



The Peach State Caravanner

Elections Coming Soon!



Working hard!



Having some Youth "June Bug" Rally fun



A beautiful place! (Drone photo by Ron Cannon)

Children have a full time occupation. It's called "Play"! Let them be occupied by it from their early years until their twilight years.

~ Vince Gowmon

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President's Letter



Mary Anne Meeks,
President

Dear TOG Airstream Family,

The Dog Days of August are upon us, when the green coloring in the trees starts to dim and the heat just simmers on. Pop-up thunderstorms come and go, adding to the humidity. In other words, welcome to summertime at the TOG. Speaking of dogs, there are many dogs enjoying the new dog park, and best of all, their owners are picking up after them. **Thank you.**

Despite the weather we have had many trailers in the park this summer, and so many of our campers have volunteered around the park, including many who are first-time visitors.

Thank you.

We had 35 members from the TOG Club attend the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine. Please read Nancy Sibly's excellent account of the International Rally in this *Caravanner* and you will know how many of our group worked hard while there; building the stage, playing in the band, and serving food. **Thank you.**

Please, plan on coming to the Labor Day Rally August 31-September 5. This is the rally where we have our second Business Meeting in which we elect our officers for the coming year. There is no more important task that we can do than assure that we have strong leadership for the future. Only you can make that happen by coming to the meeting. Remember that everyone is invited to the Business Meeting and Election, whether you attend the Rally or not. We will also offer a Zoom link for the meeting and election if you cannot attend in person.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you very soon.

My best always, Mary Anne

What's New in the Park



The Park's new garage, located by the well, houses our heavy equipment.



Rick and Tom building a new roof for the children's play set



Jay Norris and Marc Malone installing new fans in the upper pavilion



Tom Baker cutting roots to create a level pad



Rick Sibly cutting back branches



Quite the spectacle watching this young man move the shed into position.

Volunteer needed to publish our annual Directory

Over the past two years, Doug Ralston has published our Top of Georgia membership handbook, commonly referred to as the "Directory". Doug will be stepping into the position as club President in October and will no longer be able to publish our Membership handbook.

Currently the skill set needed to perform this role is as follows:

1. Utilize Microsoft Excel to download and compile membership directory.
2. Utilize Microsoft Word to build handbook, incorporating a mail merge from Excel. Insert images from advertisers.
3. Coordinate and compile information from the other officers and committee leaders, as well as regional leaders.
4. Some ability to create and edit PDF files.
5. Gather quotes from local printers and manage the timely printing of the handbooks.
6. Distribute the handbooks to all members via mail.

**It would also be a plus if you have some experience with graphic design software to help create ads, graphics, etc., however it is not necessary.

Doug will train the new volunteer and will be there for support for the next publishing of the handbook.

If this position sounds interesting to you, please email Doug at ralstondoug@gmail.com

Things to do in the Park – Contact Rick Sibly rmsibly@gmail.com if interested in lending a hand:

1. Finish splitting and stacking wood in the lower section wood pile by storage.
2. Clean the rear porch screens of spider webs.
3. Clean and wash the breezeway.
4. Clean the ceiling of the entry into the main pavilion.
5. The Wilkersons will be back next month to finish painting the pavilion and doors. We will need help placing wall pictures etc. back up after all painting has been completed.
6. Install new fans in the main pavilion.
7. Re-roof on the upper shelter this fall or winter.
8. Patch/cement the floor edges in the tractor barn.
9. Paint the restrooms.
10. Clear trail along the creek behind the tractor barn.
11. Upcoming project will be new power and water to spaces B-17 thru B-32, followed by A-1 thru A-20.
12. A few trees to take down by professionals this fall, then more wood to cut and split.

Hosting

As camp host, you are the first face to welcome new guests and returning members and ensure that park operations are running smoothly.



Duties include:

- Checking guests in and out using our online registration system, including processing payments
- Maintaining cleanliness of park facilities
- Ensuring doggie stations are maintained
- Opening and closing main gate/buildings each day
- Answering Park phone

Our current needs are for the following weeks.....

October 22nd through 29th

November 12th through 19th

December 17th through 31st (2 weeks)

And we've started a new calendar for 2023 beginning April 15th

****Hosting weeks run from Saturday to Saturday**

Perks for camp hosting:

- Free parking while hosting
- Free laundry while hosting
- Free access to our new hi-speed Wi-Fi
- For each day you host, you receive a day's credit to go towards future parking fees

If interested in covering a week, or more, please call/text Christee Fontanez (407) 276-1593.

