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2019 WBCCI GA Unit Rally & Event Schedule

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| 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 Buddy Rally/Installation of Officers |

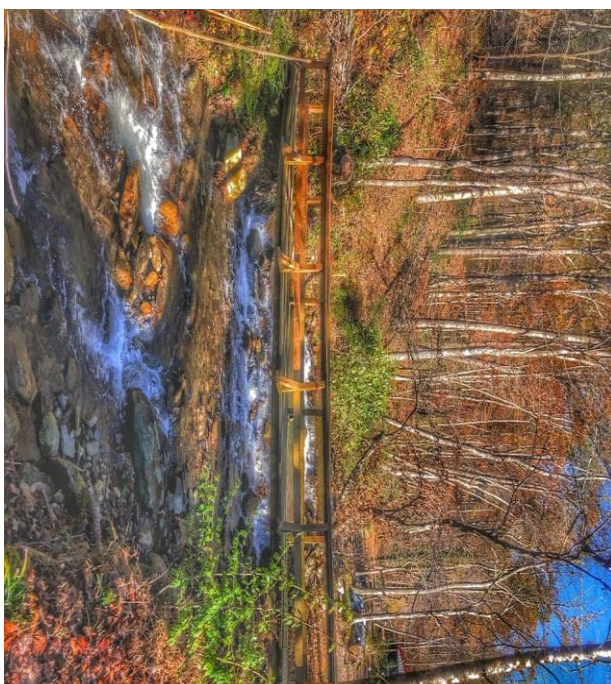
Officers

President: Charlotte Williamson;
President-Elect: Tim Johnson;
First Vice-President: Murphy Harrell;
Secretary: Michelle Shuler; Treasurer: John Meeks;
Directors: Jack Jones, Stephanie Lankford, Tom Baker and Rick Sibly;
President Emeritus: Bill Wild



The Peach State Caravanner

October 2019



Fall in the Mountains
October 16 – 20, 2019
Come join us as we thank our
volunteers and install our new
Executive Board.



Greetings from The Briar Patch!



Well, it seems just like yesterday that I wrote my first article for the Caravanner as President. Now, I write my last article as President. This year has flown by. I am not an English major so my written word and speech may not be as polished as it should be, but I am a college graduate with a degree in accounting and passed the CPA exam. I can certainly balance books and count money. Hopefully, I along with the Board have been good stewards of the Club's assets and financial obligations this year.

I have many people to thank for their support, encouragement, advise, and love shown to me during the year. Hopefully, I will be able to personally thank each one at the October Rally. But in case I miss you, please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you have done for me and the Club.

We have had a productive year getting the Park restored, managing our assets, making improvements, hosting great rallies and events, and meeting lots of new and old friends. We had one of the largest number of trailers in the Park and attendees at the Labor Day Rally than we have had in several years. We think there were several reasons for the big crowd. One was the great work done by our Public Relations Committee getting the word out everywhere to fellow Airstreamers about our beautiful Park.

Another reason was our guest, the former Governor Nathen Deal and his wife. We thoroughly enjoyed their talks with us. We also had beautiful weather and an election. Whatever the reason, we were glad you came. Please keep coming!

The newly elected Board is moving forward in 2020 with almost an entirely new Board. Please welcome them and support them as they make decisions for the wellbeing of the Club, Park and all its members.

Here is your new 2020 Executive Board:

Tim Johnson – President
 Murphy Harrell – President Elect
 Mary Anne Meeks – Vice President
 John Meeks – Treasurer
 Kimberly Funderburg – Secretary
 Rick Sibly – 2nd year Director
 Tom Baker – 2nd Year Director
 Clara Ellis – 1st Year Director
 Dick Sells – 1st Year Director
 Charlotte Williamson – President Emeritus

The new board will take office after the Sunday morning worship service on October 20, 2019.

Please join us at the October Buddy – Installation Rally. We will have a delicious catered dinner on Saturday followed immediately by the Installation Ceremony. Rally fee for the entire Rally including the Saturday dinner is \$25 per adult with a \$15 minimum rally fee. Hopefully, you will come for the entire rally, but if only for the dinner, the fee will be \$15.

Look forward to seeing you and your buddies at the Rally. The leaves should be colorful, the air crisp, the food yummy, and the fellowship unbeatable. See you there!

“Make New Friends but Keep the Old.
 One is Silver, and the other is Gold.”

Charlotte & Edgar Williamson
 President and First Mate

What We Found in a Bathroom in Doswell, Virginia

When I was younger and not so refined, I used to read the walls and doors of the bathrooms we visited, even though my mother took a dim view of this. Imagine my surprise when several of us attending the International Convention in Doswell found something much more interesting to read.

