

FUN TIMES

SOUTH FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB

Wally Byam Caravan Club International

Oct/Nov/Dec 2019



A New Season is Upon Us!

Dear Friends,

After a very busy summer outside the US, I look forward to seeing each of you and hearing about your activities! Our South Florida Club has grown to a total of 65 Members. We welcome our new members and encourage everyone to show up at our events throughout the year. Eileen Frerking, our incoming President, has a year full of fun rallies and gatherings planned for our enjoyment. Fun, friendship & adventure will be found from Homestead, to Sarasota, to Lake Wales, to Clermont, to High Springs with a few stops in between! Check out our 2019-2020 schedule on the back page of this Fun Times.

To round out our 2019 season, we are holding our Installation Rally at Larry & Penny Thompson Park in Homestead, FL. Even if you can't spend the weekend with us come and enjoy a day of planned festivities. The schedule is printed on pages 6-9 of this newsletter.

Our Holiday Party will be held on Dec. 7th on the east coast of FL and a Jan. 12th Luncheon will be held on the west coast. We are starting the Christmas season off early with our annual TOY DRIVE for the children at PEPPI Headstart School located in Belle Glade, FL. These preschool children live in poverty conditions and the donation of these toys by our club is a tremendous help to Faith Lutheran Church, who provide a Christmas bag of items to each child. Bring your gifts to our Homestead Rally or your wrapped gifts to our Holiday Party where we will have fun being a kid again and discovering a new toy!

Thank you to all my Board Members who supported me this year as your President. A special thanks to all who attended our rallies & gatherings helping to make our South Florida Airstream "Fun in the Sun"!



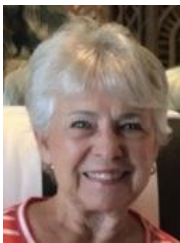
Donna Laurie, President

South Florida Airstream Club - Board Members

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TRUSTEE - 2 YR.
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62nd International Rally, The Meadows Event Park, Doswell Virginia, July 20th – 27th, 2019

A First Timers overview of the Doswell International Rally.

Our trip to Doswell, Virginia was great with no issues or interruption to our travel plans. The weather was hot but that is 100% better than ice and snow anytime.

Not knowing what to expect, we just had the mindset of the adventure of something new. To our surprise upon our arrival in Doswell we were greeted by Beth Racavich via phone and she gave us the directions we needed to find the correct entrance to the staging area, it felt like she was in the truck with us, it was great.

Region # 3 did an outstanding job in hosting the event. The International Rally Planning Committee also did an outstanding job in planning and organizing the event headed by our International President, Barry Bell.

Barry and Karen Bell, International President and First Lady presented the Welcome Message and conducted the Opening Ceremony. Barry also introduced Eileen Frerking, International Recording Secretary and John Frerking, International Religious Services Coordinator, morning devotions, and Master of Ceremonies. Judy Harrison was the Standard Bearer representing the South Florida Airstream Club in the parade of Flags, and Beth Racavich was our Club Delegate.

We can't forget all the volunteer's that worked many long hours so the rest of us could enjoy the rally without interruptions to our own itineraries and scheduled attended presentations. In addition, thank you to all the Unit 30 members listed below for their hard work at the International Rally:

Caroline Zimmer-Stone – Print Shop Chair, and Welcome Banner collaborator with her art teacher (picture above)

Myra Joseph – Worked in Print Shop, served ice cream

Max Joseph – Parking

Bill Racavich – Parking, pick up ice cream, served ice cream

Beth Racavich – Caravan Leader table, seminars, served ice cream

Nai Carlson – Seminars, served ice cream

Tom Carlson – Seminars, served ice cream

Victoria Magnacca – Seminar Chair for the Rally, served ice cream

John Magnacca – Parking, shuttle, served ice cream

Eileen Frerking – Extremely busy with many responsibilities throughout the rally, served ice cream

John Frerking – Provided a Non-Denominational Church Service, pick up ice cream

Shirley Caragol – Seminars, served ice cream

Emilio Caragol – Seminars, served ice cream

Judy Harrison – Pop-up vendor, served ice cream

Elwyn Exum, Pop-up vendor, served ice cream



The Region 3 Luncheon was a great opportunity to meet new friends and catch up with old friends. The South Florida Airstream Club had a luncheon at a Historic Site, The Hanover Tavern. A license for a tavern at Hanover Courthouse was issued in 1733. Today, Hanover Tavern occupies a site consisting of 3.5 acres. The Foundation raised over \$5 million, stabilizing and restoring the historic building, added a wing for restrooms, a restaurant quality kitchen, new mechanical systems, and refurbished the theater. The building returned to public use in 2005. Eileen Frerking welcomed everybody to the luncheon creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

The Rally Program Book was very helpful to a first timer like us, we were able to prioritize the many presentations and keep up with daily events. Judy Harrison and Elwyn had a fantastic space set up in Booth J-1, with their Honey Products including the awesome Beeswax Body Butter that my wife loves. Beth and Bill Racavich also had a table set up with information on the upcoming Watch It Made in America Caravan for 2020 - 2021.

