

# Good Life News



Florida Airstream Club, Region 3 Unit 27 January, 2020

## President's Points

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### Editor's Note

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Hello everyone, my name is Steve Oppel. I was installed as the president of the Florida Airstream Club at the Cracker Christmas Rally in December. I'm very excited about taking this position. I would like to thank Lynne Behnke for her service as president in 2019. She did a terrific job!

I am also the webmaster for the club. I updated the membership listing and I'm amazed at how many members our club has. I'm also surprised at how many I've never met.

I would like to encourage you to come to one (or all) of our rallies. We have lots of fun! Over the last four years I have made many friends and always look forward to going to rallies and seeing them. I would love to meet you at

one of our rallies. It is a great experience!

We currently have 8 rallies scheduled for 2020. You can find the list at: <https://floridaunit027.wbcci.net/2013-rally-schedule/>.

If you are not familiar with our club, I would recommend you contact Larry Scovoto [floridalarry@me.com](mailto:floridalarry@me.com) or (386) 405-0160. He is our New Member Mentor. He would love to discuss our club with you.

We are currently setting up a new mentorship program. Larry has been working hard to set up this up. We hope to have a volunteer mentor from your area call you to discuss the club with you. If you're interested in getting a call before this is set up please call Larry.

The New WBCCI web page is active and you can search for rallies there - <http://airstreamclub.org/>. The old page is still active and has been updated as well <https://floridaunit027.wbcci.net/>

At some point the old page will go away but for now this is where you will find information about the Florida Airstream Club.

Please take time to look it over - especially the membership page. If I made any typos please let me know! ([oppels@gmail.com](mailto:oppels@gmail.com))

If you have any questions for me please feel free to call (763) 670-8771.

Have a blessed New Year!  
Steve Oppel

## International Rally June 20-27, 2020

Westward Bound!

Going to International in Loveland, CO? Would like to travel with other Club members? If so, please email Larry Scovotto at [floridalarry@me.com](mailto:floridalarry@me.com).

He has scheduled a travel itinerary leaving Tallahassee on June 9th and arriving in Loveland on June 18th with stops in Montgomery, Tupelo, Little Rock, Porter, Wichita, WaKeeney and Limon.



# Past Rally: Mary's Fish Camp



There were 16 rigs and 31 people who came to the Mary's Fish Camp Rally held November 14-17<sup>th</sup> near Bayport, FL.

Cold and rainy weather gave the rally a different flavor than in the past but didn't dampen our fun. It didn't stop some people from kayaking or going to the famous Weeki Wachee Mermaid Show. Of course, no one went hungry. We had Happy Hour, Grill Night, Sam's BBQ and live music performed by

our camp host Dave and his band.

Sunday was the big Mullet tournament with lots of contestants fishing for the coveted golden mullet award. This year Jeff Krabel took it home with 21 fish caught! 2nd place went to Chris Allen with 15 mullet. Larry Scovotto received the "Rosta Ruck or Good Luck Next Year" award! The fish fry Sunday night was bountiful and delicious.

Jeff Krabel made a special mobile made out of bobbers and a mullet. He presented it to the Mary's Fish Camp hosts. In addition, Mary's Fish Camp made special t-shirts for our rally this year and it was a big hit.

We are already scheduled to have another rally again next year at Mary's Fish Camp. Hope to see you there.

Warmest Regards  
Deb Oppel

*Mobile of bobbers and mullet made by Jeff Krabel and special T-shirt logo designed by Mary's Fish Camp*



Golden Mullet Award  
Jeff Krabel (R)  
Deb Oppel (UL)  
Ron Allen (LL)



Silver Mullet Award  
Chris Allen



Rosta Ruck Award  
Larry Scovotto

# Past Rally: Cracker Christmas



Fort Christmas Historical Park,  
Christmas, FL  
Dec. 4-9, 2019

We all had a blast at the Cracker Christmas festival and crafts fair, in Christmas, Florida, in early December! There was food, music, crafts, demonstrations, and fun for all ages. Even the man in the big red suit showed up!