A whole group of us went out to eat at a local barbeque house near the park, and the girls found several small plaques on a table in the bathroom. The plaque said, "Be Kind" and was hand made. What made it special was a card that came with the plaque telling about the maker. A local girl was so concerned and saddened by all of the negative news in the country today, that she decided to make lots of these plaques and **give them away**. We were encouraged to take a plaque to put out and then consider making plaques for others.

We were encouraged by that little girl, thus, you are invited to join other Airstream folks at the Fall Rally who want to help make the country kinder by coming to our Craft Activity on Thursday, October 17, at 1:30 PM. We will have everything you need to paint your own "Be Kind" plaque, and perhaps make several to give away. I bet you know a bathroom that could use a little class and you could leave a plaque there!

Mary Anne Meeks



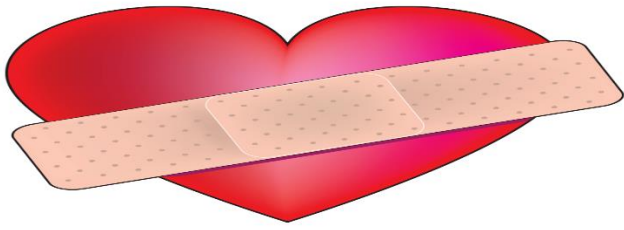
Recent Birthdays & Going Away Celebrations at the TOP



Blast from the Past



*Woman less wedding!
Who can guess the year, the bride, and the guest?
Fun times from past rallies.*



“Loving Concerns”

Loving Concerns

For we walk by faith, not by sight.
2 Corinthians 5:7

We have had a number of people needing our prayers since the last Caravanner was published... Lots of sicknesses and several deaths. Please know how much our Top of Georgia family means to those with troubles either personal or extended families.

Sicknesses:

Ricky Roberts was diagnosed with Crohn's, a stomach ulcer and an aneurysm.

Danny Howell has been undergoing chemo treatments. He completed the last treatment last week.

Vonceil NeSmith has been having A-fib, a heart rhythm problem.

Jimmy Jarrett has been very sick with heart problems.

George and Gail Ward both had sinus infections.

Tom Litton had a fall and broke his leg.

Barbara Jones has shingles on her face and scalp.

Clara Ellis has some painful spinal disc problems and lots of pain in her shoulder.

Bob Bailey (wife Virginia) is in failing health. He has not been doing well since suffering a fall a while back.



Sympathy:

Sara Watters passed away. She is a past TOG member.

Al and Mary Holcomb had a **granddaughter** killed by a hit and run driver. This was extremely dramatic as they had this same thing happen in nearly the same location last year. Mary also had a cousin to pass away.

Lisa Robert's father passed away.

Vonceil NeSmith had a brother to pass away

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

Myrna J. Warren
Love and Concerns



October 16-20: Buddy Rally &
Installation Banquet

November 28: Thanksgiving Gathering

December 7: Christmas Luncheon

Rock Eagle 4H Center,
Eatonton, GA 31024

IN MEMORY OF CONNIE CROWE



*Those we lose are not where they were
before...*

Now they are everywhere we are



*Connie Crowe, a faithful
member with a servant's heart,
went home to be with her Lord
and Savior on September 22,
2019. Please keep Herb in your
thoughts and prayers.*



October 2019 Membership News.....

A Warm Welcome all our new members and affiliates and those who transferred to our Unit. Membership in the Wally Byam Airstream Club and local Unit 32 hopes to help you get the most out of your airstream experience from weekend getaways to learning and special event rallies. A chance to volunteer at the Top of Georgia Airstream Park, roan the countryside, explore the sites, and arrive in style. Your friends are waiting!

Good News! Annual membership renewal season has started. Those members who renew their 2020 membership before November 1, 2019 will be included in the 2020 International Directory. Also, if you want to be in the Georgia Directory, make sure you have your membership into the membership chair by December 1, 2019.

All renewal notices have been mailed.

Many thanks to all of you who have already renewed. If you did not get a renewal in the mail, check with me at slankfordmembership32@yahoo.com. In reviewing your renewal form, make sure everything is correct before you send it back, this will be the information printed

in both the International and Club Directories.

During the October Rally, you may drop off your renewal with me at 6:30 pm before the evening socials.

Thank you to all our members for renewing this year, we are looking forward to seeing you during the coming year.

Keep your Silver side up!