There were many presentations scheduled during the weeklong rally and it was impossible to attend all of them. The few that I was able to attend were: Tech Talk, Airstream Feedback, Benefits of Towing with Equal-I-Zer, and How to Have More & Better Rallies. I also attended a very informative presentation by Bill Racavich on Knowing Your Tires: Dos and Don'ts.

The nightly entertainment was outstanding and included the following performers. Mountain Highway, Antsy McClain, The Virginians, Edgar Cruz, The Wally Byam Airstream International Band, and The Rivoli Review. We also had the opportunity to visit Washington DC. via Bus Tour. We found that to be the best way to visit the Capital without the traffic frustration of DC. The first tour started with a visit to The Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum at the Udvar-Hazy Center, where the NASA Mobile Quarantine Facility Manned Spacecraft Airstream is located. We continued a Windshield Tour of the DC Monuments and Capital Area. The Bus Tour ended at the Arlington National Cemetery. I must say that as an Army Veteran this was a very moving experience for me. The second Tour took us to the DC Mall for the day where we visited the Smithsonian National History Museum, The Washington Monument, the Vietnam Wall, The Capital Building, and The Botanical Gardens. That was a very enjoyable two full days.

Back at the Rally we continued to meet people from all over the U.S. including Canada and it was interesting to hear the many different travel stories. I can't forget to mention the great Ice cream Social where South Florida Airstream Club members participated in setting up the tables and the distribution of many flavors of Klondike Ice cream Bars.

The next day we took the Secretariat Birthplace Tour at the Meadows Event Park, it presented the story of this historic Virginia farm where the immortal Triple Crown champion Secretariat was born and raised. Leeanne Meadows Ladin, award – winning co-author of the best-selling *Secretariat's Meadows – The Land, The Family, The Legend*, shared exclusive behind-the-scenes stories of the farm's fabled past, the Chenery family and their champion Thoroughbreds.

We missed having Tony and Donna Laurie, Essy and Patricio Donoso, Susan Quintana, and others, at the rally. However, they were traveling on scheduled Caravans at the time. We can't wait until they return so we can hear their travel stories.

As we prepared for the end of the rally and return trip home, we are thankful for the wonderful time we spent with all of you during our first International Rally.

Submitted by

Emilio Caragol
3rd Vice President





Eileen’s Review of the JOINT RALLY IN FT. MYERS – September 19-23, 2019

Thank you Vicki Digby for organizing this amazing rally at the Seminole Resort. Members from South Florida Airstream Club, Florida Airstream Club, Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club and Florida Suncoast Airstream Club along with others who just wanted to join the fun attended. Thursday evening we began with a Happy Hour and then a BBQ meal. We were thrilled that Jack and BJ Glouner and Tom and Jackie Tisdale drove over to visit and eat with us. So great to see these friends again.

A trip to ECHO Farm was an option in which many of us participated on Friday morning. They are an experimental farm that works with different methods of producing food and the use of cooperative farming with animals not only providing sustenance but also as workers on the farm. Their website offers information on techniques for varying environments.



ECHO FARM TOUR
Our docent, bamboo hut constructed from bamboo grown about 40 feet away, worm composting using paper and plant and food scraps – no meat or fat, terraced farming, the goat house – work in the fields too as well as giving milk and meat, the chicken yard – fertilizer and food. Sheep are used for keeping the grass in the orchards clipped. Pigs do some weeding.



Friday afternoon we enjoyed the hospitality of North Trail Airstream of South Florida, who was a sponsor for this rally. They were very generous with their time by showing us around the new building, the repair center, and the parts department, sharing the new trailers, serving a wonderful lunch, and having so many door prizes. THANK YOU NORTH TRAIL There were several reports about their excellent service including one from our own Susan Quintana.

