



# GOOD LIFE NEWS

Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27

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## President's Points

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As I'm writing this we've just returned from our FAC rally at Stinkweed Farm in Havana, Florida hosted by Laura & Steve Kane. Words are inadequate to describe the fun, fellowship, scenic beauty of the farm & local area, and the Airstreamers who participated in this rally. At our Daytona Beach rally, where we installed our 2021 Executive Board and Committee Chairmen, this rally wasn't even on our rally schedule! How did this rally come into being, so quickly and come off so well I wonder?

Over the years I have observed that our club members consistently encourage each other and have each other's backs. In such an environment I believe we are destined to succeed! We are blessed with a club where we enjoy sharing our gifts and talents with others in the club, while equally enjoying receiving the benefits of the gifts and talents of other club members. This manifests itself in a club where we are willing to serve each other. Helping others troubleshoot trailer problems, teaching how to set up rally updates using text messages, a group craft activity, preparing, serving and cleanup of meals, Dutch oven dessert baking, trailer parking assistance, and a silent auction to raise funds for our club charity are a just a few examples of short term acts of service that I managed to observe during this rally.

Which brings me to why the Stinkweed Farm rally came off so well. I watched how Laura & Steve Kane were included into our club from their first rally at Mary's Fish Camp a couple years ago and were soon encouraged by our club to serve as rally hosts. They stepped up and took on hosting the established Cracker Christmas and Bluegrass rallies and found that club members willingly helped them run these rallies. Their Cracker Christmas rally had been can-

celled this year and we put forward a call for members to come up with additional rallies for this year at our annual meeting. Laura found Stinkweed Farm through a Facebook post, Steve spoke with Stacy the owner who reserved the farm for us and quickly put forward a rally proposal to the board. The proposal was quickly approved and Laura & Steve drew upon their hosting experience to put together a rally schedule for Stinkwood Farm. They in turn, called on others to assist them with the first ever Stinkweed Farm rally and many club members willingly answered that call.

This sharing of responsibility and work within the club makes the challenge of rally hosting manageable, might I even say enjoyable and rewarding? So in short, this willingness within our club to support each other, collaborate and to work as a team, coupled with experienced rally hosts, lead to the success of this rally. Well done to all who participated and especially Steve and Laura who filled a gap in our rally schedule so quickly!

It is a joy to serve as your President.

Mike Swegles



## Member Spotlights

### Frank and Joan Carson



Frank and Joan Carson were given a thank you plaque for their 50 years of service to the Airstream Club. Below is their response.

When we purchased our 1970 Airstream trailer, we joined the NJ Unit of the WBCCI. We served as Treasurer and Director many times. In the 1980s we joined the Florida Unit because they were taking inventory in prepara-

tion for closing the Unit down. The Florida Unit was down to 20 members and in need of people to take the job as officers. Joan was president once and I was President twice. We both served as Treasurer and Joan was Recording Secretary for a few years. We restarted the National Saint Augustine Easter Rally and ran that for 15 years. It was a popular rally and always had a large waiting list. In the late 1980s we started the Cracker Christmas and Bluegrass rallies and ran them for 20 years. The Keys Rally started out as a Unit rally, and ended up as a State rally with up to 150 Airstreams in attendance. People started to join the club once we offered more diverse rallies with lot of activities. Frank became Region 3 Membership Chairman, then International Membership Chairman. Joan became Unit Membership Chair person. She took the lists of new Airstream owners in Florida and wrote personal letters to each of them. Frank would use the phone to contact the rest of the new owners

We have been members for 50 years and love the club and the friends we have made. We are glad of the decision we made to purchase into the lifetime membership program.

The Carson's

### David and Patsy Barr

A couple of months ago, we decided to sell our Motorhome and retire from active camping. We thoroughly enjoyed our time in the Airstream Club and especially appreciated all the different rallies in all parts of Florida and everyone's efforts in planning great outings.

David has experienced some health issues and thankfully has received positive results from tests out at Mayo. When asked how he is, he answers, "pretty good for an old guy." We will miss all the friendships we made while in the club, and wish happiness and good health for all of you.

