



# The Peach State Caravanner

Winter Edition



Good times and good friends during the Fall Rally



Happy 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, Bob Murrell

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Alabama Airstream Sister-Rally Group

# President's Letter

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I am honored to assume the role as your President, and I am truly humbled. I was disappointed not to be able to attend the Fall Rally and enjoy fellowship with everyone.

Our trip to Peru did help me to get in touch with some basic concepts that I intend to help guide my term as your President. I want to share 3 main concepts that will help guide my leadership of our club.

The first is my commitment to our membership as a community which is our largest strength.

Community is an important element to the way of life for the people of Peru and extends back to the time of the Incas.

The second concept I came to recognize during our trip was the tremendous reverence for Mother Nature and commitment to her preservation. Like our TOG community the people of Peru and the Andes mountains have a tremendous love and respect for nature. We are blessed with a beautiful park that is nestled by Mother Nature and our commitment to preservation is our charge.

The third learning I took away from our trip was the industrious nature of the Peruvians, which is also very analogous to our Top of Georgia community. We work together to accomplish great things in service to our members and the maintenance of our park. As outlined in Doug's letter last month we have accomplished many things through the efforts of our members.

As our fall leaves begin to change and provide dramatic reminders of the spectacular beauty we all enjoy; it's always important to take stock of our blessings. (Oh, I'm jumping ahead to my Thanksgiving letter 😊)

See you at the Top,

Brad & Kate Singleton



## From the Park

### New TOG Internet Team Members Trained

In early October, the Top of Georgia (TOG) trained three new volunteers to help maintain the club's Internet / WIFI system. The training was conducted to ensure that reliable communication (phone and internet) is maintained at the Park in the foreseeable future. The new TOG Internet Team Members include Bill Harris, Rip Rippe and Eric Root.

Thanks so much to these new volunteers.

Your newly elected Top of Georgia Board will have their 1st board meeting on November 30th at 7pm via Zoom.

Board Meeting Time: Nov 30, 2023 at 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86891521733?pwd=>

Please submit any agenda items to Brad Singleton (President)

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♥ LET OUR VOICES CARRY THE ENCHANTMENT OF GRATITUDE TO OUR BENEVOLENT HOSTS FOR THIS PAST YEAR.

AS HOSTS AT THE TOP OF GEORGIA, YOUR TIME AND DEDICATION ARE TRULY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO.

*Thank You!*

The Property Management Team would like to thank David Cardoza, Mike Deegan, Rip Rippe, and Larry White for all their hard work on the park. Signs installed, fallen tree cut and removed, water hose stretched, and help with the Alabama Rally.



Section A-1 through A-10 are under construction and nearly complete. We are waiting on the EMC to install the new

underground power to our 6 new breaker panels and should be complete by Thanksgiving, 2023. This will provide new electrical pedestals, 30/50 amp. for A-section, the laundry, shop, and pavilion; in addition to new water hydrants.



#### Winter projects:

1. New pedestrian bridge over Andrews Creek
2. Renovation and repair to the vehicle bridge.
3. Work on the picnic area and fire pit.
4. Repairs to parking pads



# We Need You in 2024!

## BE A HOST AT THE TOP OF GEORGIA AIRSTREAM PARK



With over 300 members, our Georgia Unit offers a beautiful park to enjoy year-round. Swing, hiking, biking, and socializing while taking in the stunning scenery. Come host at the Top of Georgia in 2024!

14255 GA-75,  
Helen, GA 30545



- Earn Free parking
- Meet New People
- Free Laundry

<https://form.jotform.com/222917908549166>

## 2024 RALLIES AT THE TOP



Mary Anne and I are in desperate need of some fresh eyes and fresh ideas to make our rallies more fun and informative and we need your help. While taking on the responsibility of a whole year of planning rallies can be prohibitive, there are two ways that we can break this into smaller bites. As our fearless Past President says, the reason we have these travel trailers is so we can travel. Can you block out one week a year to help with a rally?

### **Option One:**

We have five rallies a year. If five people or groups of people each take on one rally's planning and execution that would be a fun change and give us some variety. Mary Anne and I are willing to help and we also would hope to have one of the officers in on this.

### **Option Two:**

What are your strengths? Would you be interested in planning outings for a rally, doing an artsy-craftsy project, preparing refreshments or even a meal, arranging seminars and entertainment, doing rally PR? Many of you attend other rallies. Is there something they do that would be fun for us to try?

What are your strengths? Please give this some serious thought and email me at

[nancysibly@gmail.com](mailto:nancysibly@gmail.com).

Rallies are a wonderful way for us to bond with each other, for newer members to meet long-time members, to share travel tips and other useful information, to have someone to ask when you have a question, or to ask when you need help. I promise you will get more out of your investment in time at the Top than you put in and meet some great folks as you do.

Nancy Sibly

# Volunteer Spotlight

We want to take a moment to appreciate exceptional volunteers at the Top of Georgia.

