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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



### **A message from the President... By: Jason Friedrich**

Welcome back Big Bend Florida Airstream Club, I hope everyone is well and staying safe. We are on the other side of summer and our fall rallies are rapidly approaching. Some of our members are ready and raring to go, while other members are remaining safely at home. Regardless of what your individual decision is, it is the correct decision for you, and we stand by you.

We have been authorized by the WBCCI leadership to resume with our scheduled rallies, with the following stipulations:

- 1 Follow all federal, state, and local guidelines
- 2 Take all necessary precautions
3. Use common sense.

With that said our September, October and November rallies are on as scheduled.

Our veteran members know this, and our newbies will soon learn that our fall rallies are very crucial for the smooth operation of our club. At the September Rally, we will be looking for nominations for open officer positions. Whether you are in attendance or staying safely at home and are up to the challenge of being part of the club's leadership, please step up and let us know. We have been in a crisis for some time now; however, our international and region leaders have overcome this and moved the WBCCI into 2021. I feel this club also has what it takes, and we will also move on into the future.

Everybody stay safe and I hope to see you down the road

Jason





# Remainder of 2020 Rally Schedule

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club

Reminder for all members new and old, when you make a reservation for a specific rally let the Host and Chris Stockstill [stockcm1@gmail.com](mailto:stockcm1@gmail.com) know you are coming. List your site number, if known.

Date	Location	Where	Hosts / Notes
September 18-20, 2020	Laura S Walker State Park -Okefenokee Swamp	Waycross, GA	No Host Rally
October 9-11, 2020	Kolomoki Mounds Historic Park -Swamp Gravy	Blakely, GA	<b>Host(s) Needed</b>
November 13-15, 2020	O'Leno State Park -Installation Rally	High Springs, FL	Scott and Jan
December			Christmas Dinner

Subject to change based on park availability and weather conditions.

We must be proactive and make our reservations early. Changes and cancellations can be made later. It is easier to cancel a reservation then it is to get into a full park. Again, per Jason's recommendations, we have been authorized to return to rallying as a club.

Also, if you have a reservation and decide to cancel, please notify club members or email Chris and she will email club members so that we can offer it to our own folks before releasing the site to the general public. Thank you!





# 2021 Rally Schedule

## Big Bend Florida Airstream Club

Date	Location	Where	Hosts / Notes
January 3-5 "Canopening" January 6-10 "Canopener"	Canopener Rally  Topsail State Park	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	National Rally, No-host rally
February 19-21	Eastbank Campground COE	Bainbridge, Georgia	
March 19-21	Crooked River	St. Mary's, Georgia	
April 21-26	Region 3 Rally State Fairgrounds	Tallahassee, Florida	
May 21-23	Ochlocknee State Park	Sopchoppy, Florida	
July 17-24	International Rally	Lebanon, Tennessee	National Rally, No-host rally
September 24-26	High Falls State Park	Jackson, Georgia	
October 22-24	Frank Jackson State Park	Opp, Alabama	
November 12-14	Stephen Foster	White Springs, Florida	Installation Rally
December			Christmas Dinner

### Rally Schedule Note From 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Scott Pfaff:

Hey Guys,

Here is the information for the change in the February Rally for 2021. I have been unable to get in touch with my contact at Kirby Farms about our February Six Gun Territory Rally, and I don't want to chance not having a place to hold a rally. Jan and I went and visited Eastbank Campground and it seemed like a really nice park. So, we are going to make this change to our Rally schedule. We will be holding our Rally on February 19th - 21st. **The window for reserving a site is a little over a week away.**

Eastbank Campground - Army Corps of Engineers

Located in Bainbridge Georgia

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232580?q=Eastbank>



## Sept. Rally @ Laura S. Walker State Park

This being our first rally back, I have decided to make it a no-host rally. As a club, I feel that cooking and sharing our meals would violate social distancing guidelines. Individuals are free to make their own meal plans, outside of the club activities.