Along with volunteering for the festival, we had our installation ceremony and dinner on Thursday night to bring on the new Board of Directors. We also enjoyed games, a music circle, an outdoor movie night, technical demonstrations, a wildlife tour at the wetlands park, crafts, and as always, happy hour at 4:00 PM!

The Florida Airstream Club has been volunteering at this festival for many years, helping set up tables and chairs, trash receptacles, stages, freshening up their homes with a broom and watching the historical homes during the festival. We had 23 rigs with 43 people volunteering giving them well over 450 hours of help!

Steve & Laura Kane

*Click [here](#) for more photos of the Cracker festival and Orlando Wetlands tour. Photos by Tom Thaynes*



Happy Hour with Mrs. Santa, Santa Clause, Joan Carson, David Poole, Pam Millis, Mike Swegles, George Millis, Bill Behnke, and Frank Carson.



Blue heron at Orlando Wetlands Park



Tom and Nan Joi's puppy Harry kissing Santa.

# Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2020

| Date                               | Rally Location  | Hosts  |
|------------------------------------|---|--|
| Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2020             | Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park,<br>Live Oak, FL<br>Reservations: call Carol Walker at 386-364-1683 and request site near Airstream rally.  | Lyn & Bob Masters<br><a href="mailto:bltampa@me.com">bltampa@me.com</a><br>Maryanne & Mike Swegles<br><a href="mailto:maryanneswegles7@gmail.com">maryanneswegles7@gmail.com</a> |
| Mar. 12-16, 2020                   | Suwannee River Rendezvous RV Resort,<br>Mayo, FL<br>Reservations: Call 386-294-2510 or<br><a href="https://www.suwanneeriverrendezvous.com/rv-resort/">https://www.suwanneeriverrendezvous.com/rv-resort/</a>   | Susan and David Poole<br><a href="mailto:Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com">Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com</a>  |
| Mar. 26-29, 2020                   | Blue Grass Festival Rally,<br>Ft. Christmas Historical Park, Christmas, FL<br>Reservations: Contact Host  | Steve & Laura Kane<br><a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a>   |
| Apr. 1-5, 2020                     | Region 3 Rally<br>Ocean Lakes Campground<br>Myrtle Beach, SC<br>Reservations: online (see right)  | Region 3<br><a href="https://region3.airstreamclub.net/2019-region-3-rally-preregistration/">https://region3.airstreamclub.net/2019-region-3-rally-preregistration/</a>          |
| Apr. 23-27, 2020                   | St. Augustine Rally<br>St. John's County Fairgrounds, Elkton, FL<br>Reservations: Contact Host  | Pam & George Millis<br><a href="mailto:Pammillis@yahoo.com">Pammillis@yahoo.com</a>  |
| May 14-18, 2020<br><br><b>NEW!</b> | Salt Springs Recreation Area<br>Fort McCoy, FL<br><a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/ocala/recarea/?recid=32362">https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/ocala/recarea/?recid=32362</a><br>Reservations: 877-444-6777 or <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> | John and Kathie Walker<br><a href="mailto:walker48@bellsouth.net">walker48@bellsouth.net</a>   |
| Oct. 8-12, 2020                    | Daytona International RV Park & Campground<br>Daytona Beach, FL<br>Reservations: <a href="http://internationalrvdaytona.com/">http://internationalrvdaytona.com/</a>  | Larry and Linda Scovotto<br><a href="mailto:floridalarry@me.com">floridalarry@me.com</a>   |
| Nov. 5-8, 2020                     | Mary's Fish Camp Rally<br>Weeki Wachee, FL<br>Reservations: 352-597-3474  | Deb & Steve Oppel<br><a href="mailto:oppels@gmail.com">oppels@gmail.com</a><br>Jeff & Mary Krabel<br><a href="mailto:jk62gt@gmail.com">jk62gt@gmail.com</a>                      |
| Dec. 3-6, 2020                     | Cracker Christmas Rally<br>Ft. Christmas Historical Park, Christmas, FL<br>Reservations: Contact Host   | Steve & Laura Kane<br><a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a>   |



More details are available in this newsletter or from Hosts. Make your own reservations as early as possible, as some state and federal parks fill up. After you make reservations, contact Hosts to let them know you are attending (give your name, WBCCI #, email, phone, campsite number, arrival and departure date). WBCCI members from any club are welcome to attend. Rally fees may apply.

