow Airstream family would like or a great Airstream photo op you had while on an adventure.

Email it to me and we will review it for submission in the next caravanner edition.

Call me at 706-218-2111 (leave a message) or email me at [gaunitsec@gmail.com](mailto:gaunitsec@gmail.com)

### Michelle Shuler Secretary

Attention all TOG Airstreamers, have you wintered somewhere special this year? Or have you recently made some fun trips?

Please send me a synopsis of who, why, what, when, and where so I can write it up for the **Caravanner**. What made this special for you and why should we consider going there soon?

Thank you and I hope to see you at the TOG soon.

Mary Anne Meeks  
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22—Incorporation granted March 30, 1965.

Our unit bylaws require that proposed changes to the bylaws be presented at the semi-annual business meeting to be voted on by the membership. They also require a thirty (30) day advance notification of the agenda item. This letter fulfills that requirement. If the motion is carried at both the Board Meeting and General Business meeting, we will then submit our application to International.

WHY:

Changing our name to **Top of Georgia Airstream Club** will clearly identify what we are about (our Airstreams), how we are organized (a Club), and where we gather to rally (the Top of Georgia Airstream Park). It does not suggest that our members are all from the “top” of the state of Georgia. In fact, we have members from across the Southeast U.S. and beyond. We may have a property boundary, but we have no membership boundary.

LEGAL STUFF:

I have researched how this would impact us legally since we are an incorporated entity in the State of Georgia. There is no impact. We use our chartered legal name for licensing, tax returns, and banking. This is only a “referred to as” name change. It is not a tradename (DBA) and is not required to be one.

COSTS:

There is no filing or documentation fee. There could be secondary costs associated with our Club branded products such as hats, shirts, pins, and flags, but we have allowed our inventories to be depleted on these items and are waiting until after this motion is presented before reordering.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bill Wild**  
**Past President**

## What’s in a Name?

*A proposal to rename the Georgia Unit*

I attended the 2019 Winter IBT this January in Robertsdale, AL. As I reported in the Region 3 Newsletter, there were two major topics this year. One was the initiative to create a new public facing web presence, along with a database and interactive portal with access for all levels of the club. The other is tied to the first in that the club is Moving WBCCI Forward by more closely aligning the Club with the Airstream Brand – all with the encouragement and endorsement of Airstream Inc. Part of that process is the current program encouraging Units to adopt names that include “Airstream Club” as a part of their names.

WHAT:

I will be making a motion at the Spring Board of Directors meeting to change our “referred to as” name from **Georgia Unit** to **Top of Georgia Airstream Club**. This will not change our legal entity name of **Georgia Unit, Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.** If approved by the unit, this change must be submitted for approval by the International Executive Committee. The “referred to as” name is defined in Article I Section 1 of our bylaws. It states:

Article I, Section 1. This organization is a chartered unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc., and shall be known as the **Georgia Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc.**, and hereafter may be referred to as the **Georgia Unit** or the Unit. The Unit exists as a nonprofit corporation in accord with the Georgia Code Annotated Section

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE  
UPCOMING  
SPRING RALLY  
APRIL 10-14, 2019**



We are asking that you let us know if you are coming to the Summer Rally. Just e-mail Connie Crowe at [conniecrowe@msn.net](mailto:conniecrowe@msn.net) or call (or text) and leave a message at 706-366-8601.

Knowing how many people to expect helps reduce waste and costs.



Volunteers are always welcomed and needed in the kitchen.



Let's get ready to **Flamingle**.

Bring your dancing shoes and learn to line dance. There will be lots of games going on all during the rally.

You know the food is bountiful during rally times. Make sure to keep a check on your schedule because you don't want to miss out on a meal at the park or when we will travel out to eat together.

On Saturday don't forget to wear your Flamingo pink!

Ladies get ready to decorate a Hat. Bring your hot glue gun and a potluck item to share.





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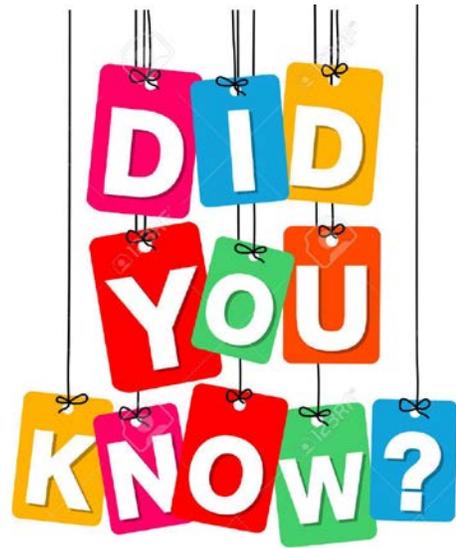


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We are planning the May Memorial Day Rally, but we need your help: If you are interested in hiking for the May rally, please let me know. Anyone interested in taking pictures please contact me as soon as possible.