Morning coffee and happy hour are still on. Just bring your own brew, chair, and please sit six feet apart.

Saturday afternoon or evening we will have a meeting concerning officer nomination.

I put together a list of things to do in the area. I spoke to a park ranger about these attractions being open. He advises that most attractions are open but be safe and call ahead of time.

- **Okefenokee Swamp Park** for information, visit [www.okeswamp.com](http://www.okeswamp.com)
- **Southern Forest World** 1440 N Augusta Ave Waycross, GA 912-285-4056  
[www.southernforestworld.com](http://www.southernforestworld.com)
- **Way Green Local Farmers Market** 1460 N Augusta Ave Waycross, GA 912-285-4260 Saturday 9-12
- **B-29 Super Fortress Bomber Crash Site Memorial** Gibbs Street Extension / Conway Street
- **Obediah's Okefenok** (park) 5115 Swamp Road Waycross, GA 912-287-0090

With the virus, some people have cancelled, and others have picked up a reservation. It would be good to know who we have coming. [Please let us know you are coming by sending me an email, or you can go to our club website and under schedule, click on the September rally and enter your information.](#)

Thanks,  
Jason

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## 2021 Membership Renewals

A few changes have transpired since last renewal season:

- o Membership dues are \$75.00 a year.
- o The three-part renewal form has been discontinued.
- o New web address ( [airstreamclub.org/renew](http://airstreamclub.org/renew) ) to renew your membership.
- o The deadline for the Annual Printed Membership Directory is December 31, 2020.

The Annual Printed Membership Directory will be published in February.



## A Message from President Jason Friedrich

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club

Runs on your participation

The Big Bend Florida Airstream Club has been successful for over 30 years. Our club is active, growing, and always changing. Part of that success is from our members participating in club activities and the other part is volunteering to serve as a club officer.

Please consider taking our club into the future by serving as a club officer. At the moment, we have openings for 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, 2nd vice president and trustees.

September, October, and November are especially important and busy times for our club. Normally in September, officer nominations are made. In October, the nominees are voted on during our annual business meeting. November is the officer installation.

**\*\* Note, email voting is permitted for our business meeting\*\***

Please, this is the time to step up. Anyone interested in taking us into the future, please feel free to contact me.

Jason Friedrich [flyingj007@yahoo.com](mailto:flyingj007@yahoo.com)

Other ways to participate are.

- 1 Serving on a committee. I feel we need an active Nomination and Constitution By-Law committees.
- 2 Host or Co-host a rally
3. Plan an activity at a rally
4. Mentor a new member
5. Plan a mini caravan for the summer





## A Message from Gary Anderson

### Reasons NOT to be an officer of the Big Bend Airstream Club

When I was approached in 2012 to be an officer in the Club, I started ticking off in my mind the title of this message. Wait a minute! I can't do this – I am working full time, have a business in which I have major responsibilities, I participate in other organizations that I am committed to, there are things I want to do in my own life and on and on and on. When thoughts are on that path, one will convince himself or herself why something should not be done. Despite all these thoughts I knew what the answer was going to be. Yes.

There are always challenges when accepting a new task, but many of these evaporated due to the willingness of club members to help. Perhaps the major responsibility was to schedule the monthly rallies. One of my objectives was to schedule campgrounds that the Club had not used in a while. Remember I was still working full time. I turned to the internet, club member input, and geographical locations that would seem fair to all members. Another bonus for me was that members were continually sharing records, timelines and coaching me to finish, prior to the due date, the small amount of paperwork that is necessary.



In summation, none of the reasons I initially thought of became true. What did happen is that I expanded my Airstream world. It provided amazing opportunities to meet and work with people from whom I learned so much about Airstreams, WBCCI, and the total RV'ing experience. I enjoyed my time as an officer of Big Bend and encourage others to take that leap. With a good positive attitude, I am confident you will not regret the move.

