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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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

Keep on camping

With October upon us, we had another fun-filled, productive and well-attended rally, even as hurricane Delta was in the gulf, trying to make up its mind on who to harass. Our mindset is "Keep on camping", buy your groceries, pack your trailer and be ready to hit the road. Once again, we were spared the hurricane's wrath. Except for some showers Saturday evening, it was a beautiful weekend at Kolomoki Mounds.

Our October business meeting was held, and our house-cleaning chores have been completed. Our 2021 Club Officers and constitutional change were voted on and passed with flying colors. The topic of our club flag and Past President flag came up for discussion. An updated design and the past practice of giving a President a flag after they have served their term, was revisited. Amy Waymire is working her usual magic and will be presenting us with designs and prices. As for the past practice, the group seemed to be in favor of continuing. If you have an opinion of this past practice, please feel free to express that with me. If need be, the subject can be brought up at a future rally.

As I draw my message to a close, consider the "Keep on camping" mindset, make good, safe, well-thought-out decisions, and please keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down

Jason



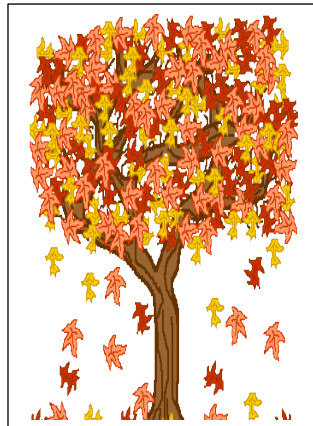


Remainder of 2020 Rally Schedule

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 know you are coming. List your site number, if known.

Date	Location	Where	Hosts / Notes
November 13-15, 2020	O'Leno State Park -Installation Rally	High Springs, FL	Scott and Jan
December 5, 2020 1:00 P.M. EST	Seineyard Restaurant at Wildwood	Crawfordville, FL	Christmas Dinner





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2021 Rally Schedule

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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 (There are two campgrounds here, ask for river campground)	High Falls State Park (River campground)	Jackson, Georgia	
October 22-24	Frank Jackson State Park	Opp, Alabama	
November 12-14	Stephen Foster	White Springs, Florida	Installation Rally
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 than 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!



November Rally @ O'Leno State Park

O'Leno State Park Itinerary

Friday Night 11/13/2020

- 5:00 pm **Happy Hour** Bring your own drinks and snacks, we will be keeping with the theme of low contact and social distancing.
- 6:00 pm **Simple Dinner** Big Bend will provide spaghetti and sauce with parmesan cheese. If you would like other sides or desserts, they should be for your consumption only, again we're trying to stick with a low contact environment.

Saturday 11/14/2020

- 8:30 am **Coffee:** Jason will be making coffee. Location: TBD
- 9:00 am **Boil-n-Omelet** Big Bend will supply eggs, cheese, onions and chopped ham for you to make an omelet to your taste. Since everything handled by members will be immersed in boiling water the risk of spreading any germs is almost eliminated.
- All Day: **Things to do in the area:** See list below... thanks to Scott for gathering this info!
- 5:00 pm **Happy Hour** Bring your own drinks and snacks, we will be keeping with the theme of low contact and social distancing.
- 6:00 pm **Dinner** We will be having a full installation dinner with Brisket and Pulled Pork as the protein with Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw and rolls as the sides
- 7:00 pm ish **Installation Ceremony** will take place at this time

Things to do nearby...

Attractions:

O'Leno State Park – River Sink & River Rise
High Springs – Antique Shopping
Alachua – San Felasco State Park, Hiking & Biking
High Springs – Mill Creek Preserve, Hiking
Gainesville – Devil's Millhopper State Park, Giant Sink Hole
Gainesville – UF Butterfly Museum



Dining:

High Springs – The Great Outdoors
High Springs – The Diner, an old time shiny diner
High Springs – Alice’s Parkside Restaurant, Homestyle cooking
Alachua – Conestoga’s
Alachua – New York Pizza Plus
Alachua – El Torro Alachua – Main Street Pie

Breweries:

High Springs – High Springs Brewing Company
Gainesville – First Magnitude
Gainesville – Crafty Bastards
Gainesville – Black Adder Brewing Company

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Letter sent to the community of Havana...

Below is a copy of the information that was sent to the people in Havana who were involved in setting up the Havana Rally. Scott sent this letter several weeks ago, and to date, he hasn’t had any response. This will most likely be discussed again at an upcoming rally.