David and Patsy Barr



# Recent Trip: Bahia Honda State Park

Earlier this year we were able to "score" another spot at Bahia after the State of FL closed the campgrounds and cancelled our spot for May due to COVID. We headed south on Thanksgiving Day, stopping at John Prince Campground by Lake Worth. This was so we could split up the trip. We stayed here Thursday - Saturday. We had to keep calling about a week before to get a spot here hoping that there was cancellation. Eventually we got a spot, not on the lake but it was still a decent spot. On Friday we walked up and down Worth Ave window shopping and walked along the "boardwalk" along the ocean.

Saturday we headed out to Bahia State Park. We were there for one week and were fortunate to have a bay view and be able to launch our kayaks right from our site. The weather was quite a bit windier than planned, so we weren't able to kayak as much as we had wanted. However, the full moon and no clouds was pretty cool. It was so bright you didn't need a flashlight to ride your bike at night. We walked up the old

bridge within the park during the full moons and saw the reflection of the moon on the water and enjoyed the peacefulness of the night. Towards the end of the stay we were able to see the stars more and were able to get a decent picture of them based on tips from another Airstreamer on Airstream Addicts on how to set up the camera. Bahia SP was limiting the number of people that could use the beach during the day so the park was not very crowded at all at the beaches.

We went to Key West for one day but other than that we just relaxed at the campsite and the beach. We also caught the sunrise and sunset on most days as well. It was pretty neat to go to the east side to watch the sunrise on the east side then sit on the west side at our campsite to watch the sunset. We had our reservation through Monday but decided to leave on Saturday, so we gave our bayside site to another Airstreamer couple so that they could utilize launching their kayak from the site. Also, had the opportunity to try

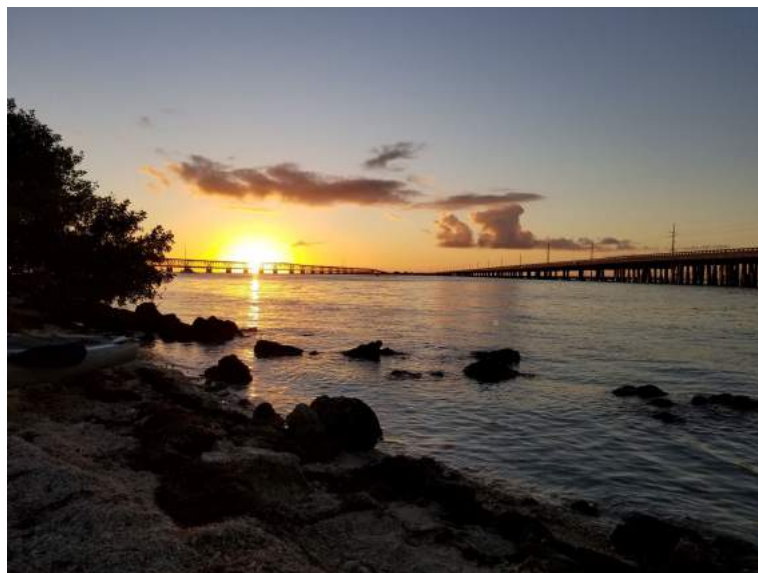
our new CGear RV Comfort mat. It worked perfectly. We had ordered the large and it completely covers the ground under the awning which is really nice. (25 Safari) Comes with it's own carry bag which makes it nice and easy to pack up.

On the way back we stayed at Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Since we were only there for one evening we just toured the whole campground and went to the highest natural point in FL. A big 86 ft climb! LOL Since the grill was all packed we decided to get pizza since we had been "eating in" the whole trip. Then had s'mores for dessert after having a mini bonfire in our Solo stove.

Overall it was a good trip even though the weather didn't cooperate completely.

Joe and Brenna Loretta

*The Loretta's enjoyed their trip to Bahia Honda State Park in Big Pine Key, FL*





## Recent Trip: Westgate River Ranch RV Resort

We did our first camping trip since COVID-19 shutdowns at Westgate River Ranch RV Resort from December 26 to January 3. They offer full hook up sites at the RV Resort and partial Boon Docking Camping (Electric) at the ranch. We stayed in the RV resort with full hook up.

West Gate River Ranch has a lot of interesting activities: trap and skeet, archery, fishing, boat rentals, rodeo (every Saturday night), airboat rides, swamp buggy rides, hayrides and cookout, and a whole lot more. We launched our kayak at their marina on Lake Kissimmee. We love the rodeo, too. Great Place to gather and have fun.!