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## A Message from Region 3 President, William “Bill” Wild

I am so excited about being your Region 3 President! My First Lady Barbara and I live in Cumming, GA, and are members of the Top of Georgia Airstream Club. I am twice retired – first from the Navy (30 years active and reserve) and from Southern Company/Georgia Power (34 years). I am a Past President of the Top Georgia (2018 – the year of the tornado) and from there I went directly to Region 3 leadership. As Region VP we have already begun our quest to attend a rally with every unit in Region 3, but COVID-19 and knee replacement surgery has certainly slowed that effort down. Hopefully, things will improve, and the 2021 Region 3 Rally will be a go for April 2021 at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee, FL. In the meantime, follow your heart and either hunker down, or get out there and camp. Either way, be safe and considerate of your fellow club members. As Airstream Club members we are more than just owners of an RV brand – we are a family. And like all families, we are all in this together.



## Remembering Bill Coleman

William "Bill" Coleman, 1944-2020

William "Bill" Coleman, 75, passed away on 04/17/20, after a brief illness. He was born in Dayton, Ohio and spent his childhood in San Bernardino, CA, and Dayton. He was a retired Air Force officer and Vietnam veteran as well as a State of Florida retiree. Bill was funny, took his family around the world and back with his "ever-pushing forward" adventurous spirit and bottomless curiosity. He was happiest when flying and when in the Air Force hamming it up, going against the grain, and enjoying the lifelong camaraderie of his squadron pals, "The Berlin for Lunch Bunch". In his retirement, he was a dedicated volunteer at the Tallahassee Museum and the Museum of Florida History. His many passions included pursuing lifelong learning through OLLI classes at FSU, cheering on the Los Angeles Dodgers, swimming at Premier Fitness, flying and traveling in his second airplane-his Airstream, and the friendships of his fellow Airstreamers.

Bill is survived by Linda his loving wife of 50 years; his sons: Casey Coleman (Jacqie) of Silver Spring, MD and Todd Coleman of NYC; granddaughter Eve Coleman of NYC; sister Linda Lambrecht (Mark) of Port Saint Lucie, FL; niece Jessica Lambrecht of Maple Glen, Pennsylvania; sister-in-law Lorraine Radke and nephew Greg Radke of Elk Grove, California.

Burial will be at a future date at the Tallahassee National Cemetery.

Contributions may be made in his name to the Second Harvest of the Big Bend ([fightinghunger.org](http://fightinghunger.org)).

*A personal reflection from Jason;*

*Bill was president when I joined the club in September of 2016. Bill was very warm and welcoming. I immediately felt that I was with a friend. Bill was truly knowledgeable and quick with a short story. When Bill left us, I feel part of the club left. I will always remember Bill and he will not be forgotten.*



## Amending the Constitution

The International Board of Trustees Virtual Meeting was held on June 24, 2020. Several changes to the WBCCI By-Laws were adopted. Article IV, Membership and Membership Privileges and Policies 4.9.1

As a result, we have been requested to amend our constitution.

I plan to amend our constitution, Article III section 8, and hold a full membership vote at our October business meeting. As per our Constitution, I will send the amended constitution out about twenty days prior to the meeting. I ask our regular members who plan not to attend the October meeting to vote by email. I will accept email voting (at an email address to be announced) from the time I send the amended constitution out till the end of day of Thursday prior to the meeting. Those in attendance at the meeting (who did not vote via email) will be permitted to vote at the meeting. Hopefully with 2/3 of the vote, we will successfully amend our constitution and satisfy the IBT'S requirements.

We will also be voting in the incoming 2021 officers in this manner. Please remember one vote per membership number.