# Streamin', Strummin' and Hummin' Spirit of Suwannee Music Park January 30 – February 3, 2020

We are only weeks away from the first Florida Airstream Club rally of 2020! A good number of hearty souls have signed up to join us in the north Florida woods near Live Oak for the weekend of January 30-February 3.

Activities may include but are not limited to bicycling, paddling, hiking, geocaching, a Paint and Sip class, an oldies concert, the First Annual Possum Stew cook-off, a Bright Ideas sharing session with trailer tours, not to mention all the fun and camaraderie of a rally with good friends.

## AGENDA:

### Thursday, 1/30/2020

Arrive after 12 pm  
5 pm, Happy Hour  
6 pm Dinner: Grill night, meat and potatoes provided  
Evening activities: Karaoke at Music Hall.

### Friday: 1/31/2020

1-4 pm Bright Ideas sharing session/trailer tours  
5 pm Happy Hour  
6 pm Stew Cook-Off  
Evening activities: Movie Under the Stars

Haven't signed up but want to attend? Call the park at 386-364-1683 and ask for Carol Walker to reserve your Airstream rally campsite and discount. Address is 3076 95th Dr, Live Oak, FL 32060. Check out the many activities at the park website [musicliveshere.com](http://musicliveshere.com).

After you register with the park, please send an email to Maryanne at [maryanne-swegles7@gmail.com](mailto:maryanne-swegles7@gmail.com) to let her know you'll be attending the rally.

### Saturday, 2/1/2020

8:30 Breakfast provided  
Morning Activity: Bike Ride or Paddling  
3 pm Pickin' at the Pickin' Shed begins, continues into evening  
5 pm Happy Hour & hamburger/ hotdog cookout provided  
Evening activities: Games, music at Music Hall

Rally registrants will receive an email packet with information needed for the rally by January 15. If you have registered with the park but did not receive your email, please email Maryanne and she will get the information to you. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Cohosts:

Bob & Lyn Masters,  
Mike & Maryanne Swegles

### Sunday, 2/2/2020

9 am Church service in the campground  
Morning Activity: Bike Ride or Paddling  
3-5 pm Paint & Sip  
5 pm: Happy Hour  
Dinner at Restaurant in town  
Evening activities: Games

### Monday, 2/3/2020

8 am Continental breakfast provided  
Check out by 12 pm, Safe travels home



*Join us for a fun rally combining music, art, and outdoor activities!*



# Suwannee River Rendezvous Rally March 12-16, 2020



Join us at the Suwannee River Rendezvous Campground on the Suwannee River near Mayo FL (828 N.E. Primrose Rd, Mayo FL 32066). Rates are \$45 per night less any applicable discount (>65, military, Sam's Club, Passport America.) Activities like kayaking, bicycling, or hiking will be planned with participants. Campground also offers swimming in Convict Springs, fishing, pigeon races, chicken poo bingo, red neck

bowling, and radio controlled car race track. The campground is pet friendly and there are 5 fenced dog park areas. For more information about the campground or to make reservations, call 386-294-2510 or visit this link: <https://www.suwanneeriverrendezvous.com/rv-resort/> **The Host Site is 127**, near the Pavilion.

Please notify me of your arrival/departure dates and

campsite, even if you think you already did because I'm not sure how many how coming. Rally fee is \$5 per person for nonmembers of Florida Airstream Club (0 for members and affiliates).

The agenda is below. Please remember to bring your own chairs, beverage, and meal set-ups to all happy hours and meals.