IMPORTANT NOTE: they service ANY Airstream, not just the ones they sell
Friday evening most of us enjoyed the Music Walk in downtown Ft. Myers.
Transportation provided by North Trail.



Saturday was a free day to visit the area or buy a new Airstream (LOL)!

Saturday dinner at the Boathouse Grill – we stayed until sunset eating and visiting 



Sunday – Breakfast and free time. Unit 30 had a meet and greet prior to the presentation by SkyMed. Our dinner was provided by SkyMed also. Then it was time to say farewell – get a good night’s rest and be on the road on Monday.

SOUTH FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB – UNIT 30

Larry and Penny Thompson Campground and Park

12451 SW 184 Street, Miami, FL

October 24-28, 2019

“A Southeast Florida Fantasy “

It's time to share the plans for our October Rally with you! As you know (because many of you have already registered) the site for the rally is the **Larry and Penny Thompson** Campground. Comprising of 270 wooded acres, you can hike on paths, ride horses on trails, or camp in one of 240 campsites. Campground amenities include recreational vehicle (RV) space, electric **and** water hookups, restrooms, hot showers, laundry facilities **and** a concession stand. The campground also features a freshwater lake with a beach, boat rentals, picnic shelters, a fitness course, jogging **and** bike trails **and** a tot lot. Address: 12451 SW 184th St, Miami, FL 33177 Phone: (305) 232-1049

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY MADE YOUR CAMPSITE RESERVATION, PLEASE CALL THE CAMPGROUND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

RALLY FEE - \$41.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

2 full breakfasts (Friday and Sunday)

Thursday Full dinner except for **side dishes provided by members**

Picnic lunch (Saturday)

Ticket for glass bottom boat ride

Ticket for tour at Schnebly Redlands Winery and Brewery

Tasting is an extra charge

Please bring the rally fee with you and give to Susan Quintana. Make checks payable to South Florida Unit 30.

If you have a Halloween decoration (pumpkin, cat, witch, etc) – bring it along to decorate for Halloween at the tables or trailers – just for fun!



Schedule:

Thursday, October 24, 2019: Beginning the Southeast Florida Fantasy

3:00 - Arrive at Larry and Penny Thompson Park and Campground for the Southeast Florida Fantasy Rally

4:30-5:30 – Happy Hour – Bring your drink. There will be a few snacks to share

5:30 – Dinner

Meatloaf, salad and dessert are provided. **Please bring a side dish to share. Please also bring a set-up.**

Friday, October 25, 2019: What is Happening in our Club

8:30-9:30 - Pancake Breakfast in the community building – **PLEASE BRING A SET UP**

9:30 – 10:30 –Sharing information and plans by Donna Laurie, President

10:30 – Installation of Officers for 2019-2020 – Presiding – John Frerking, Past Region 3 President

Free time – look on the table for ideas on what to see in the area or take advantage of some of the recreation opportunities in the park.

5:00 – Meet at Shivers BBQ, 28001 S. Dixie, Homestead, FL for a “Dutch Treat” dinner. The menus will be available on a table outside Eileen and John’s trailer #227.

Shiver’s BBQ – since 1950 - is a family-owned and operated restaurant in Homestead, Fl. It has been serving authentic hickory smoked barbecue for over 60 years! Shiver’s specializes in slow smoked meats such as baby back ribs, pork spare ribs, beef ribs, chicken, beef brisket, pork, and more. Many items, such as the pulled pork, have been smoked for 12 hours or more! This process ensures that each bite will be tasty and tender all the way through. Often, you will hear regulars talking about how they ate at Shiver’s Bar-B-Q when they were children. Family generations have grown up eating here. You will find yourself sitting on picnic tables, enjoying the hickory smoke aroma, and eating some of the best fall off the bone ribs you have ever tasted. It’s evident why the locals choose Shiver’s!



Shivers was recently featured in Southern Living Magazine as one of the best BBQ restaurants in the south.



Saturday, October 26, 2019: A Day at the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park



7:15 a.m. – Leave for Pennekamp State Park – it takes approximately 50 minutes to get to the park (See mapquest route). We have to arrive one hour before the departure of our glass-bottomed boat ride aboard the wheelchair-friendly glass bottom boat, The Spirit of Pennekamp, for our 9:15 a.m. boat departure. The boat ride is approximately 2.5 hours.