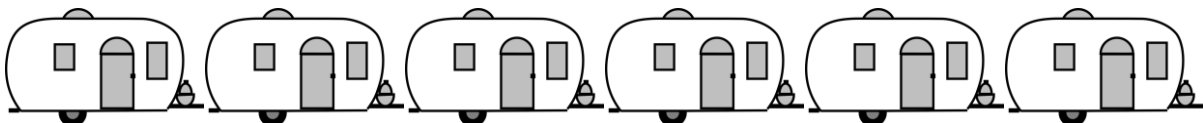
See [blue text](#) below for upcoming constitution change

### Article III, Section 8

In those cases of co-ownership of a hard-sided recreational vehicle manufactured by Airstream, Inc., the rights and privileges of membership shall be deemed to include the spouses or partners of such co-owners but collectively such co-owners, spouse or partner shall each possess one vote except such co-owners , spouse or partner who each pay International and **Unit/Club** dues to this **Unit/Club** shall each have one vote. A co-owner is defined as one of two WBCCI members who own a single Airstream recreational vehicle.

## Decals

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club decals have arrived. Decal cost was set at \$3.00 each at the March rally. These will be available in September at the rally.







## Some humor from Carol Montague...

This poem was written many years ago. I found a reprint in the Northern Virginia Unit newsletter for May of 1997. They stated it had been read at the Region 3 Rally in Perry Ga. The writer was from the Top of Georgia Unit and although the newsletter said it was written by Fred Smith, I thought his name was Joe Smith.

### The Trouble with Airstreaming

Friends, has your Airstream trailer ever given you any trouble?  
Maybe a tiny thing like the little level bubble.

Have you walked by your tanks and smelled propane?  
Found that costly regulator going on the wane?

Switched your power jack on, it popped, snapped, and slipped?  
Those fiberglass gears had their cogs all stripped.

Has your carpet felt soggy to your toes and heel?  
You spent hours fixing the vacuum breaker seal.

Has your tread come off, gone through the tire well floor,  
Snatched clothes off the hangers, broke the mirror on the door?

Have you shivered in the morning after a cold winter night?  
No matter what you did the furnace wouldn't light.

Have you ever said words that a preacher wouldn't use?  
That old air conditioner kept blowing its fuse.

Has your trailer ever leaked away over here?  
But water was getting in a way over there.

Have you ever happened to break the long door-lock pin?  
Had to squeeze through a window to get out or to get in.

That hot water tank, pin holes, a hundred here about.  
The floor underneath swelled so you could hardly get it out.

Have you forgotten to fasten your "frigerator" door  
Found Buttermilk and gravy spilled all over the floor?

Has your rig ever stopped with an abrupt, sudden jolt?  
Somehow you had pulled your break-away bolt.

Has your rear ever drug so you bent the frame in the back,  
have you hung your trailer up on a railroad track?





Have you ever been frightened when you plugged your trailer in?  
There was 220 current where 110 should have been?

Have you ever hit a strip of undried tar,  
it all over your trailer as well as on your car?

In your rearview mirror, have you seen an awful thing...?  
Your awning was loose and flapping like a wing?

Has a fast truck passed you with a big bulky load?  
Your sway bars weren't adjusted, you fishtailed off the road.

Were you in a hurly-burly place like Mexico City  
Lost your signals and brakes, you were an object of pity?

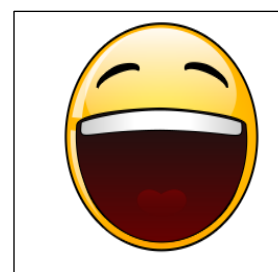
Has a wheel ever passed you, and you became a little frightened?  
They were your own lug bolts you had not tightened.

Have you parked in a field like we did in days of old,  
Accidentally stepped in a soggy gopher hole?

Did you ever remove your drain cap and there was a big smelly burst?  
You had forgotten to close your gate valve first.

This is not fiction, friends, it's very, very true.  
It has happened to others, and it could happen to you.

But may Lady Luck ride with you wherever you might pull.  
May you never roll your Airstream when your holding tank is full.



**And on that note, “See You Down the Road!”**