Youth Rally 2022

by Christee Fontanez

The annual Youth rally is a Park favorite, and our “June Bug” Youth rally was no different.

The weeklong festivities kicked off with tubing down the Chattahoochee River and making new friends over a delicious pasta dinner.

After fueling up with a big breakfast Thursday morning, the kids enjoyed a quick trip to the North Georgia Wildlife Park.



Summer & Riley (Sibly grandkids)



An afternoon spent working up a sweat in the bouncy house and then cooling off in our creek.



Keeping cool with dual slip-n-slides



Can't be a Youth Rally without a bouncy house



Even our “young at heart” members enjoyed themselves!



The afternoon brought outdoor games galore with three-legged races, a water balloon toss and a scavenger hunt along the creek.

Katelyn Akridge & Molly Moncrief tied with Ryder & Summer Sibly race after race! Good job!



Keeping with our “bug” theme we had a double-feature movie night showing “A Bug’s Life”, followed by the creepy “Arachnophobia”.



Sandra Porter making sure Ken has plenty of eggs to feed our hungry crowd

Friday began with another big breakfast to keep the kids going strong and they needed it. A big “thank you” to our morning volunteers!



Ken Rabren making the best scrambled eggs!



Kathy Church, naturalist from Smithgall Woods State Park gave a brief presentation in the main pavilion about the different kinds of “Swamp Creatures” (a.k.a. river bugs) native to our area and then continued her presentation beside the creek emphasizing the importance of not turning over the rocks and disturbing the natural habitats. The kids worked in pairs, running screens in the creek, collecting and sorting bugs for comparison. One group found a “baby lobster”.



Mary Anne Meeks getting involved



Summer Sibly learning about the environment

An afternoon of crafts: Making bugs out of water bottles followed by the first of two ice cream socials.



Left: The “gang” eating ice cream



Right: Lane Carpenter enjoying crafts as well



The rally would not be complete without BINGO and popcorn!



Saturday was a non-stop day of fun and activity!

In between all the scheduled events and activities, the kids continued to ride bikes and play in the bouncy house



I have no doubt Ron Akridge shared this sundae with wife, Leslie

Another ice cream social, perfect on a hot summer day! Thank you, Floy and Barbara Jumper.

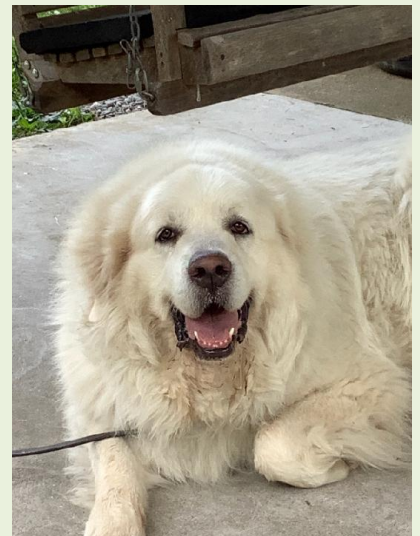


Ada Moncrief and Jacob Fontanez getting one last sugar rush from S'mores at the upper pavilion.

A pet parade, where dogs and cats had their "talents" on display.



Pepper Flory



Keeley Sibly

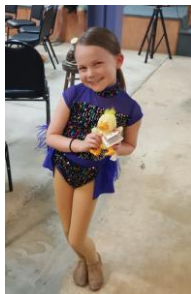


Harley Johnson



A TOG tradition, a Duck Race in the creek!!

The kids start out by picking their favorite duck to be tossed into the creek along with the others. Fearless volunteers brave the waters to ensure none of the ducks get caught in the rocks. After 3 races, our winners were declared.



Ada Moncrief



Heath Harrell



Riley Wolfersberger



Molly Moncrief



Ryder Sibly

Looks like all the kids won!