Meriam and Gerald Reed



Just a 90-minute drive south of Orlando, **River Ranch** seems a world away. The moment you step onto the 1,700-acre farm, you are transported back to an era when cowboys and cattle ranchers reigned.



## State Park Full? Try this....

Have you been excited about camping at a Florida State Park or other public campground only to be disappointed when you find it is full? If so, then you may want to try this link to secure a site as soon as an opening appears.

<https://reserve.wanderinglabs.com>

This website monitors popular campground reservation websites looking for new availabilities every few minutes. Tell them where and when you want to camp. When one matches your request, it notifies you via email or txt msg.

If you are willing to pay for an annual Premium Membership, then the benefits are they check twice as often (every 3-5 minutes), no pausing (free version pauses every week), and up to 500 Text alerts. Cost \$15-50 per year (depending on what you think this service is worth).

Several Florida Airstream Club members have tried it and were excited to find it worked! They were able to get into Fort DeSota State Park near Tampa over New Year's weekend.

The site was created by Tim Watson, who lives fulltime with his wife in an Airstream, so they could stay in popular campgrounds without planning months in advance.

*Try this website if you really want to snatch a site as soon as an opening appears.*



Silver Springs State Park, FL

# Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2021

Date	Rally Location and Campground	Hosts and Rally Registration
Jan. 28-31 2021	<b>Nature Coast Rally at Sertoma</b> Sertoma Youth Ranch Campground 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602 Campground is reserved just for us! No need to contact the campground. Please register online	Mike and MaryAnne Swegles <a href="mailto:maryanneswegles7@gmail.com">maryanneswegles7@gmail.com</a>  Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/sertoma-youth-ranch-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/sertoma-youth-ranch-rally</a>
Feb. 25 – Mar. 1 2021	<b>Salt Springs Rally</b> Salt Spring Recreation Area Fort McCoy, FL Reservations: 877-444-6777 or <a href="https://www.recreation.gov/">https://www.recreation.gov/</a>	John and Kathie Walker <a href="mailto:walker48@bellsouth.net">walker48@bellsouth.net</a>  Host site: 44 or near the Pavilion Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/salt-springs-recreation-area-rally-0">https://airstreamclub.org/salt-springs-recreation-area-rally-0</a>
Mar. 25-29 2021	<b>North Florida Strawberries and More Rally</b> Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park Keystone Heights, FL Reservations: <a href="https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/">https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/</a>	Susan and David Poole <a href="mailto:Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com">Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com</a>  Host site: Lake View, site 40 Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/north-florida-strawberries-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/north-florida-strawberries-rally</a>
Apr. 22 - 25 2021	<b>Streamin' in the Highlands</b> Highlands Hammock State Park Sebring, FL 33872 Reservations: 863-386-6094 <a href="https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/">https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/</a>	Lyn & Bob Masters <a href="mailto:bltampa@me.com">bltampa@me.com</a>  Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/highlands-hammock-state-park-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/highlands-hammock-state-park-rally</a>
Apr. 22 – 26 2021	<b>Region 3 Rally</b> North Florida Fairgrounds Tallahassee, FL NOTE: At this time, don't contact the fairgrounds for a campsite. More information will be available soon.	Check website for more info <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/2021-region-3-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/2021-region-3-rally</a>
Apr. 27 – May 1, 2021	<b>Key West FL Rally</b> Boyd's Campground - mile marker 5 6401 Maloney Ave. Key West, FL Reservations: <a href="https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/246892">https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/246892</a> .	Linda and Larry Scovotto <a href="mailto:floridalarry@me.com">floridalarry@me.com</a> (386) 405-0160  Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/key-west-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/key-west-rally</a>
Jul. 17-24 2021	<b>64<sup>th</sup> International Rally</b> Wilson County Fairgrounds Lebanon, TN Reservations: NOTE: At this time, don't contact the fairgrounds for a campsite.	Check website for more info <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon">https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon</a>  More information will be available soon

# Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2020-21

Date	Rally Location and Campground	Hosts and Rally Registration
Sep. 23-26, 2021	<b>Jewel of the South Jekyll Island Rally</b> Jekyll Island Campground, GA Reservations: Do NOT contact campground. Initial reservations are made thru the rally hostess when you register online. 20 rally sites are set aside for us in Section C.	Selena Smith <a href="mailto:smithselenaj@gmail.com">smithselenaj@gmail.com</a> 904.206.2688 Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/jewel-south-jekyll-island-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/jewel-south-jekyll-island-rally</a>
Oct. 21-25, 2021	<b>Daytona Beach / Annual Meeting Rally</b> International RV Park, Daytona Beach, FL Reservations: Do NOT call the campground. When you register the host will make your campground reservation.	Linda and Larry Scovotto <a href="mailto:floridalarry@me.com">floridalarry@me.com</a> (386) 405-0160 Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/2021-daytona-beach-annual-meeting-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/2021-daytona-beach-annual-meeting-rally</a>
Nov. 4-7, 2021	<b>Mary's Fish Camp Rally</b> Spring Hill, FL Reservations: Please call the campground (352) 597-3474	Steve Oppel, Tim George, Jeff Krabel <a href="mailto:oppels@gmail.com">oppels@gmail.com</a> <a href="tel:7636708771">7636708771</a> Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/marys-fish-camp-rally-1">https://airstreamclub.org/marys-fish-camp-rally-1</a>
Dec. 2-5, 2021	<b>Cracker Christmas Rally</b> Fort Christmas, Christmas FL Reservations: No need to contact campground. Just register online	Steve & Laura Kane, Masters & Swegles <a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a> Cohosted by Masters & Swegles Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/2021-cracker-christmas-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/2021-cracker-christmas-rally</a>
Dec. 6-10, 2021	<b>Winter Holiday Rally at Stink Weed Farm</b> 281 Potter Woodberry Road Havana, FL Reservations: No need to contact campground. Just register online.	Steve & Laura Kane <a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a> Cohosted by Masters & Swegles Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/winter-holiday-stinkweed-farm-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/winter-holiday-stinkweed-farm-rally</a>
Dec 29, 2021 to Jan 3, 2022	<b>Ring It In Silver In 2022 New Year's Rally</b> Anastasia State Park St. Augustine, FL Reservations (up to 11 months prior) <a href="https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/">https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/</a>	Brenna & Joe Loretta <a href="mailto:brennaandjoe@gmail.com">brennaandjoe@gmail.com</a> Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/ring-it-silver-2022-new-years-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/ring-it-silver-2022-new-years-rally</a>



**Important:** Remember to RESERVE and REGISTER. Make your own RV reservations with the campground AND register for the rally (so Hosts know who is coming and can send you updates). More details are available in this newsletter or from Hosts. **Reserve early for state parks.** After you make reservations, register at the link provided or if none provided, contact Hosts to let them know you are attending (give your name, WBAC # and Unit, email, phone, campsite number, arrival and departure date). WBCCI members from any club are welcome to attend. Rally fees may apply.



# Mary's Fish Camp Rally, Nov. 5-8, 2020

Let's stop and take time to remember some good times in 2020 - like Mary's Fish Camp! I loved seeing and being with great Airstream friends (both old and new).

The rally was hosted by the Krabels and Oppels. Full disclosure: Jeff and Mary did all the work and as always they did a great job. Even though it was too windy to kayak most days, some of us did get one great trip on the river. We played joker, sat by the campfire, and of course ate. It was great to be able to enjoy Mike, Jeff and Bob great breakfasts. Sam's BQ ribs and chicken were terrific as well as singing along to the great music from the talented Mary's Fish Camp musicians including Steve Kane, of course.

Fishing is always fun at Mary's fish camp whether you catch one or not. This year's winners of the coveted mullet award went to Joyce Hoffer (1st place), and Chris Allen (2nd place). Great job gals! Some of us headed home a day early because of an upcoming



storm. Thankfully, we all made it home safe. Please stay safe, and healthy in 2021~ Deb Oppel

It will be repeated again next year. So if you didn't make it last year, you can call now to make your reservation for Nov. 4-7, 2021. (352) 597-3474

*We relaxed in the shade of large oak trees and fished with Airstream friends at this charmingly rustic fish camp.*



Breakfasts cooked and served by mask wearers Ron Allen, Jeff Krabel, and Mike Swegles.



Mullet Award 1st Place:  
Joyce Hoffer



Mullet Award 2nd Place:  
Chris Allen.