Susan Poole  
904-608-8563

[susyqmeetup14@gmail.com](mailto:susyqmeetup14@gmail.com)

*Come join  
us "way  
down  
upon the  
Suwannee  
River"*

## AGENDA

### Thursday, 3/12/2020

Arrive after 2 pm  
5 pm Happy Hour at Pavilion. Last names starting with **A – M** bring snack to share. Sign up for tomorrow's progressive happy hour/dinner. Discuss preferred group activities for Friday and Saturday.  
6 pm Grill Potluck Dinner at Pavilion. Bring your own meat to grill and a side dish or dessert to share.  
Evening activities: on your own

### Friday: 3/13/2020

Breakfast on own  
9 am Group Activities TBA (kayaking, biking, hiking, touring, etc.)  
5 pm Progressive Happy Hour (appetizers hosted at 3 trailers)  
6 pm Progressive Italian Dinner (continues at 3 other host trailers--salads, entrées, desserts)  
Evening activities: Joker, music, or other games at various trailers

### Saturday, 3/14/2020

Breakfast on own  
9 am Group Activities TBA (kayaking, biking, hiking, touring, etc.)  
5 pm Happy Hour at Pavilion. Last names starting with **N – Z** bring snack to share.  
6 pm Potluck Dinner St. Patrick Day / Irish theme food/drinks at Pavilion.  
Evening activities: Outdoor Movie under Pavilion, bring your own popcorn if desired

### Sunday, 3/15/2020

8:30 Breakfast provided  
Activity on your own  
5 pm Happy Hour at Pavilion. Bring heavy hors d'oeuvres or snack to share.  
Dinner and evening activity on your own

### Monday, 3/16/2020

Check out by 11 am, Safe travels home



Convict Springs at Suwannee River  
Rendezvous, 12/15/19

# Blue Grass Festival Rally

## March 26-29, 2020

Join us March 26-29 for the 2020 Bluegrass Volunteer rally. Space is limited to 20 spaces and Unit 27 members and affiliates have priority. That being said, we usually have 5-10 spots for non/new members, so contact me quickly!!

It is free for Unit 27 members and affiliate members. The cost for nonmembers is just \$25 for the entire rally. Or you can become an affiliate member of Florida Airstream

Club for only \$10!!

It is "semi-boondocking" with shared water (bring a Y adaptor) and shared electricity (less than 10 amps per guest) so plan on propane for fridges, heat, and cooking, please. Please be respectful if you need to use a silent model generator.

Please email:

[Steve@SteveKaneProductions.com](mailto:Steve@SteveKaneProductions.com)

with Bluegrass Festival in the subject to reserve a spot.

Location:

Fort Christmas Historical Park, Christmas, FL

Hosts: Steve & Laura Kane



# REGION 3 RALLY April 1-5, 2020

## Ocean Lakes Campground

### Myrtle Beach SC

*Early Registration Information from Region 3's website:*

"This year we will be back at one of the premier campsites on The Grand Strand – Ocean Lakes. For those that have been there before, you know all of the opportunities you have for great camping, fantastic meeting facilities, and a wealth of entertainment opportunities. For those that haven't, you are in for a treat!

The park is located at 6001 South Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC. The reservation number is 877- 510-1413. Rally sites are \$42 per night and can be reserved NOW at that rate. Ocean Lakes will honor the rally rate for a few days on either end of the rally.

You can reserve your campsites now by calling the campground and referencing the Region 3 Airstream Rally.

**The region has pre-booked all sites in the H and HH sections ([Campsite Map](#)), so don't try to register online.**

Ocean Lakes will let you know what sites are available in the block and reassign one to you manually.

Rally Registration information and schedule will be posted to the website as soon as they're available."

<https://region3.airstreamclub.net/2019-region-3-rally-preregistration/>

*Region 3 serves the southeastern coast of the United States from Virginia to Florida. The five states within our region contain 18 units.*



# St Augustine Rally St. Johns County Fairgrounds April 23-27, 2020



Deep Creek under Palatka-St. Aug. rails-to-trails bike path

The St. Johns County Fairgrounds are located about 5 miles west of St Augustine with easy access to the city (address is 5840 SR 207, Elkton, FL). The fairgrounds offer water and 30-amp electric at each site. (We will have a few 50-amp sites for those who may need it.) There is a dump station on site as well as showers and restrooms. We have arranged to have the club house, which offers lots of seating, air conditioning and restrooms, for

Friday and Saturday, possibly Sunday. I am hoping someone offers to do a joker event; we have a great room but I am not a joker player.