The Big Bend Airstream Club of Florida has had numerous inquiries about the status of the 2021 Havana Main Street Rally. After careful consideration, we have decided to postpone the Havana Main Street Rally until 2022.

The primary factor in our decision was the availability of a vaccine for the virus and secondarily its early adoption rate. Considering the highly contagious nature of COVID 19 and the fact that our event draws participants from all over the country. We felt it would be socially irresponsible to attract a large audience to our Rally, which by its very nature encourages fellowship and close socialization, only to send them out across the country to possibly spread the virus unknowingly to friends or family. We all agreed the potential risk was too high to move forward with the planning of the 2021 Havana Main Street Rally.

We also considered the ramifications of scheduling an event, only to cancel at the last minute and the negative effect that might have for future events in the wonderful City of Havana FL.

We hope you will stick with us and make 2022 a Rally that will once again be the talk of not only Havana but the Airstream community as well.



Oct. Rally @ Kolomoki Mounds Historic Park

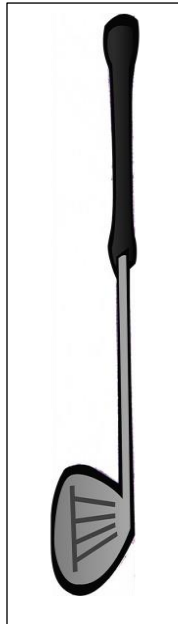
This rally was well-attended, and as usual, we all had a great time! As Jason mentioned, the weather wasn't 100% cooperative, but we all made the best of it!. Those attending the rally included Jason Friedrich, Scott and Jan Pfaff, Sammy and Chris Stockstill, Craig and Monica Brinkley, Lamar and Amy Waymire, Martina Pelley, Chip and Mary Adams, Gary and Rose Marie Anderson, Ron and Karen Rush, Winston and Carol Montague, Randy and Lindsay Shropshire, and Joe and Annette Conoly.

Some rally photos:





Mini Golf.. Congrats to the winner, Scott!



NAME OF PLAYER		HOLE	1	2	3
JAN		10	3	2	
Scott		11	3	3	
		12	2	2	
		13	4	2	
		14	3	3	
		15	1	3	
		16	2	2	
		17	2	2	
		18	3	2	
		IN	23	21	
		OUT			
		TOT	50	40	
		HAND			
		CAP			
		NET			
		SCORE			
RULES		1. Stroke your ball into the hole.	2. You may use the mallet if you wish.		
		2. Only 4 players in a hole.	3. A hole is only 1 hole.		
		3. Only 1 ball per player.	4. The one nearest the hole will be the one to putt.		
		4. Ball is supplied in a bucket.	5. Don't touch the ball on the green.		
SCORER:		OUT	27	19	

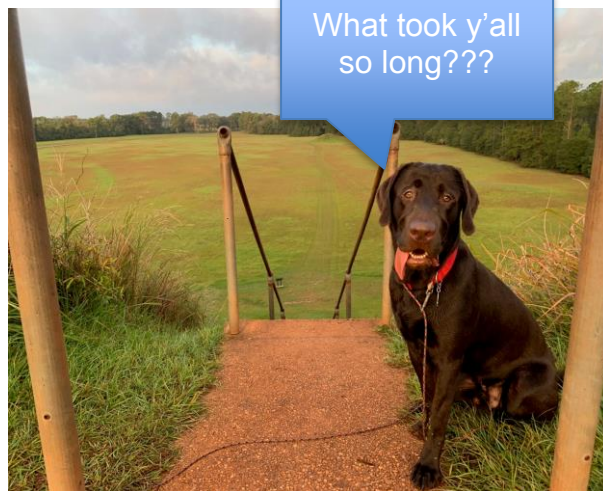


Kolomoki Mounds

Several of us braved the climb to the top of the tallest mound at Kolomoki Mounds Historic Area!



Looks like we made it!





2020 Christmas Dinner Information

Yes, there will be a Christmas Get-together! It will be **December 5, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. EST at Seineyard Restaurant at Wildwood**. The Seineyard Restaurant is located near the community of Medart on highway 98. (This is the same restaurant where we met for another Christmas Get-Together.) The meal will be off the menu, mostly seafood and each person will pay for their own meal. However, we need to know if you will be coming. Please RSVP by November 29 to Carol or Winston Montague at 850 212-3726 or wmontague@embarqmail.com. If you would like to come and camp, there are camping spots at Wildwood Golf and RV Resort. You can call 850 926-4653 for reservations. The campground is located next to the restaurant. Bring your mask and hand sanitizer!