# Winter Holiday Rally at Stink Weed Farm, Havana, FL Dec. 3-7, 2020

The rally at Stink Weed Farm was a huge success! The property was absolutely gorgeous, the owners were incredibly accommodating, and the weather couldn't have been better. Every day started with dogs playing while talking over coffee. We went on several walks around the old tobacco farm, which was over 200 acres, while snapping breath taking pictures and letting the dogs run and play.

All activities were outside and a nice fire was enjoyed every night. One afternoon included live music from our very own region 3 unit 27 BMI songwriter, Steve Kane, with special guest, Jordan Krabel, as folks made pies in a Dutch oven (led by Chris Allen) and beautiful wreaths for their Air-streams (led by Laura Kane). We all played games outside, picked fresh pecans from the ground, and enjoyed each other's company responsibly. At night, Jax made sure you knew he was the head bull on property with a variety of sounds and some of which you didn't know a bull could make!

*Stink Weed Farm is a former tobacco farm converted to 215 acres of conservation land with hay fields, raspberry bushes, and a large fishing lake.*

Plans for a 2021 rally were once again approved by the board and it will be Dec. 6-10, 2021, immediately following the Cracker Christmas rally. So save the date!

It was a huge success that was enjoyed by all and we hope to grow it into one of the biggest unit rallies around!

Check out Steve Kane's latest music video, "Home on the Highway", free on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/WTgbtSHPYGM>

Co-Hosts: Steve and Laura Kane  
[SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com](mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com)

Mike and MaryAnn Swegles  
[plumercrest@gmail.com](mailto:plumercrest@gmail.com)



Steve Kane hiking with others between rows of raspberry bushes.



Dutch oven dessert baking with Ron & Chris Allen



Brunswick stew chefs David Poole and Kathy Walker



# Sertoma Youth Ranch, Jan. 28-31, 2021

Our next rally will be held at Sertoma Youth Ranch, Jan. 28-Feb.1. If you haven't registered, please do so by using the sign up form on our website. You do not need to reserve with the campground; you will pay up when you arrive by check or cash, collected by the rally host. The camping fee is \$30 per night for water and electric, with a dump station available. It is a first come, first serve so arriving on Thursday between noon and 3 ensures a good spot.

We will kick off the rally on Thursday at 4:00 with a happy hour, where we will share all you need to know about our weekend and the activities in store. Weather will determine our agenda, and Covid safety protocols will be in place. This is a rough sketch of what we have planned. Please join us.

Maryanne and Mike Swegles  
[maryanneswegles7@gmail.com](mailto:maryanneswegles7@gmail.com)

## Friday

7:30-9:00 AM. Stick-to -your ribs Oatmeal bar.

10:30-12:00 FWC-led nature hike at Chinsegut Conservation Center followed by a brown bag lunch at the center.

2:00-4:00 Chinsegut Hill Manor historic home visit. If you would like to make a reservation to tour the inside of the historical home, please visit their website and chose your time. The grounds are beautiful, and if you prefer to stay outdoors, it is still well worth the visit.

4:00 Happy hour following back at the ranch, "It's 5:00 somewhere".

Dinner : Fajitas and Margaritas



## Saturday

8:00-10:00 Chef Krabel's famous Shrimp and Grits.

11:00-1:00 Yard sale! Time to clear out the excess after the holidays. See Chris Allen's article about the Fisher House for more info.

1:00-2:00 Lunch provided by SkyMed

3:00-4:00 group walk around the grounds and a pick up Pickleball game.

4:00 Happy Hour

Dinner on your own. Brooksville has some great outdoor and take-out dining options, and breweries, and you will find a list in your goody bag, so be sure to attend our first happy hour. You can even dine where Elvis went at the retro Coney Island Drive Inn.

## Sunday

9:00 AM Biking the Withlacoochee Trail. We will do, as a group, the Floral City to Inverness and back. Many great outdoor lunch options (Stumpknockers!) in town, or bring a bagged lunch. OR Hike the Brooksville Mermaid Trail and visit Florida Cracker Kitchen and store. The Sparacia Witherell Winery is another place to spend an afternoon.

4:00 Happy hour and dinner on your own. Joker games and campfires every night we can!

***Remember to wear your mask when necessary and practice social distancing.***



Additional information.