The Pooles have offered to host a kayaking trip at Deep Creek on Saturday. We will need 3 or 4 volunteers to help with parking on Thursday and volunteers to sponsor breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. If you can volunteer please contact [Pammillis@yahoo.com](mailto:Pammillis@yahoo.com) or call 321-243-7663.

*Come and enjoy staying near the "Nation's Oldest City" and participating in activities with your Airstream friends.*

## AGENDA (Tentative)

**Thursday:** Arrival after 2:00 PM followed by happy hour and welcome roast chicken dinner.

**Friday:** Breakfast on your own followed by a group activity (I am looking at a number of options.)

**Saturday:** Breakfast at club house. Deep Creek Preserve activity choose from kayaking, biking, a walk or just picnicking. Happy hour and Pot luck dinner at the club house.

**Sunday:** Breakfast at host site. Explore beautiful St. Augustine on your own. Happy Hour and Grill Night for those who are back.

**Monday:** Depart lovely St Augustine.

## MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

| SIGN UP   |   |
|---|---|
| Name: _____   | # of people _____ Unit/Club # _____         |
| Address: _____                                      |   |
| Date of arrival _____                               | Date of Departure: _____ # Of Nights. _____ |
| No of nights X \$30.00/night                        | \$ _____                                    |
| Rally fee: \$15 per person for Florida Club Members |   |
| \$20 per person for non-club members                | \$ _____                                    |
| Total enclosed.                                     | \$ _____                                    |



# Salt Springs Rally

## May 14-18, 2020

Our May 2020 rally will be in Salt Springs Recreation Area in the Ocala National Forest, near Fort McCoy, FL.

From the website: “Salt Springs Recreation Area is one the recreational jewels of the Ocala National Forest, with a spectacular natural mineral spring that gives the area its name. Plenty of outdoor activities keep campers and day-use visitors busy, including swimming in the springs, fishing, snorkeling, hiking and boating. Salt Springs is located between the St. Johns and Ocklawaha Rivers, 35 miles east of Ocala, Florida.”

We hope to paddle the Ocklawaha River and explore the forest (there are three other beautiful, accessible springs, a cross-Florida barge canal and Rodman Dam). Bring kayaks,

bathing suits, masks and snorkels, bicycles, skateboards, fishing poles, hiking shoes, fire wood. Sorry, no golf carts. There is a boat ramp in the park and a marina to launch your boat or rent kayaks. The Salt Spring run leads into Lake George. Since the spring is a constant 72 degrees, and is shallow, it is always swimmable.

Reservations are through <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233920>. A National Park senior pass secures a \$16/night full hook up. The **host camp site will be site 44** (hopefully) – see campground map online. There is an open-sided pavilion we will try to reserve with electricity and tables for group meals. This campground offers plenty of “walk up” sites for late joiners. Itinerary will follow.



Hosts:  
John and Kathie Walker  
[walker48@bellsouth.net](mailto:walker48@bellsouth.net)

### ***New Rally!***

*This is the first time this rally is listed in our newsletter.*

*Make your reservations as soon as possible if you plan on attending.*

## Streamin' Tips

Use these simple checklists to help you remember to check everything on the outside of your trailer and rig before you take off.

### **8 Point Hitch Checklist**

Ball locked, jack up, trailer lights and emergency brake connected, 2 safety chains hooked, and 2 stabilizer bars secure.

### **Walk Around Checklist:**

Everything that was down, is up.  
Everything that was up, is down.  
Everything that was out, is in when you walk around!

### **Sign posted near exit at KOA in Starke, FL**

Is your antennae down?  
Is your jack up?  
Is your wife in the car?

Susan Poole



Share your tips here for safety, technology, or humorous lessons

# Welcome to our New Members!



Have you renewed for 2020 yet? Go online to <https://airstreamclub.org/> and click on Menu & Current Members

To become an affiliate of Florida Airstream Club, see instructions on last page.