Jacob Fontanez

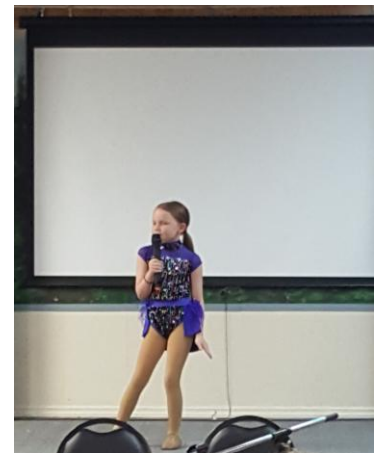


The evening's talent show was a real treat for everyone. Nadine Johnson coordinated a drum ensemble using donated buckets and sticks, teaching the kids different drumming techniques, while she sang.

After the drumming session some of the kids put on a wonderful magic show, along with singing and dancing.



Will & Linda Moore playing along with the band



Ada Moncrief lip-synching "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend"



Riley Wolfersberger sang Katy Perry's "California Girls"

Our "June Bug" Youth rally finished up Sunday morning with a beautiful service by our Chaplain Bob Gray, where he gave the children flashlights to correspond with his message of Shining Lights. It was a wonderful end to a great rally! See you all next year!



Ada performing card tricks with sister, Molly and Jacob Fontanez as helpers



Clara Ellis, Casey Kauffman & Lin Thompkins



Nadine Johnson & Harley



Our July 4th celebrations spanned two days of fun and gatherings.

Sunday, July 3rd kicked off with a Bar-B-Que lunch in the park. Pork, chicken, beans, and mac-n-cheese were on the menu, while members brought platters of watermelon and treats to be shared with all.

Thank you, Kate Singleton, Shannon Bradley and Christee Fontanez for serving a great lunch to a great crowd!

After lunch, Jesse Stone gave a brief lecture; "Introducing your trailer to Wi-Fi and smart technology". There were a lot of members taking notes and asking questions.

We had just enough time that evening before the rain started to make S'mores and had quite the turn-out; sticky fingers and great stories.

Monday, July 4th! Always a celebration!

Guests and members met at the host shed for Nadine Johnson's rendition of "Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful", followed by our annual parade around the park, where everyone was dressed in red, white and blue and paraded with their dogs (and cat).

An ice cream social capped off a wonderful weekend!



Bob & Faye Murrell

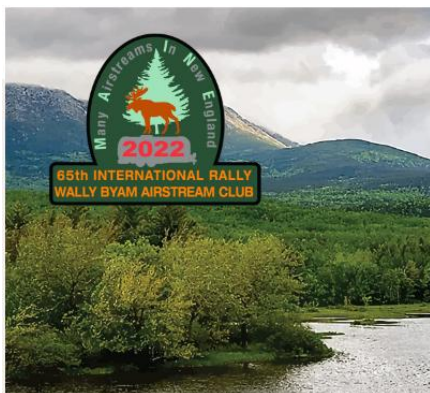


It was wonderful seeing so many friends around the park!

2022 INTERNATIONAL RALLY - FRYEBURG, MAINE

(Many Airstreamers In New England)

By Nancy Sibly



Fryeburg, Maine, is best known as home of the Fryeburg Fair held in October every year when this small town of 3,400 people hosts 22,000 people over its eight days. Compared to that, 2,000 Airstreamers is a drop in the bucket. It was like a ghost town walking among vacant livestock barns in the heart of the Fair's 185 acres where we were lucky enough to park. Sorry, you campers in the back 40. To get to the showers, turn left between Swine and Oxen. To get to Rally Central, go past the tree houses for the kids – the four-legged kind – and turn left.

The Fair is a 4-H fair extraordinaire with 3,000 animals and their people. Bet you haven't been to an oxen pulling or a pig scramble or a sheep dog trial lately. And, for the women, a skillet throw. Do we need another activity for our Top rallies?

Many of the buildings had the year built and cost painted at the peak. They've come a long way from the \$19,500 livestock shed built in 1979 to the brand new \$2M pavilion, replacing one lost to fire several years ago. We were the first group to use it for our Opening and Closing Ceremonies and concerts.



Campground opening morning



Ways to tell you are not in Kansas, Toto: (1) NOTHING is air-conditioned, not even the brand new \$2M building. Hey, it's Maine. But it was 90 degrees. The Mainers got a kick out of the Southerners complaining about the heat. But we HAVE A/C.

There were warnings about letting our dogs walk on the hot asphalt and pictures of burnt puppy pads. The dog park was moved into the Livestock Arena. (2) Harness racing is a popular event at the fairground's race track AND they even have a kiosk for pari-mutuel betting. Egads!