**Bob & Wayne** your selfless efforts, kindness, and efficiency have left a deep impression. You have been an integral part updating systems at the Top. You inspire all of us to strive for excellence and to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Thank you for being outstanding volunteers and for making the world a better place!



## Meet Top of Georgia's new Caravanner editor!



Wendy has recently obtained her Ph.D. from Augusta.

She independently renovated her vintage Airstream and is now a full-time Airstreamer.

Wendy enjoys being a member of the Top community and is always willing to offer her assistance. From hosting to taking over the Membership Directory to becoming the new editor for the Caravanner; Thank you, Wendy!

# Installation 2023 RALLY

by Nancy Sibly



We had a full park for the Fall/Installation Rally. Some of us arrived a bit early to say “hello” and “welcome” to the Carolina Airstream Club who were wrapping up their sister-rally as ours was beginning and others of us got straight to work.

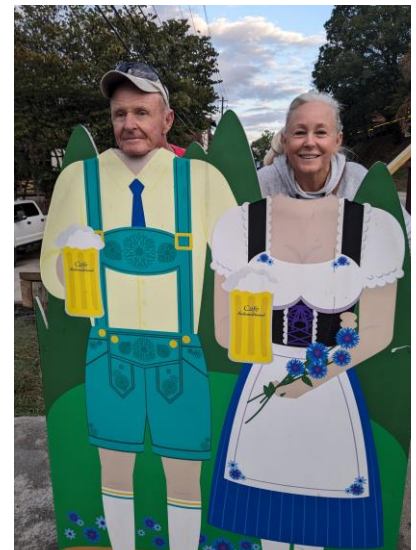
The Main Pavilion was already decorated in beautiful fall colors, so not much was needed.

A group of us had dinner at the Cafe International on Monday night. The food was excellent, and we were right on the river. Without much rainfall, the river looked more like a creek. People walking on the exposed rocks entertained us.



Bingo was fun, as always, and Jiji had some excellent prizes (she had been contacting local businesses to contribute, and boy, did it pay off! Thank you, Jiji).

Another small group of us went to dinner at Las Cabanas on Tuesday night.





There were 18 of us who went on the Dukes Creek Falls walk. The walk to the falls was 1.1 miles, longer than I had expected, but we all made it. Duke's Creek is 300 feet high, but with the current lack of rain there was not much water coming over it. It sure was a pretty day though.

Dukes Creek is the creek in White County on which gold was found in 1928 leading to the Georgia Gold Rush.



Music Bingo at Jumpin' Goat was fun. We had 12 hardy folks and another four chickened out due to weather. We weren't aware reservations could be made, so we sat outside rather than inside and there was a cold wind.

On the plus side, I think that would be easy to duplicate at the Top. Maybe the April rally? Round One: Elvis for us "old folks". Round Two: Pop Music for the "youngsters"??



Nadine gave Line Dancing lessons Friday morning and that was way fun. Some of us, yours truly, have two left feet. Later that day, Jiji took a small group to Roper's in Helen for some Country-Western shopping.

What a hoot.

Friday night put our new dancing skills to the test with the Steve Bryson Band. I told Steve Bryson that while he was entertaining us, we would entertain him. They had a few songs that lent themselves to line dancing. I can't tell you how many people said, "We're not usually country fans, but we loved this band".



Floy and Barbara couldn't camp with us but came up Saturday to make ice cream. Wayne and Laurie Murphy wanted to learn so we would have an ice cream B Team and did an excellent job.

The installation was a great success! Congratulations to our new board members!

A special "thank you" to our volunteers, Rip Rippe for picking up the meals, and everyone else who helped set-up stations and clean.



Sunday morning, "Brother" Donn was his usual inspiring self, even with the short notice. He talked about Gratitude; a good lesson for all of us.

In the afternoon a group of us went to the Festhalle -- They had this guy who played the accordion like you've never heard the accordion played before. Google Alex Meixner. At one point, much of our table got up and was line dancing and suddenly those on the other end of the dance floor were also line dancing. Alas, no chicken dance.



# Upcoming Events in the Park



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## Thanksgiving

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Potluck Party

**NOVEMBER 23 • 1:00 PM**

in the Main Pavilion

Meat dish and set-ups provided.  
Please, bring a side dish or dessert  
to share



Holiday

## POTLUCK

INVITATION

You and your loved ones are invited  
to a holiday luncheon in  
the Main Pavilion

DECEMBER

SATURDAY | **9th** | AT 1 PM

2023

Meat dish and set ups provided, please  
bring a side dish or dessert.

## 2024 Top of Georgia Rally Schedule

- 04/01 - 04/07 Spring Rally / Volunteer Days, Business Mtg, TOG
- 04/17 - 04/21 Region 3 Rally, Doswell, VA
- 05/22 - 05/27 Memorial Day / Buddy Rally, TOG
- 06/19 - 06/23 Youth Rally / Buddy Rally, TOG
- 07/04 - 07/04 Patriotic Day, TOG
- 08/28 - 09/02 Labor Day / Business Mtg, Elections, TOG
- 10/05 - 10/10 International Rally, Sedalia, MO
- 10/23 - 10/27 Fall Rally / Installation, TOG
- 11/28 - 11/28 Thanksgiving Potluck, TOG
- 12/15 - 12/15 Christmas Party, TBD

# What's happening around Helen!

## 16th Annual Christkindlmarkt on the Marktplatz

November 25-26 and December 2-3, 2023  
Downtown Helen



The Christkindlmarkt is a traditional German event that offers everything from unique gifts and decorations to an assortment of savory and sweet foods, drinks and candied treats.

## HELEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Dec 9, 2023, at 2 p.m.



Expect big things...and yes, the Big Man – Santa himself – will be there. Rain or shine!

This is such a fun small-town parade with fire trucks, horses, dirt-buggies, unique floats, and TONS of candy!  
The best place to be is across the street from the  
Downtown Gazebo!

## New Year Fireworks

Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

DECEMBER 31, 2023, 5:00 PM –12:00 AM



**Come out to the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds and help us usher in 2024 with bang!**

**Fireworks will begin at 8:45pm on Saturday, December 31st!**

**Blairsville Cruisers will be on the Fairgrounds from 5pm-7pm for a car show.**

**No charge. All welcome to attend!**

**Hot chocolate, BBQ, firepits, and hotdogs will be available for sale beginning at 5:30pm**

# Airstreams for Sale

**2020 19' Caravel      \$63,900**

Stone Mountain, Georgia



2020 19CB Caravel. Only used 7 times. Still smells new. Single owner, no pets, no smokers. Located in Stone Mountain, GA. Road ready and includes: Airstream bike rack, Hitch with sway bars, back up camera, 30 amp power cord, 30-50 amp adapter, surge protector, fresh water hose, black water hose, new outdoor rug 9x12. Potential delivery available.



Find contact information:

[HERE](#)

Or call/text 404-771-9920



**FOR SALE: 1991 Airstream Classic Limited 60th Anniversary Edition.**

This "Gold" model was built to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Airstream Company. Only 60 of these rigs were built. It was to be the biggest and most expensive Airstream Travel Trailer to date when it was sold, retailing for \$60k brand new in 1991 and measuring 35' 1". It still holds the record as the longest standard production Airstream Trailer ever built. I think it has every luxurious feature that you can get in a '91.

Water heater and refrigerator use AC or gas.

Two furnaces - LR and BR.

I have all hub caps for it in storage.

Includes two mounted TVs, 250 watts solar panels, hitch, rear stabilizer jacks

Overhead AC unit also heats.

Needs some DIY repairs or take to dealer. Located in North Augusta, SC. \$20,000. (A \$5,000 reduction)

Email me for more info or to make appointment to see it - [jeflanders@comcast.net](mailto:jeflanders@comcast.net) or tel 803 278 0984 - you MUST leave msg.



## Loving Concerns

**Mike King** - Mike is home after successful quadruple bypass surgery in late September and continues to heal and regain his strength. Mike and Pat thank you for your continued prayers.

**Bob Carpenter** - Bob was hospitalized in October for a TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack) and is back at the campground undergoing further treatment. Please keep Bob and Lane in your prayers as they deal with this and other health issues.

**John Meeks** - Please keep John, our newly retired Treasurer, in your prayers. He is home recovering from 6 days in the hospital with pneumonia. Mary Anne and "Club" hospice are taking good care of him and praying for good days ahead as he recovers from the bad effects of chemotherapy. They thank their Airstream family for support and prayers.

**Tom and Claudia Litton** – have recently transitioned from their life as full-time Airstreamers to their new home at Legacy at Walton Harbor in Gainesville, Ga. They have been a vital part of our community for many years. As part-time campers before retirement, they served in various capacities, including Claudia as our park treasurer. Their smiling faces will be missed at the TOG. We hope they will visit as often as possible.

Their new address is:

Tom and Claudia Litton  
4123 Tower Heights Road  
Gainesville, GA 30501

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

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**2023 Top of Georgia Airstream Club Rally / Events**

Rallies held at Top of Georgia Airstream Park unless otherwise noted

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
3/28 – 4/02	<del>Region 3 Rally – Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach</del>
4/10 – 4/16	<del>Spring Rally / Volunteer Days</del>
5/25 - 5/29	<del>Memorial Rally / Buddy Rally</del>
6/24 – 7/01	<del>International Rally, Rock Spring, WY</del>
7/04	<del>Patriotic Day</del>
7/19 – 7/23	<del>Youth Rally</del>
8/30 – 9-04	<del>Labor Day Rally / Elections / Buddy Rally</del>
10/11 – 10/15	<del>Fall Rally / Installation</del>
11/23	<del>Thanksgiving Potluck</del>
12/09	<del>Christmas Luncheon</del>

**2023 Officers:**

President – Brad Singelton

President Elect – Jiji Haque

Vice President – Jessica Bailey

Secretary – Mike Deegan

Treasurer – Doug Ralston

Directors Year Two – Sam Fontanez and Jesse Stone

Directors Year One – Donn Gray and Rick Sibly

Past President – Doug Ralston