*Stephanie Lankford, Membership Chair,
serving since 2014.*





Ooh and Aah

Have you ever seen an Airstream and wished desperately that you could go inside and see what it looks like? Okay, maybe not desperately, but you really would like a walk through so you could ooh and aah at another Airstream. This is your opportunity for we are having an Open House on Friday, October 18, starting at 10 AM, when fellow Airstreamers will be inviting you to walk through their home. You will know trailers that are open for viewing by their gold or silver balloons (colors in honor of our President, Charlotte Williamson.)

Now, to make this wonderful event happen, we need Airstreamers to volunteer to open their trailers for the Open House. **Would you please consider taking part in the Open House?** Remember, you may not think your trailer is vintage or special, but just know that the grass is always greener in someone else's trailer. Everyone wants to know what the newer models look like, and likewise, if you have a new model, come see what a really older trailer looks like inside. It is fascinating to see how folks have remodeled, decorated, tinkered, re-engineered, and in general, had fun with their Airstream. There will be plenty of time for everyone to see all the trailers. We will have golf carts available to get around as needed. So let's have fun and ooh and aah at each others silver homes.



Needed: Committee Volunteers
for the 2020 Year.

Please contact Tim Johnson at capt.tim.johnson@gmail.com if you would like to serve our Club in any of the many committees that help run or Club and Park. This is your Club, so please volunteer today!

R.S.V.P. Please

We are asking that you let us know if you are coming to the October Rally and Installation Banquet.

Please e-mail Clara Ellis at joeelli@gmail.com

This will be your reservation for the Banquet and other meals.

Knowing how many people to expect helps reduce waste and costs. It also ensures we will have plenty to eat, so you will get your plate full.



Volunteers are always welcomed and needed in the kitchen.

The Places We Have Gone and Hope to Go

One of the most interesting personalities I met this summer was Elaine Jarrett. She and her husband, Steve, were evacuees to the TOG from their home in Charleston, avoiding the most recent hurricane threat. Elaine was absolutely bubbling over describing their third Wally Byam caravan, the Nor by Nor'East, that goes from Ashaway, Rhode Island to Halifax, Prince Edward Island.

Elaine said the caravan was 42 days, and it was not long enough. She could have stayed in Acadia all summer! There were 23 Airstreams in the caravan, and it was led by Trevor and Gale Lake. The key to the success of the caravan, Elaine thought, was that Trevor had done his homework and was so well organized and emphasized getting everything right. Every night they stayed in a new park, they knew it would be lovely, safe, and right for their needs. Besides all the planned events on the itinerary, the guides planned down time for the campers to go to other places, or do laundry, if they wanted. Trevor had all the details for them, given carefully the night before at the Driver's Meeting, which was a huge help.

As is true at the Top of Georgia, Elaine said the best thing about the caravan was the comradery between the Airstreamers. They all got along well and were very helpful to each other. Some of the caravanners created an Internet page where they could share what they had seen and enjoyed with the rest of the group. And there was a lot to see and do every day.

Some of the highlights that Elaine mentioned were the Monument of the Forefathers in Boston, Sears Point (which was beautiful), and the Graham Bell Museum in Nova Scotia. They also enjoyed the Cabot Trail while in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. If you are an Anne of Green Gables fan, then you must go to the *Anne of Green Gables* Play in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The caravan ended in Halifax, and Elaine said she cried all the way home. There is so much adventure and entertainment that goes on, that coming home

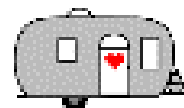
seems dull. Fortunately, the Jarrett's made many friends and Elaine says they still visit with each other on the Internet.

If you have not been on a caravan, then consider going. Elaine said their first caravan was the SouthWest Adventure that lasted seven weeks, and then the Gone to Texas Caravan that was four weeks. Please note that for full information about all caravans, go to the **Blue Beret**. I asked Elaine where she and Steve, and their three dogs were going next, and she did not know, but she did know it would be someplace fun.

(If you have places you have been and would like to share, please contact mapmeeks@bellsouth.net)



I GO WHERE I AM TOWED





Why do members have Red Stars on their Trailers?

It's a tradition of WBCCI's International Club to adopt the Red Stars as an official recognition and to reward members with a Red Star for every 5 years they are a member. If you have 5 years of membership with WBCCI International Club, you will receive 2 Stars, one for the front of your trailer and one for the back. Because normally, members will need to verify their years with Headquarters, the Georgia Unit has done this for our members.

This year during the October 2019 Rally for our club/unit 32. President Charlotte Williamson will be recognizing those members who attend the Rally, on Friday evening, with their Red Stars! It's become a tradition here at the Georgia Club to do this at least once a year.

For information on placing your Stars, go to WBCCI.org, or Airstreamclub.org and go to "Rules of the Road". Look under "membership stars".