There are two Maines. Coastal Maine has the Atlantic Ocean, inlets and bays, rocky beaches and cute tourist towns everywhere. The rest of the state has rivers and mountains for summer paddling and hiking and winter skiing. In the summer, those rivers are wide and shallow with the flowing water area so narrow that they have "beaches" of coarse sand. The first time you see kids playing in the sand on the Saco River and beach chairs and umbrellas and tents lined up is a surprise. I suspect that in the spring those rivers look entirely different.





Fryeburg is on the edge of Conway, New Hampshire, and we made that trip many times in our 12 days. For one thing, that was where you'd find the nearest laundromat. Some more patient people took turns sharing the three washers at the fairgrounds. Maine has a distinctive style of architecture with a main two-story section, an attached one-story section, and eventually an attached barn so you don't have to go out in the cold.

The main streets of every small town are lined with these homes. Flowers are everywhere. Good soil, good weather, loving gardeners? And distant mountains everywhere you look. Even from the fairgrounds, we had a spectacular view of the White Mountain Range.

One of the most striking buildings in Fryeburg is the Fryeburg Academy, just blocks from the fairgrounds, which screams money. This prep school was founded in 1792 and for a mere \$49,500 a year; you can drop off your student in September and pick them up in June.

The sea of silver and flamingo attired Airstreamers had the town baffled with calls to the Fair office to ask, "WHAT is going on?".

We totally swamped the restaurants and their parking lots were lined with monster trucks sporting hitches. We tried to be patient and servers were gracious and, best of all, the food was delicious. Lobster rolls at \$30 anyone?



The 2022 Rally was the largest International Rally since 2008 with over 900 Airstreams and close to 2,000 people. There were cancellations, often citing gas prices, but many of us hocked the family heirlooms, filled up, and hit the road. 46 states (no MT, WY, HI, nor AK) and 5 Canadian provinces were represented. The Canadians were delighted to be there after having their U.S. border closed for the past two years due to COVID. Region 3 had the most attendees with 210 trailers.



It's hard to say who had the most fun, but the Vintage Airstream Club may have taken that prize. They parked near each other, had their own huge tent, and hosted the first dance party.

A highlight of the rally was the Vintage Parade with trailers lined up by year from 1954 to 1985. There were even a few vintage tow vehicles.



Region 3 had a box lunch hosted by Top member and outgoing Region 3 Prez Bill Wild (pictured left). Also, the Top of Georgia hosted a pizza party for its 35 members attending the rally. There were even a few newcomers.

Top members Julian and Lynne Clements were in the chorus and Nadine Johnson switched from chorus to band as a percussionist this year. Joining Nadine in percussion was our new Region 3 President Christine Baum. Long-time Top member and International band member Dee Russell played his trusty trombone.

A lot of people put a lot of work into making this rally a success. I think I heard a sigh of relief when President Tye Mott handed over the gavel to incoming President Eric McHenry. Both Tye and Eric, as well as new First Lady LaVerne McHenry, were zooming everywhere in their golf carts. Will Eric be on horseback in Wyoming next year?

Days were filled with committee meetings, band practice, line dancing, seminars, pet-a-llama, kids' activities, cooking, crafting, and a tea and fashion show (a la Airstream) for the ladies and a few gentlemen. The Opening Ceremony is always impressive with all those flags and the Broadway-themed band concert was top-notch.



Nadine Johnson



Stage crew

John Holly was an excellent Professor Harold Hill warning us of the dangers of "trouble right here in River City". Vendors sweated it out with the rest of us until someone appeared with an industrial-sized fan. They even had gadgets that will park your trailer for you. Sorry, no demos. Airstream of Lebanon, ME, brought new models for us to drool over and sold many during the week.

There was a Pet Show with Nadine Johnson's cat, Harlequin, winning Best Cat. Also, Only Cat, but she would have been best anyway. Next year Wyoming Silver cowboys?