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David and Jessi Straughn  
 Rockledge, FL



Peter Grogan & Laurel Black,  
 Saint Johns, FL



Terry Smith & Kris Hogarty  
 Tampa, FL



Ann Shanklin  
 New Smyrna Beach  
 FL, Nov. 2019



Majette's (Mike, Amanda  
 and Beau, Tampa, FL



Timothy & Pamela George,  
 Clearwater, FL  
 Nov. 2019

# Volunteer Mentors Needed



Mentorship is a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person.

It's all about family . . . the Airstream family . . . the Florida Airstream Club family. What better way to welcome a new member than to have someone from our Club who lives in close proximity to a new member personally welcome them?

When an individual joins the Florida Airstream Club, a welcome letter is sent by Frank Carson, Membership Chair, to the new member with a copy to the Club. An administrative follow up from the Club is then initiated. However, an additional step is needed to make sure new members feel that they are part of the Club family . . . a personal touch from another member.

The task of the Florida Airstream Club's Mentoring Committee is to identify Club members who are willing to mentor a new member(s) who live in their region. New member information would be emailed to the volunteer mentor(s). All that is required is to reach out to the new member, welcome them and see if they need any additional information. This can be done by phone or email. Then just keep in touch.

For purposes of membership demographics, we have divided the Club into six geographic regions (see map) . . . North West, North East, South West, South East, West Central and East Central. The numbers in the figure below indicate how many members we have from each region.

So far we have 5 people who have volunteered but we still need more in some regions.

- North West -- Open
- North East -- Ron & Chris Allen and Susan Poole
- East Central -- Joyce Hoffer
- West Central -- Open
- South East -- Open
- South West -- Meriam Reed

Interested in becoming a Volunteer Mentor? Email my vice chair Larry Scovotto at [floridalarry@me.com](mailto:floridalarry@me.com). Thank you for your continued support of your Club.

Florida Air Stream Club  
Mentoring Committee  
Deb Oppel, Chair  
Larry Scovotto, Vice Chair

- North West - 2
- North East - 31
- South West - 6
- South East - 4
- West Central - 7
- East Central - 75



*Interested in becoming a Volunteer Mentor? Email Larry Scovotto at [floridalarry@me.com](mailto:floridalarry@me.com).*

## Future Suggestion: Carolina Balloon Fest



In October of 2015, Missy and I were headed up I-77 in NC. As we passed through Statesville, we saw a billboard advertising the Carolina Balloon Fest and decided to give it a try. We spent one night and thoroughly enjoyed it. Fast forward to 2018. On short notice, I thought it would make a fun rally. SECU, where we are affiliate members, has a Facebook presence and we thought we could get the word out quickly. Eighteen trailers attended and it seems everyone had a good time. Matt suggested doing it again in 2019 and inviting the Carolina units to join us. I also invited FAC, but the annual meeting was the same weekend. This year we had 38 trailers from

Southeast Camping, Carolinas, Piedmont NC, Carolina Coastal, Gold Coast, and Florida Airstream Clubs scheduled to come but 4 had to drop out. Again, everyone seemed to have a good time. The festival is always the third weekend in October. Please consider the **Carolina Balloon Fest on October 16-18, 2020**. The coordinator is working on a dedicated web page for our attendees to sign up. Stay tuned for details.

Missy and Al Waschka #1322  
[awaschka@bellsouth.net](mailto:awaschka@bellsouth.net)



Trailer  
photo by  
Beth  
Hackney



## Call for Newsletter Articles

*Submit articles and  
photos to  
[susyqmeetup14  
@gmail.com](mailto:susyqmeetup14@gmail.com)  
by Feb. 15 for the  
March Newsletter*

Help make your newsletter one that illustrates to everyone why you love being a member of the Wally Byam Airstream Club. In addition to the past and upcoming rallies with our club, I would like to start regular columns or features in our newsletter. Topics could include My Favorite Park, Streamin' Tips, New Member Introductions, Humor Hotline, and Best Rig Photos.

Other suggestions:

- ◆ Next month there will be a feature article on Trip Planning Software. Share with others what you find helpful.
- ◆ Tell us about another club's rally or caravan you attended.
- ◆ Send photos of your rig decorated for the holiday season or parked in pristine scenery.
- ◆ Describe one of your favorite parks or campgrounds

you would like to visit again.

