

The Peach State Caravanner

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President's Letter



Latest news from the Top!

The sister club rallies are scheduled at the TOP around the 14th of August. Your Board will provide a liaison person to assist with their visit. A hosting opportunity was

available in mid-August so we volunteered for this important position. We will serve as sister rally liaison and camp host at the same time!

We are presently at the TOP and

have received concise instructions from Barry Cole, the previous host. As most of you know, the Park has more campers now than in the past few years. This may be due to COVID restrictions, great marketing by our social media gurus, and the unprecedented sales of Airstreams! We have not been to the TOP since last October and were impressed with our beautifully maintained and very occupied park.

A special treat this weekend was to see and greet Kathy Rabren! She looks great and that smile of hers makes this world a much better place! First Lady and I want to encourage our fellow club members to consider hosting since it is a fantastic opportunity to meet a lot of folks within the club and outside the club. We have had several visitors that have never been to the TOP. A "special shout" out to Brad and Kate Singleton who are enthusiastic ambassadors for our Park.

Despite the "slow" year for Rallies, we are expecting a "Fast Fall"! Labor Day weekend will include an election of officers to our Board. This is an important event in our club's annual schedule and will not be postponed, delayed, or neglected due to COVID! I would like to personally invite you to attend "live" for a few hours on Saturday, 5 September 2020. (See details on pg.2) If you cannot attend in person, please check your email for an announcement of the process for dialing our conference call to hear our reports. According to By-Laws in Section VIII, for a Business Meeting, we must ensure all participants are members of the Top of Georgia and that we have a quorum of at least 10% of our membership of about 300, the fun begins!

Schedule:

1. Ask for divine guidance
 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States
 3. Roll Call of Officers
 4. Read Minutes of Last Meeting
 5. Treasurer's Report
 6. Review Correspondence
 7. Committee & Board Reports
 8. Unfinished Business
 9. New Business
 10. Announcements
 11. Voting process begins. The slate of candidates will be provided to all. We will ask for any nominations for available positions from the floor & phone. If you nominate someone for a Board position, please provide a mini-biography for that person.
 12. VOTING – we will have a process for those on the phones to send a text message to one phone number of a member who will be responsible for recording those votes and adding them to the votes of the members in the Pavilion.
 13. Announcement of our 2021 Leadership Team that we will provide to Murphy Harrell!
- NOTE: As the moderator of the event, I will stop periodically in the above steps to determine if anyone on the conference call has any questions. If there are multiple folks that have questions, I will write the names down and call on you by name to make your comments so we don't talk over one another.

Thank you all for making this the best Airstream Club and Park in America!

Tim and Caroyl Johnson,

Loving Concerns



Sympathy:

July 14, 2020. It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Vic Johnson.

He and Nadine were very active at the park in various roles.

Please pray for Nadine and their family during this time of grief. Their home

address is: 4701 16th Ave N.

St. Petersburg, FL 33713

We express sympathy to the family of **Vonceil NeSmith** on the death of her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Lanier. Some of you met her and know what a lovely lady she was.

We Remember:

Our prayers are extended to **Lisa Roberts, Kathy Rabren, Sharon Fore, Debbie Cribbs** and **Ian Hampton** as they cope with health concerns.



Happy Birthday Max Laseter

90th birthday on August 22!

Labor Day Rally- Cancellation,



This will probably come as no surprise, but your Rally Committee and Board have agreed to cancel the Labor Day Rally. The Labor Day rally is the normal time when we conduct a Business Meeting and we will conduct it a little differently this year.

We will have a Business Meeting and Election, at the TOG with a catered, free lunch.

We encourage everyone to come to the TOG a few days early and stay late. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Airstreamers with appropriate social distancing or just drive up for the day for the Business Meeting.

We are in the process of setting up another communication tool to allow participation for those who feel more comfortable joining the business meeting from home or your Airstream. Information on how to join will be provided prior to the meeting via email, text or phone call.

Tentative Schedule

Friday, Sept. 4 - Board Meeting 2:00 PM Pavilion

Saturday, September 5, 2020:

9:00 - 9:30 Sign-In.

Coffee and pastries

(possibly prepackaged) will be provided.