Karen Cardoza at Opening Ceremony



Nancy Sibly



Nadine and "Harlequin"



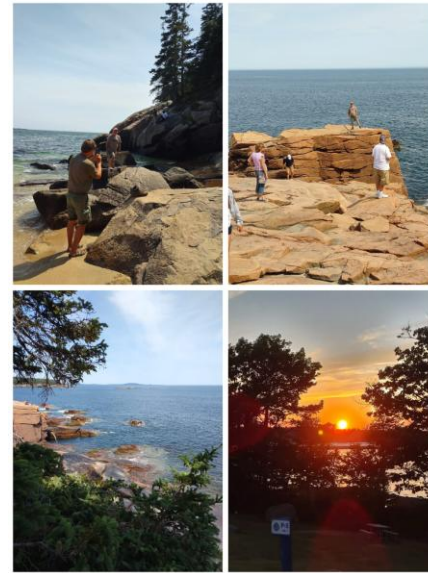


P.S. It took two weeks for Rick and me and Tom and Judy Baker to get to Fryeburg. We took the scenic route and spent several days in Boothbay Harbor, Bar Harbor (Bah Hah-bah), and Acadia National Park.

If you are not a Facebook friend of Judy Baker's, you should be. She posted wonderful pictures and commentaries each day of where we were and what we had seen. We stayed in a number of campgrounds, some of them nicer than others. We often ran into another Airstream or two, but never as many as we had expected.

A favorite was the Red Apple Campground in Arundel, Maine. If you ordered lobster by 10:00 in the morning, they would deliver it, already steamed, to your campground at 5:00 AND for \$9 each. We set the table, melted butter, and sat there waiting for our delivery. After we discovered the going rate for lobster rolls was \$30, we wished we gotten a few extra lobsters.

On our last night before Fryeburg, we wanted to stay nearby and ended up in a very wooded campsite in Glen, NH. While we were setting up, we kept hearing odd noises, screaming and crashing at regular intervals. Lo and behold, our wooded campsite backed up to Story Land, a theme park with a Roar-o-Saurus wooden roller coaster. I can't say we were disappointed when it began to rain. (And, do not EVER complain about spending \$20 a night at the Top.)



**Bigfoot traveled from the Top of Georgia to the top of Maine,
Acadia National Park, without so much as a blister**



Ice cream with Tom Baker



Labor Day Rally

Top of Georgia Airstream Park
Election Rally August 31st – September 4th, 2022

Wednesday, August 31

6:30 P Rally Registration @ Pavilion
 Adults \$25; Kids 9-18, \$10, <9, free
 Refreshments, Rally Committee
 Welcome, Mary Anne Meeks

Thursday, September 1

8:30 A Breakfast: eggs, bacon, grits, juice (bring set ups – plates, cups, utensils, napkins)
 10:30 A *Whimsy Flower Farm/Blairsville Tour
 (Meet at Host Shed at 10:00)
 12:00 P *Lunch at Jim's Smokin' Que in Blairsville
 6:30 P Rally Registration
 7:00 P Movie Night – Lucy and Ricky in "The Long, Long Trailer"

Friday, September 2

8:30 A Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice
 (bring set ups)
 10:15 A Ladies' Get-together
 2:00 P Board of Directors Meeting
 (See Secretary to speak)
 6:30 P Rally Registration,
 Announcements, @ Pavilion,
 Mary Anne Meeks
 7:30 P Bingo and popcorn

Saturday, September 3

10:00 A Membership Business Meeting/Elections
 1:00 P Ice Cream Social
 1:00 -3:00 Craft Fair/Flea Market
 3:30 P * New Member Orientation @ Office,
 Jaime Ralston
 5:00 P Dinner at the Pavilion.
 Kat & Jackson Elder
 7:00 – 9:00 Rhonda Carrier and the Still Cruisin'
 Band
 (Wear your dancin' shoes)

Sunday, September 4

10:00 A Worship Service, Chaplain Bob Gray
 2:00 P *Corn Hole Tournament
 5:30 P Potluck Dinner
 7:00 P Talent Show (see Nadine to sign up)

Labor Day, Monday, September 5

Safe Travels

NOTES:

** Please sign up for these activities if planning to attend*

Please do not move your RV during Worship Service



Calling all our talented Members!!!

Do you sing, dance, play a musical instrument, juggle,
 perform magic or have some other talent??



Sunday at 7PM is our TOG Talent Show and we would love for you to be a part of the show!

Please sign up with Nadine Johnson, Director and Park Host!



Calling all Crafters and Camp Suppliers!

This fall we will be hosting a “Campers Flea Market and Craft Fair” at the Labor Day Rally. Time to start making those creative crafts and rounding up your extra camping supplies to display for sale at the event. Who doesn't love finding new camping goodies at a rally??