Mary Anne Meeks

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By the late 1950s, the WBCCI began organizing **National Rallies** and **Special Event Rallies** tied to events and festivals like the Rose Parade and Indianapolis 500 Race. Some of these were one time offerings and others ran annually for decades. They offered and continue to offer club members an easy way to attend these events without having to do all of the planning themselves.

In 1958 the first WBCCI **International Rally** was held in Bull Shoals, Arkansas with 300 Airstreams attending. It was modeled after the International Trailer Rallies that Wally Byam had attended in Europe. This quickly became WBCCI's biggest annual event with the number of Airstreams attending passing 1000 in 1962, 2000 in 1965, 3000 in 1970, and 4000 in 1975.



**Spring Rally Schedule**  
**April 8- 9, 2019 Work Days**  
**April 10-14, 2019 "Flamingo Fling"**

**April 8-9, Monday & Tuesday Work Days**

Monday 12:30 Lunch, Tuesday 9:00AM Breakfast (for workers).

**April 10, Wednesday**

8:00 AM Men's Breakfast@Host (A. Holcomb)  
 10:00-11:00 Rally Committee Meeting @ Library-  
 guests welcome  
 12:00 Noon Lunch on your own  
 2:00-4:00PM "Flamingle"-meet your neighbors,  
 catch up with friends, play cards  
 3:00PM Horse-shoes, Ping Pong, Darts@Back  
 porch of Pavilion (Edgar Williamson)  
 3:30PM "Flamingo" Shuffle-Line Dancing for  
 Beginners @Pavilion (Clara Ellis)  
 5:00PM Dinner on your own  
 6:30PM Rally Registration @Pavilion (Sells)  
 Refreshments (Rally Comm.)  
 Activities & Volunteer Sign-up  
 Sheets (Nancy Sibly)  
 7:00PM Pass the Trash (Mary Holcomb)  
 7:00PM Card Game @ Library

**April 11, Thursday**

8:30-9:00AM Breakfast – Bring your set-ups  
 (plate, silverware, coffee cup,  
 napkins)  
 10-12:00 Back Alley Bridge @ Library (Jack  
 Jones)  
 11:00-1:00PM Ladies Hat Decorating- bring a snack  
 to share, hats provided (small fee)  
 (Myrna Warren)  
 1:00-1:30 PM Ice Cream Social @Pavilion (Murphy  
 Harrell)  
 2:00-3:00PM New Member Orientation @ Office  
 (Stephanie Lankford)  
 2:00-3:00PM Jokers for Beginners @ Pavilion  
 (Judi Sells)  
 4:30PM Dinner @Cottage House @ Host  
 (Mary Holcomb)  
 6:30PM Registration @Pavilion (Sells)  
 7:00PM Announcements (Charlotte  
 Williamson)  
 Bingo & Popcorn (Murphy Harrell)

**April 12, Friday**

8:30-9:00AM Breakfast – Pancakes (Bring Setups)  
 10:00 AM Round-Table Discussion @Pavilion  
 (Charlotte Williamson)  
 12:00 Noon Lunch on your own  
 1:00 PM Ice Cream Social (Murphy Harrell)  
 1:45-3:00PM Organizing Your Airstream & Tow  
 Vehicle @Pavilion  
 (John Meeks)  
 5:00PM Pot Luck Dinner (Myrna Warren)  
 6:30PM Registration @ Pavilion  
 7:00PM Announcements – (Charlotte W.)  
 Door Prizes-must be present to win  
 (Murphy Harrell)  
 Gather 'Round the Campfire

**April 13, Saturday-Wear your Flamingo Pink**

8:15-10:00 AM Board Meeting  
**10:15 a.m. Pavilion open for member check  
 in (only Georgia Unit 032 members admitted)**  
**10:30 a.m. Business Meeting. The Pavilion will be closed  
 during meeting. Please wait until after the meeting to  
 get ice etc.**  
 10:30-11:30AM General Business  
 Meeting @ Pavilion  
 (Charlotte Williamson)  
 12:00 Noon Lunch on your own  
 1:30-2:30PM TOG Web site and  
 Caravanner On-line  
 presentation @ Pavilion  
 3:00PM Corn Hole Tournament  
 (Rick Sibly)  
 5:00PM Dinner @Pavilion (Bring  
 setups)  
 6:30PM Announcements @Pavilion  
 (Charlotte Williamson)  
 7:00PM "Becca and the Boys" –  
 Country Western & Dance  
 Band – Host (Jack Jones)

**April 14, Sunday**

8:00-8:30AM Breakfast (while it lasts)  
 9:00AM Choir Practice @ Pavilion  
 (Danny Howell)  
 9:30AM Worship Service  
 12:00 Noon Lunch on your own

**Think Pink!**