There is an additional fee at the entrance to the park (carpooling is suggested):

Vehicle with only one person - \$4.50

Vehicle with two persons - \$8.00 - additional persons are \$.50 each

After the boat ride we will drive to the Grouper Pavilion near the boat launch area. A picnic lunch will be provided at the Grouper Pavilion (reserved for our group for the day). You may want to bring your own chair as the pavilion only has tables with benches. The afternoon is at your leisure within the park. Activities include visiting the aquarium, swimming, hiking, beach-sitting, kayaking, canoeing, etc. so bring equipment that you may want to use or rentals are available as well. If you plan to stay at the beach, remember to bring your beach gear and bathing suit.

Dinner on your own. There are many restaurants near the park and also on the way back to the camp.

Sunday, October 27, 2019 – A DAY AT THE HAMMOCKS

8:30-9:30 – Breakfast in a bag – egg with your choice of add-ins (onions, green pepper, cheese, ham).

PLEASE BRING A SET-UP



10:30 – Leave for Castellow Hammocks Preserve and Nature Center, 22301 S.W 162 Avenue [Miami](#) FL. (See Mapquest route)

11:00 – Self guided tour of the hammock The Castellow Hammock Preserve & Nature Center was named in honor of James S. Castellow who was a farmer that claimed the 160 acres of property and made his home here in early 1900. He was one of south Florida’s earliest citrus farmers. He carried citrus trees from the town of Cutler. Castellow Hammock Preserve & Nature Center is such a peaceful and beautiful place in a metropolitan area. A large number of hummingbirds and butterflies grace the



garden in front of the park. The beautiful native plants attract these visitors. The Great Florida Birding Trail is included as one of its visitor attractions. A tropical hardwood forest still covers most of the park and offers an interior view of the forest to visitors. Castellow Hammock Preserve & Nature Center has reported more than 120 bird species and more than 70 butterfly species. The Reported mammals are opossum, raccoons, short-tailed shrews, flying squirrels and gray fox.

1:30 – arrive at Schnebly Redland's Winery & Brewery 30205 SW 217th Ave, Homestead, FL 33030 for a 2:00 p.m. tour. (Mapquest directions from Castellow)

Weekend tours take about 45-60 minutes. Your tour guide will take you through the beautiful estate (located in a hammock), share the history on the family, and take you through the whole wine making process. You will also have the unique opportunity to venture into our brewery, Miami Brewing Company, and learn all about how we craft our fine brews. Your tour guide will show you each of the steps needed to handcraft our unique Schnebly Wines and Miami Brewing Co. Beers. Tours are on a first come basis and are purchased in the Retail Room. Restaurant & tavern showcase beers & wines with tropical fruit flavors, plus a tasting room.

After the tour, you can choose to do the tasting (\$12.95/pp Dutch) and/or going to the restaurant (Dutch). Check out the information table at John and Eileen’s trailer for menus at the Redlander Restaurant on the premises. Sunday Brunch is served from 1-4:00 p.m. We will need to make some decisions about eating there so that reservations can be made.

The evening is at your leisure or



8:00 p.m. at Frerkings



Monday, October 28, 2019 – Safe travels – SEE YOU DOWN THE ROAD!



Member News - South Florida Airstream Club

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Member News - South Florida Airstream Club

For Sale: 25 feet, Classic model, 1997
No cats, dogs or children.
Original interior in great condition.
Everything working, in perfect condition.
New battery, new tires- heavy duty,
Hensley Hitch
Only 2 owners: the first took it out just once
and we've used it sparingly.
\$19,900.

Contact Stewart & Ruth Dunkel #2997
305-235-4567 ruthd248@gmail.com

Happy -

Our long time friends/members, Jack and BJ Glouner and Tom and Jackie Tisdale, who live in/near Ft. Myers, joined us at the rally at the Seminole RV Park on Thursday for happy hour and dinner.

Not so happy -

Nai Carlson had surgery the end of August and is recovering slowly.

Myra Joseph - fell at a rest stop on the way to Jackson Center, OH, and broke her elbow. She has had successful surgery in Sidney, OH, and will have to stay there for about 3 weeks so the medical personnel can monitor her progress. John and I spoke with both she and Max. Myra is in good spirits and Max, I'm sure, will be a great caregiver!

Safety Recall Notice

I received the following Safety Recall Notice from Airstream in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. The recall Safety exists in certain 2017 - 2020 model year Airstream travel trailers.

Reason for this recall: The affected travel trailers covered in this recall have been identified as having a spare tire bracket that may have a defective weld. This could cause the bracket to break, which could result in the spare tire carrier to become unsecured from the A-frame increasing the risk of a crash.