Saturday, September 3rd from 1pm to 3pm.



Grapes & Grains is coming to the Top of Georgia!

The ACI intra-club Grapes & Grains is coming to TOG for a sister rally October 20-23, 2022.

Currently, there are 53 trailers signed up for this event and it is now closed to additional attendees.

Since the Park anticipates being at capacity, you may want to consider alternative travel dates if planning a trip!

Garden Flag Contest

Only two weeks left to submit your design for a new decorative flag for our club. This flag is going to be garden-sized that attaches to a small metal stand that goes into the ground by your patio or near your trailer tongue. We currently have 4 submissions (see below). There is still time! You can go to www.thepersonalizationmall.com and create your own flag with their free designer.

All submissions are due by September 1st.

Please email your entry to mapmeeks@gmail.com. Come join the fun!



Election of Officers

Officer elections will be held on September 3, 2022, at the TOG during the business meeting. All members are invited and encouraged to attend as we need a quorum of approximately 36 TOG trailers.

Ballots will be available in person and online for members who attend the meeting via Zoom. Positions not being voted for: Doug Ralston, President and 2nd year Directors, Nadine Johnson and Rod Wilson.

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of officers upon which we will need to vote:

President-Elect	Brad Singleton
First Vice-President:	Kimberly Funderburg
Secretary:	Betty “Kat” Elder
Treasurer:	John Meeks
1 st year Director:	Sam Fontanez
1 st year Director:	Jesse Stone

Nominations can be accepted from the floor. Permission must be received from the person being nominated before the nomination can be made.

We will also elect from the floor three club members to be on next year’s nominating committee.

Secretary

Betty Elder

(but you know me as “Kat”)



I've been a full-time Airstreamer since 2013; our first visit to Top came just after Christmas in 2015. Before retirement and lots of travel I was mostly a full-time mom until both kids left for college. Then I worked in customer service and later, became a NC state board certified Hearing Instrument Specialist selling and fitting them. I served two terms as president of Shreveport Association of Ladies' Tennis, chaired two Louisiana State Tennis Junior championship tournaments, and more recently served as Secretary of Stone Creek HOA in Raleigh, NC.

This spring and summer I've had fun planting the woks, Top's entrance monument, and our community garden, with substantial help from Lane Carpenter and the real “Plant Lady”, Faye Murrell.

Aside from direct experience in a similar job, I'm a good listener and writer, which feel like primary qualifications to be this unit's Secretary. My performance goal is simple: record accurate, concise minutes and submit them for review within a week of each Board Meeting.

Treasurer

John Meeks



John is a native of Baton Rouge and huge LSU Tiger fan. Growing up, he went to all the football games in Tiger Stadium.

John's father-in-law purchased their 31 ft. 1977 Excella 500 in 1979 and gave it to John and Mary Anne 10 years later in 1989. John and Mary Anne have been Airstreaming ever since.

John is into model trains, and is currently working on his worldwide stamp collection. He is an Army veteran, having served in the Berlin Brigade as a Combat Communications Officer and Commander of Signal Company.

John has been the Top of Georgia Treasurer since October 2017. He has both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from LSU, and is a CPA and Certified Internal Auditor. John worked in the Internal Audit department at Bellsouth for over 25 years serving in various audit and management roles.

John enjoys being Treasurer and would consider it an honor to be re-elected.



Vice President – Kimberly Funderburg

Kimberly Funderburg and her husband Karl have been members of the Top of Georgia for five years. She has been club secretary for the past three years, is the chairperson of the communications committee, handles the club social media accounts and is also the Secretary of ACI Region 3.

Her deep passion for Airstreaming comes from her parents, Past President and First Lady Bill and Barbara Wild and you will usually see them all together during rallies. Now a reserve Deputy Sheriff and a full-time buyer for a company out of Germany, her time is often spent working remote from their Airstream “Rosie” at the Top and she is looking forward to hosting for the first time this fall.