- ◆ Pass on helpful technical or time-saving tips for fellow Airstreamers.
- ◆ Introduce yourselves if you are new members so we'll recognize you when we see you.
- ◆ If you have any humorous anecdotes, suggestions for topics, or questions you want to ask other members, please email those to me also.

Susan Poole

## Community Project: Fisher House Foundation

What is our Community Project for 2020? The **Fisher House** . . . is “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers.

Donations for the Fisher House for 2019 were \$2,443.28 . A check will be delivered or mailed to the Fisher House during the first quarter of 2020. This money was raised from sales of club stickers, name tag magnets, lanyards, t-shirts, garden flags, 50/50 drawings, auctions at Rallies and Jeff Krabel’s generous donations of his hand crafted wooden must have items. Be sure to check out the items we have on sale at our Club Rallies. Thank you to everyone who donated sale items and those who made purchases. We appreciate your support.

Currently we have a couple of Garden Flags with our club logo and name printed on them for sale for only \$28 each. Delivery at rallies is free or they can be mailed to your home for only \$6.95 additional. An added bonus with these flags is to have them embroidered with your name, WBCCI number, a greeting of your choice, etc. by club members Susan Poole or Dianne Mahon. Both gals are donating their time and talents to customize these flags. So, if you are interested in purchasing a Garden Flag, let me know right away as our supply is limited.

We are excited to introduce our new fundraising product for 2020. Lyn Masters asked if we could get a decal or iron on of our club logo found on our

current stickers and in the center of our club flag. We were able to find a company that could print this artwork on a 3” iron on circle. The new item is now available for sale for only \$4.00 each. They can be added to T-shirts, ball caps, hoodies, etc. anything that you can iron. The colors are bright and sharp and I am sure there will be a lot of interest once you get to see them at our next Rally.

As always, please let me know if you have a fundraising idea. I would love to hear from you. I can be contacted at [ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net) or by calling (904) 534-9896.

Chris Allen,  
Community Project Chair



*In 2019, Florida  
Airstream Club  
donated \$2,443.28  
to the Fisher House!*

## Sunshine Committee Report

**Rachel Hargett** has had some health problems. We hope you are feeling better.

**Flo Turner** has had her right knee replaced. She has finished her physical therapy. Flo is now walking two miles or more very day. Great Job Flo!

**Dave Wenger** has completed his radiation treatments. His internal bleeding has subsided. Dave’s hemoglobin count is going up.

Please remember Flo, Rachel, and Dave in your thoughts and prayers. We care about you.

Joan Carson

*FYI: This is the column where we express our sympathy to members who are recovering from health conditions or experiencing loss.*

*We thank Betty Wenger for the years she has served as the Sunshine Committee Chairperson, but she has asked to be replaced.*

*Therefore, we are looking for someone new to be the Committee Chairperson. The responsibilities are to collect information, send get well cards or condolences, and prepare report to send to Newsletter Editor.*

In the meantime, if you would like something to be included in the next newsletter, please send it to Joan Carson at [fc23343@aol.com](mailto:fc23343@aol.com)



## Florida Airstream Club, WBCCI Region3, Unit 27



Visit us on the web

<https://airstreamclub.org/explore/florida-airstream-club>

Inspired by the international caravans of Wally Byam, creator and founder of Airstream, the Wally Byam Caravan Club (WBCC) was initially chartered in 1955. Since then the name has been amended to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI), and Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC), and recently **Airstream Club International**.

The Florida Airstream Club was originally chartered as The Southeastern Unit in 1956 making it one of the oldest units. We schedule rallies all over the state from October through April. Staying true to Airstream tradition we include lots of great food, activities, and opportunities to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere.

**New applicants and renewing members** apply online at <https://airstreamclub.org/> Contact Membership Chair below if questions.

**Affiliates:** If you are a member of another WBCCI club and want to become an affiliate of Florida Airstream Club, please mail your name, WBCCI #, address, phone number, email, and \$10 to Treasurer below.

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