Please bring an unwrapped toy for "Operation Santa Wakulla" to the dinner. We are making arrangements for these toys to be picked up and distributed in Wakulla County. Thank you for your generosity!

2021 Membership Renewals, in case you have not yet renewed...

It is time to renew your WBCCI/Big Bend membership for 2021! You don't want to miss a moment of fun with this group! The website is:

<https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal>

Please check that all information is correct. The information listed here is where we get our email addresses for the newsletters.

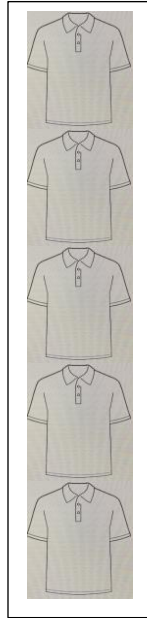
A few changes have transpired since last renewal season:

- o Membership dues are \$75.00 a year, plus \$10 for club dues.
- o The three-part renewal form has been discontinued.
- o New web address (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.



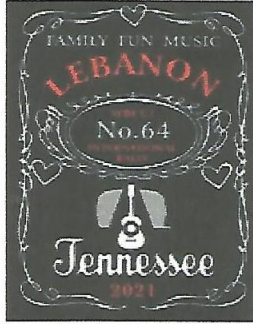
Big Bend Airstream Club shirts (ordering info)



During the September rally, RoseMarie Anderson presented the idea of ordering salmon-colored shirts with the Big Bend logo embroidered by Alison and Wes from Tennessee. (They were at International last year, and several of us ordered hats and shirts from them while we were there.) Alison and Wes have our logo available.

New information: A copy of the order form for International is included on the next page. It also appears in the latest Blue Beret magazine on page 42. You must request the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club logo and specify any pertinent information about your order. This form is just for contact information as it is set up to order International rally shirts. Please contact Wes and Allison directly with your questions about shirts. Also, please note, the design will be the same as these shirts except it will say "Club" instead of "Unit".





A & W DESIGNS Rally Shirts & Hats Order

★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★
★ July 17-24, 2021 ★ LEBANON, TN ★

Lebanon Rally Shirts and Hats may be ordered from **A & W Designs**. They can be delivered to you for a \$7.00 shipping fee or picked up at the rally in Lebanon, Tennessee. Complete this form and mail with your check to: **A & W Designs, P. O. Box 68, Lafayette, TN 37083**. Questions or special orders, call Wes or Allison Hurner at (615) 666-5515 or e-mail them at: wdhurner@gmail.com.



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Men's Polo Shirt			
Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Qty x Price
Small		\$34.00	\$
Medium		\$34.00	\$
Large		\$34.00	\$
Extra Large		\$34.00	\$
2XL		\$36.00	\$
3XL		\$38.00	\$
Add a pocket		\$2.00	\$
Enter Total here and below		TOTAL 1:	\$

Women's Polo Shirt			
Size	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Qty x Price
Small (4/6)		\$34.00	\$
Medium (8/10)		\$34.00	\$
Large (12/14)		\$34.00	\$
XL (16/18)		\$34.00	\$
2XL (20/22)		\$36.00	\$
3XL (24/26)		\$38.00	\$
Enter Total here and below		TOTAL 2:	\$

Low Profile Baseball Cap (One Size)			
Color	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount Qty x Price
Red		\$18.00	\$
Enter Total here and below		TOTAL 3:	\$

Special Instructions and Additional Items:
 To add first name on right side, add \$6.00.
 To add first name and WBCCI number on right side, add \$9.00.
 To add first name or WBCCI number on back of cap, add \$6.00.
Please specify which items receive which names and/or numbers:

Bring down totals from above.	
TOTAL 1:	\$
TOTAL 2:	\$
TOTAL 3:	\$
Additional Items:	\$
Add Shipping if desired \$7.00	\$
Grand Total	\$



2021 Caravan Opportunity

If you're getting cabin fever from all of the sheltering in place, good news--Spring will be here before you know it! Why not consider a caravan not too far from home? There are some marvelous sites to see & activities to experience along the way! Get online & register for the Georgia On MY Mind Caravan (March 11-April 1, 2021.)

See you then!