I contacted my Airstream Dealer in Tampa and they verified that my Airstream was part of the Safety recall. A new bracket was shipped overnight from the factory and installed the following day. The installation took approximately 15 minutes.

Emilio Caragol



Picture of new bracket

Member News - South Florida Airstream Club

Welcome New Members

Chris & Tiffany Craft	Hope Sound, FL
Harry & Sandra Gonzalez	Coconut Creek, FL
James McCormack & Alirio Gonzalez	Lake Worth, FL
Sally Divenere & Ed Ridlehoover	Sanibel Island, FL

Hope to see you soon at our South Florida Rallies and Caravans!
New members who attend their first rally will receive a \$25. coupon.



Beth Racavich, Membership Chairman 954-648-7771
Total Club Members: 65

In Memoriam

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Boerner, Gundolf Otto, 84, DeLand, Retire business owner - motel passed, August 15, 2019.

January

Bill Racavich	5
Susan Quintana	9
Nai Carlson	13
Caroline Stone-Zimmer	14

February

Dave Perrucci	19
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March

Pat Jones	8
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April

Bob Konnagan	11
Beth Racavich	27

May

Jane May	2
Jack Glouner	4
Tony Laurie	11
Max Joseph	14
Patricio Donoso	15

June

Myra Joseph	1
Stewart Dunkel	12
Tom Tisdell	20

July

Donna Laurie	5
Tom Towsley	7
Bob Richardson	20

August

Jackie Tisdell	13
John Frerking	25
Charlie May	27

September

Tom Carlson	7
John Magnacca	18

October

Joe Bova	3
Fran Perrucci	4
Bernice Richardson	10
Laurie Jones	18

November

Essy Donoso	2
Ruth Dunkel	4
Gay Konnagan	14
Betty Jean Glouner	24

December

Eileen Frerking	8
Victoria Magnacca	10
Sissy Towsley	16



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If you would like to have your birth-days or anni-versaries posted here, please send info to:
Tony Laurie.

January

February

March

April

May

Fran & Dave Perrucci	4
Laurie & Pat Jones	5
Tom & Sissy Towsley	12
John & Victoria Magnacca	25

June

Jackie & Tom Tisdell	2
Patricio & Essy Donoso	12
Gay & Bob Konnagan	13
Tony & Donna Laurie	21

July

Bob & Bernice Richardson	25
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August

Bill & Beth Racavich	5
John & Eileen Frerking	8
Myra & Max Joseph	28

September

October

November

Ruth & Stewart Dunkel	4
Charles & Jane May	12

December

Tom & Nai Carlson	23
BJ & Jack Glouner	31

2019 - 2020 RALLIES

October 24-28, 2019 Installation Rally Larry & Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 184th St., Miami, FL (Turnpike Exit #13 Eureka Dr.) **See page 6-9.**

December 7, 2019 – Holiday Party coordinated by Beth and Bill Racavich. Please bring a wrapped gift for a child at the PEPPI Headstart program in Belle Glade.

January 12, 2020 - Luncheon Gathering in Fort Myers.

January 20-24, 2020 Mid-Winter IBT
Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort
Go to <https://airstreamclub.org/>

February 19-24, 2020 Sarasota Rally Elvis Impersonator at the Sarasota fairgrounds. Email Eileen Frerking at: efrerking70@gmail.com

March 16-25, 2020 – South Florida Airstream Caravan to three Florida State Parks Lake Kissimmee SP March 16-18 (leaving on 19), **Lake Louisa SP** March 19-21 (leaving on 22), and **O’Leno SP** March 22-24 (leaving on 25). If you have not already booked your sites, please do so right away. We need a volunteer host for each campground to research activities for that area.

April 1-5, 2020 Region 3 Rally – Ocean Lake Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC. 1 800 722 1451 for reservations - \$42/day if you mention that you are with Region 3 Airstream Group.

June 20-27, 2020 63rd WBCCI International Rally
5280 Arena Circle, Ranch Events Complex, Loveland, CO
Go to <https://airstreamclub.org/loveland-2020-international-rally>

Please make **all rally checks** payable to **South Florida Unit 30**, unless you are booking directly with the campgrounds or Region 3 or International Rallies.

63rd International Rally



<https://airstreamclub.org/>



Register online at
<https://airstreamclub.org/>

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When submitting articles for the newsletter, please send a **Word File**, **Publisher File** or use **Google Docs** & share with me using my email address: tony@ajlaurie.com

It will make it much easier to work with.
Thanks, Tony

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