1st-Year Director

Jesse Stone



In 2019, Jesse Stone retired in Northwest Atlanta after 36 years of Federal service in support of the Department of Defense. As a civil servant in the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), Jesse served as a Project Manager, Program Manager and Customer Liaison Center Director. During his career in the U.S. Army, Jesse served in various command and staff positions as a Signal Corps and Army Acquisition officer rising through the ranks to achieve the rank of Colonel. His last military assignment was as the Commander, DCMA Atlanta. Jesse's civilian education includes a Bachelors Degree in Business from the Military College of South Carolina (The Citadel), a Masters in Material Acquisition Management from the Florida Institute of Technology and a Master of Business Administration from Monmouth University. Jesse and his wife (Sissy) have been married over 41 years and they have two sons. Jesse and Sissy joined the Top of Georgia Airstream club in 2016 and have volunteered to support the Club in several significant ways. Most notably, Jesse was the architect and took the lead on installing the new Fiber Optic / WIFI system at the TOG. Additionally, he took the lead designing and coordinating the installation of an Emergency Power Generator grid that ensures the Top of Georgia maintains cell phone communications during power outages. If elected, Jesse's major focus area will be to improve the sustainability of the newly installed communication system while seeking opportunities to leverage this infrastructure in continuing the modernization of the Top of Georgia Airstream Park.

1st-Year Director

Sam Fontanez



Sammy Fontanez (also known as Christee's husband or just plain ol' Sam) was raised in Florida and has worked in graphic design and online marketing for more than 20 years. In 2008, he and Christee founded Media D'Vine LLC, a multilingual digital marketing agency, which has helped clients' advertising needs from across North America, South America, Mexico and Canada. Sammy's work includes front-end web development, HTML programming and search engine optimization. Sammy has been passionate about Airstreams ever since he came across an Airstream park in Florida in his early 20's; which later lead him to fully gut and renovate a 1977 Airstream Argosy. After a 2 ½ year renovation project, Christee, Jacob and Sammy hit the open road in the summer of 2017.

Being able to run his business remotely, and not tethered to an office, has allowed him and his wife to work from just about anywhere there is an internet connection. Their travels have taken them from Florida to Maine then out west through Texas and New Mexico.

Late 2018, Sammy and Christee discovered the Top of Georgia Airstream Park. After hosting for several winters at the TOP and volunteering for innumerable park projects, Sammy has gotten the opportunity to meet most of our wonderful club members along with many friendly guests during that time.



President Elect – Brad Singleton

Brad Singleton has spent the past year serving as Vice President and Safety Chairperson for the Top of Georgia Airstream Club.

Originally from Boston, he has lived in Georgia for 17 years. He has spent the last 30 years in the field of medical sales throughout the US. Brad served in the USMC as an infantry officer and held a variety of other assignments.

He attended the University of Pennsylvania and received his degree in International relations.

Brad is married to Kate, and they have been married 11 years. They have four daughters, Mikhaela (30) and Eliza (25) from Brad's previous marriage and Imani (26) and Nia (25) from Kate's previous marriage.

He enjoys hiking and scuba diving and grilling for the family and listening to vinyl.

What's happening around Helen!



Taking place Labor Day weekend, The Mountain Heritage Festival is a great way to spend a fall weekend in the mountains.

****Free Event**

The Festival is open from 10am to 5pm, on Saturday, September 3rd & Sunday, September 4th.



Helen Oktoberfest Parade

Saturday, September 10th

Since 1971. A charming re-creation of an authentic Bavarian village that turns into a true German celebration every year. Come celebrate the opening of Oktoberfest! The "Tapping of the Keg" will follow the parade at the Helen Festhalle.



Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
1311 Music Hall Road
Hiawassee GA 30546

Rates

1 Day Pass: \$12.00
3 Day Pass: \$33.00
Fun Fair Pass: \$90.00

Look forward to the 71st annual Georgia Mountain Fair, held at the historic Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds this summer! Thousands of visitors from across the region have experienced the excitement and nostalgia that the event has to offer. With first class musical performances, arts & crafts, fun carnival rides, unique attractions and a glimpse into North Georgia's rich history and culture, the Fair provides something for every member of the family!

Free Parking - Sorry, No Pets Allowed.

From the Park

Interested in selling your Airstream?



For \$5 per issue, we can feature your Airstream for sale in the Carvanner.

Each issue is emailed to 300+ members, as well as seen by over 2000 followers from our social media pages.

Email Christee@mediadvine.com to discuss.

COVID has not taken a vacation and I want to remind everyone how important it is to, please, tell the host immediately if you are camping in the park and test positive. We want to be able to help you while you maintain quarantine, and we need to do everything we can to make the park safe for all.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Mary Anne Meeks

Be Bear Aware!!