Enjoy!!

*Stephanie Lankford, Director and
Membership Chair*

Pictures from 2019 Rallies, Etc.



Dinner at the Cottage House



Lunch at Daniel's Restaurant

*We don't always eat.
We do exercise, so we can eat more!*



Top of Georgia Spooktacular Pre-Halloween
Monster Bash

Volunteer Appreciation
Dinner

We're **Bloody Dying** for you to join us on
Friday, Oct 18th at 6PM for Dinner.

Special event designed to express
appreciation to **ALL** of our very special
ToG volunteers. To celebrate the efforts
and hard work of our volunteers, we
invite all ToG Airstream Park friends to
come eat, drink and be spooky....

if you dare !!!

Creepy Cadaver Main Course:

Recycled Road-Kill Chicken
Smoked Intestines
Bad-to-the-Bone Buns
Pulled Pig Mummy Meat
Blood-B-Que Sauce
Human Kidney Beans
Gory, Ghoulish, Zombie Stew
Skeleton Salad with Graveyard Cemetery Dressings

Halloween Desserts:

BOO-nanner Pudding
Cryptic Corpse Cake
Finger Foods & Ghost in the Graveyard
Spooky Sweets

Drinks:

Mausoleum Lemon Spirits
Brewed Coffin Coffee (with Coffin-Mate Creamer)
Trick or Treat Tea



WARNING HUMANS !!!

Leftover rancid food attracts
werewolves and zombies. Please
remove **ALL** rotten morsels using
the provided bags and
containers. Failure to heed this
warning may result in bloody
midnight carnage within the
Airstream Park.

**YOU HAVE BEEN POLITELY
WARNED ! NOW GIT 'ER DONE !**



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO
THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE TOG**

November 28, 2019

12 PM

Bring yourself, your family, your friends

Dress is Casual

Turkey and Ham will be provided by the hosts

**Please bring a dish to share-we will have sign
up opportunities later**

Come hungry and let's all be thankful!

Host: John & Mary Anne Meeks



ToG Christmas Luncheon

You are invited to our annual

Christmas Luncheon

December 7, 2019 @ 11:45 a.m.
Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton.

\$20 per person.

Tickets will be sold at the October Rally, or you can send a check to Tim Johnson. **LAST Day to purchase tickets is November 15, 2019.**

We will be unable to accept reservations with pay at the door this year. Must pay in advance. Looking for a great turnout to celebrate this special time of the year with Airstream friends. Please share with friends who may have sold their Airstream and your Buddies. We would love to see them again!



2018 Thanksgiving Gathering



2018 Christmas Luncheon

Fall/Installation/Buddy Rally

October 16-20, 2019

“Fall in the Mountains”

Preview of special activities

- Wednesday: 8:00am Men’s breakfast - at Truett-McConnell college – Yum!
- 10:00am Nature Photo Walk in the park. Take pictures of the flowers, shrubs and trees as part of our Beautification efforts.
- 3:30pm Swap-Meet – Bring perennial divisions from your flower beds to swap with others. Wrap roots in wet paper towels, put in a plastic bag and let’s share. We hope to plant some in the park too!
- Thursday: Breakfast – of course!
- 10:30am Healthy Hints – Rob Kelly will share tips on how eating healthy foods and drinking Alkaline water has prevented the return of cancer.
- 1:30pm Join in the fun and make your own “Be Kind” decorative wooden plaque. Display it in your home, trailer or in the park. It could make our world a little kinder.
- Friday: Breakfast – you bet!
- 10:00am Open House – A great chance to see how members have improved their Airstreams whether through décor, storage solutions, renovations, etc. Also visit our Archives room. You’ll be fascinated by the historical materials maintained through-out the 50-year history of our club.
- 1:30pm Tech Talk – Mark Spears of Atlanta RV will be showing us how to winterize our trailers. Mark is a member of the club and is renovating his own Airstream.
- 6:00pm Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – Chef Gary is treating us all to dinner in recognition of the many members who volunteer at the park. Join us for the feast !
- 7:00pm *****New – Prizes for Guyzs – Door prizes will be brought by the men/ for the men. No frilly pink cosmetic bags this time – they want real men stuff !
- Saturday: 6:00pm Annual Banquet and Installation of Officers and Directors for 2019-2020
- Plus all of our regular events - Ice Cream Social, Ping Pong, Bingo, Cottage House, Corn Hole Toss, Sunday Church, Pop Corn, Card games

Special Area Attractions: Oktoberfest in Helen, Festhalle - free all day Sunday,

Georgia Mountain Fall Festival in Hiawassee Oct. 11-19