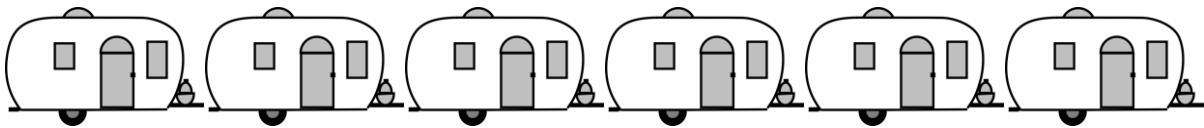
Lynn & Jim Soltys #19794
Georgia On My Mind Caravan Leaders
lynnholtys@bellsouth.net
jimsoltys@bellsouth.net

Upcoming Unit Caravan

Plans are underway for a unit caravan. Save the dates – November 14 - 20, 2021. The caravan will begin with the club rally at Stephen Foster Park in White Springs, Florida that will be November 12 – 14. At the completion of the rally, those who would like to continue can join The Andersons and Montagues for 2 more stops that we are still checking on. This is simply to let you know to save the dates on your calendar.

Decals and Extra Havana T-Shirts

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 November at the rally.



Also, 174 of the 186 Havana t-shirts have been paid for and delivered. A big thank you to Amy Waymire for taking care of this monumental task! There are 12 shirts remaining. Contact Amy Waymire if you are interested in purchasing one of the



following shirts (or they may become door prizes!)

Big Bend Florida Airstream Club shirts

(green): **2 Medium**

Havana Participant Shirts (blue):

6 Medium, 1 Large, 2 Extra Large





Club History... from Carol Montague: Formation and Naming of the Club

In 1974, Mac and Marty McCauslin joined the South Georgia unit since WBCCI had no club in the geographical area of Tallahassee. They soon realized that a unit which held only 2 week-long rallies a year did not fit a working person's lifestyle. Along with others from the vicinity, they contacted WBCCI on June 28, 1974 asking what they needed to do to form a new club. An organizational meeting was held September 11, 1974 with 25 families represented. At that time, they selected the name Big Bend Florida Unit. This name was chosen since 'big bend' was a recreational area identified by the Florida Department of Commerce and was used in numerous publications including the official state map. According to Mac, WBCCI headquarters replied that the name was not acceptable since Texas was well known for its Big Bend area. A Florida map was sent to International indicating our region as Big Bend. So, we became the Big Bend Florida Unit, even though we have often been introduced as Big Bend Texas at International Rallies.

For many years, our rallies were held the first weekend in the month and were held within 100 miles of Tallahassee. As our unit representation extended to a wider area of Florida and Georgia, this began to change. Now there are no limitations on where a rally will be held. Through the years there have been either 8 or 9 rallies a year (no rally in June, July or August and sometimes not in December or January.) The incoming President and/or his committee have selected the dates and locations. These rallies normally cover Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, although often people arrive on Thursday or stay until Monday. Rallies have been held at private and State campgrounds and at a few other facilities. If you find a special camping place that you think would be a good rally site, be sure to let the incoming President know.

Our unit, (now club, after a name change to Big Bend Florida Club in recent years), has prided itself in never having to ask a past president to repeat as president. Our first president was Mac McCauslin. In 1984 we elected our first female President - Ruby Lewis. We have had a number of couples who have been President in different years - Blow, Montague, Skipper, Thompson, and Duncan. Our club has ranged in number of members (rigs) from 45-65 throughout the years. The club has usually had a good representation at the Florida State Rally (no longer held), the Region 3 Rally, and the International Rally. We have had two Region 3 Presidents - Mac McCauslin and Jay Thompson. We have also had a number of caravan leaders from the club - Strong, Thompson, Montague, Skipper and Anderson. We look forward to seeing all of you - old and new faces - at a rally.



Why I Use Viair 300p-rvs

By Jason Friedrich

What works for me:

As we socialize at our rallies, a subject will always come up on how to or, what to use in a certain situation. I've decided to put my thoughts in our newsletter. If you have a certain way of doing some thing or a piece of equipment that would benefit our members, please share.

At the last few gatherings, air compressors have come up. We have all been there, on the road or at the campsite in need of compressed air. Last February I found myself needing air for my tires. To my aid, Lamar Waymire lent me his brand spanking new, still in the plastic wrapper Viair 300p-rvs air compressor. This compressor was amazing and made short work of bringing all four of my truck tires back to the proper pressure. So if you're looking for what I consider the "Cat's Meow " of portable air compressors, look for the Viair 300p-rvs. It works for me.



**And on that note, "See You Down the Road!"
(Or at the Dump Station... we have GOT to
stop meeting like this!)**