9:30 - 11:30 Business meeting and election

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (will be catered, box lunch)

We look forward to seeing many of you and “hearing” from many of you during this important annual business meeting, where we vote for our leadership for the coming year!

We hope all is well with everyone and you are coping with the many challenges in our lives caused by this dreadful virus!

~Your Board of Directors

PS: Please note that on August 14-16, 2020, the TOG will be welcoming the Palmetto State Rally group and the Argosy Club. We expect about 30 Airstream trailers to be with us for this weekend.

2021 Slate of Officer Candidates

The following is a list of 2021 candidates for office at the Top of Georgia. Your nominating committee -- Ken Rabren, Judy Baker, Cindy Harrell, Grant McKay and Chair Ian Hampton -- had a big responsibility nominating qualified people. We trust that these candidates will carry on the valued traditions of our wonderful club and park.



Murphy Harrell
President



Mary Anne Meeks
President Elect



Doug Ralston
1st Vice President



John Meeks
Treasurer



Kimberly Funderburg
Secretary



Jiji Haque
Director



Bill Harris
Director



Tim Johnson
President Emeritus

Produce Tuesday

When traveling along the countryside we always look out for a farm stand to buy local fresh produce.

Barry and Becky Jo Cole, our hosts at the TOP, did just that. They discovered Dyer Produce Store in Cleveland, Ga owned and operated by Mike Dyer. They found delicious looking fruits, vegetables, cheeses and to their surprise, meats. Purchases were made and later enjoyed. They found the steaks to be both tender and delicious.

While talking with Mike Dyer on this trip, the subject of the Top of Georgia came up and he wondered if it would be possible to bring the produce truck to the TOP. An executive decision was made that on Tuesdays, during the summer, Dyer Produce will bring his fresh fruits, vegetables and meats to the TOP. "PRODUCE TUESDAY" was born. Please come visit on Tuesdays from 10 till noon across from the host station. Your taste buds will thank you.



Judi Sells

OK, now, are you tryin' to remember the rest of that poem on the front page? Me too! We had to memorize it in school.

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.*

Joyce Kilmer – 1886-1918

Rolling Stone – Aug. 2020

by Tim Johnson

Rolling Stone has slowed down since the last report. However, we did have a quick three day, two-night visit to our beloved "Florida Condo on Wheels", Leilani our 34 Foot Excella. She was glad to see us and is in great shape and excited about our winter visit in a few short months. Our friend Ian Hampton has stayed at Land Yacht Harbor all summer to complete exhausting chemo treatments. We all miss him at the TOP, where he usually spends significant chunks of time as Host and as a regular camper!



The First Lady had arthroscopic surgery to reduce the pain in her knees, followed by rehab exercises. The procedure was performed by an orthopedic surgeon who is a friend from church. He only spent 12 minutes on the process, focusing on shorter recovery time. What a unique experience to have a wonderful friend taking care of her knees! His wife even brought dinner for us the day after the surgery!

Now our next adventure will be hosting at the Top of Georgia. It will be the first time we have camped under a roof with Gracie! She does not have a covered parking place in our driveway in the metropolis of Warner Robins!

First Lady and I look forward to seeing you at the TOP!

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2019–2020 Top of Georgia Airstream Club Rally | Events

Rallies held at Top of Georgia Airstream Park unless noted otherwise.

Date	Event
Nov 28, 2019	Thanksgiving Gathering
Dec 7	Holiday Luncheon at Eatonton (Rock Eagle)
Mar 30-Apr 5, 2020	Airstream Club Int. Region 3 Rally, Myrtle Beach, SC
Apr 13-14	Spring Work Days
Apr 15-19	Spring Rally Business Meeting
May 20-25	Memorial Day Buddy Rally
Jun 20-27	Airstream Club International Rally, Loveland, CO
Jul 4	Patriotic Celebration
Jul 22-26	Youth Rally Buddy
Sep 2-7	Labor Day Rally Elections
Oct 14-18	Fall Rally Installation of Officers



Officers

President: Tim Johnson; President-Elect: Murphy Harrell; First Vice-President: Mary Anne Meeks; Secretary: Kimberly Funderburg; Treasurer: John Meeks; Directors: Rick Sibly, Tom Baker, Dick Sells, Clara Ellis; Past-President: Charlotte Williamson