A large black bear has been spotted in the park!

- Do NOT approach or feed any wildlife
- Do NOT leave food or garbage outside your trailer
- Do NOT put kitchen trash in the dog waste receptacles
- All kitchen trash and food waste is to be discarded in the bear-proof dumpster near the bridge
- Clean BBQs thoroughly

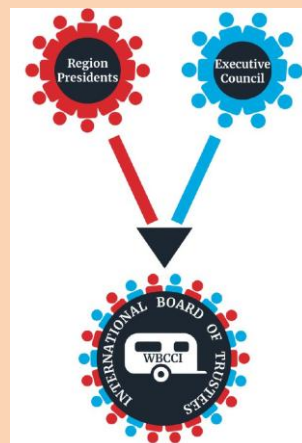
**The TOG Park is not responsible for damaged property.

Announcements

Below is a recap on items voted on at the **Airstream Club International Delegates'** Meeting on July 27, 2022

Results for Constitutional Amendments 1 & 2:

- 99 of 104 local clubs participated in the vote
- Members-at-Large from 12 regions voted
- **Amendment #1** passed with 77% "yes" vote
- **Amendment #2** passed with 71% "yes" vote



What does this mean moving forward?

- More information coming soon, but no major changes in this first transitional year. But get ready for an election in the spring of 2023 where members will, for the first time ever, get the opportunity to vote for a full slate of Executive Council (EC) members. Then the full International Board of Trustees (IBT) will select your International Officers (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) from the people elected by you, the members. You should expect your Region Presidents to reach out to you in the spring for your thoughts and preferences. They'll add your feedback to what they've personally observed within the IBT to identify the people with the best leadership, communication and demonstrated collaboration skills.
- A Special Committee has been formed to look at the Executive Council nominations process.
- Look for more details coming in the fall of 2023 about the application process for anyone interested in applying for a seat on the Executive Council.

Thank you to all members who participated in voting!

Airstream Club International Headquarters

Loving Concerns

Illness and Injury

Bill Harris, Director, continues to heal from bypass surgery. He's hoping to receive approval to drive soon and return to the Top.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Jan Kelly, one of our TOG former First Ladies, recently fainted, was taken to the hospital, and had a pacemaker implanted. She is healing and feeling well now. She and Rob are planning to attend the next rally.

Myrna and Neal Warren - Myrna is dealing with the effects of treatments for her cancer. Neal is having tests for anemia.

"Many thanks for the cards and prayers I've received from the members at the TOG."~ Myrna

Stephanie and Mike Lankford - Stephanie is healing from recent hip surgery. Mike is responding well to meds for some health issues.

John Meeks - John continues treatment for cancer and pain management

Sympathy

Please remember **Jiji Haque**, one of our long-time TOG members and current Directors. Her brother, Pete, a former member at the Top passed away after a long, courageous battle with cancer. Please pray for comfort for Jiji, her Mom, who has tested positive for COVID at 92 years old, and the rest of her family.

Please, join us in praying for these folks and their medical issues or their grief in a time of the loss of a loved one. Knowing that there are those who care is a true blessing to those in need.

We are a family of sorts, connected by our love for camping and love for each other.

If you are experiencing a difficult time or know of someone who is, please let me know.

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2022 Top of Georgia Airstream Club Rally / Events

Rallies held at Top of Georgia Airstream Park unless otherwise noted

Date	Event
April 6th – 9th	<i>Region 3 Hiawassees Rally</i>
April 25th & 26th –	<i>Spring Work days</i>
April 27th – May 1st –	<i>Spring Rally</i>
May 25th – 29th –	<i>Memorial Day Rally</i>
June 22nd – 26th –	<i>Youth Rally</i>
July 4th –	<i>Fourth of July / Patriotic Celebration</i>
July 23rd – 29th	<i>International Rally / Fryeburg, ME</i>
Aug 31st – Sept 4th	<i>Labor Day Rally</i>
October 12th – 16th	<i>Fall Rally / Installation</i>

Officers:

President – Mary Anne Meeks

President Elect – Doug Ralston

Vice President – Brad Singleton

Secretary – Kimberly Funderburg

Treasurer – John Meeks

Directors Year Two – Jiji Haque and Bill Harris

Directors Year One – Nadine Johnson and Rod Wilson

President Emeritus – Tim Johnson