Sertoma Youth Ranch Campground  
85 Myers Rd., Brooksville, FL 34602  
(352) 754-3082

<https://sertomayouthranch.org/>

*Sertoma Youth Ranch is nestled amongst the silver oaks and rolling hills of Brooksville, FL*



# Salt Springs Rally, Feb. 25-Mar.1, 2021

Our second rally in 2021 will be in Salt Springs Recreation Area in the Ocala National Forest, near Fort McCoy, FL. 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.



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.

Reservations are through <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233920>. A National Park senior pass secures a \$16/night full hook up. Register with your hosts at <https://airstreamclub.org/salt-springs-recreation-area-rally-0>. 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

**Remember to wear your mask when necessary and practice social distancing.**

# North Florida Strawberries & More Rally Mar. 25-29, 2021

We’re planning on attending the Bradford County Strawberry Festival on Saturday, March 27 at the Bradford Fair Grounds, Starke FL, where you’ll taste *“the sweetest strawberries this side of heaven”*. We will camp at Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park, 18 miles from Starke. Other activities like hiking, biking, and paddling will also be planned.

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>  
Register with hosts at <https://airstreamclub.org/north-florida-strawberries-rally>

If the state park is full, then there may be spaces available at **Starke KOA**, 1475 S Walnut St, Starke, FL 32091.



View of long leaf pine and reed grass restoration from Sandhill Loop site.

Gold Head Branch State Park is about 2400 acres of rolling sand hills, marshes, ravines, lakes, and scrub located midway between Gainesville and Jacksonville, six miles north of Keystone Heights on SR 21. It has old growth longleaf pines and a nice nature trail to a ravine with seepage springs. The RV campsites are nestled under the trees, mostly back-in with water and 30 amp hookups (dump station is available). Reserve your space early through

Hosts: Susan and David Poole  
Lake View Loop, site 40

**NEW: Text Notifications**  
Be sure to register to receive text notifications of program scheduling changes and emergency situations where action is needed. To register, call or text the toll-free number below. At the end of the rally, your phone number will be deleted from the system.  
**Call-In Information:** Call: 844-292-2290 and follow the prompts. PIN: **0325**  
**Text-In Information:** Text: 844-292-2290 type **marrally** in the message box and send



# Streamin' in the Highlands Rally

## Apr. 22-25, 2021

The April rally will be a fun adventure of yesteryear in central Florida at Highlands Hammock State Park, April 22-26, 2021. Highlands Hammock has many nature trails, several of which have boardwalks over wet areas surrounding a Florida hardwood hammock. There are at least two huge oak trees in the park believed to be 1000 years old! We are planning nature hikes and bicycle tours of park trails. Of course, we will be socializing but wearing masks and social distancing to keep everyone safe.

There is a lot to do in the area. A nearby distillery produces liquors from the sugar cane they grow and there are air boat tours that are known for wildlife sightings. The quaint town of Sebring is just east of the park. Bok Tower is about an hour north in Lake Wales. A half hour drive brings you to Zolfo Springs and a Cracker Trail history museum of the early Florida cattle industry in the area. Two park attractions we hope will be open by April are a CCC museum and a ranger led hour long nature tram tour which explores parts of the park otherwise not open to the public.

Highlands Hammock is a very popular state park with extremely positive reviews. Like most state parks, sites are 30 amp with water and there is a dump station onsite.

Make your reservations through <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>  
5931 Hammock Rd. Sebring FL 33872  
Phone: 863-386-6094

Next, let us know you are coming by completing a club online registration form on the following website: <https://airstreamclub.org/highlands-hammock-state-park-rally>.

Questions? We are just an email away. Looking forward to seeing you there.

For more information, email us at [blmasters@icloud.com](mailto:blmasters@icloud.com). Hope to see you soon.  
Bob and Lyn Masters

*Established in 1931 and developed later by Florida's Civilian Conservation Corps, this lush and incredibly diverse 9000-acre park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*





# Key West Rally

## April 27 – May 1, 2021

### *Margaritaville . . . searchin' for my lost shaker of salt!*

Join us in Key West at [Boyd's Key West Campground](#). Only 5 miles from downtown Key West where you will find unlimited opportunities for sightseeing, fishing, kayaking, visiting unique shops, restaurants and bars or just relax and enjoy a small slice of paradise.

The Rally is scheduled for April 27 – May 1, but you can come in early and stay later. You need to call the Campground as soon as possible in order to secure a site. Their **reservations number is (305) 294-1465**. Be sure to mention Florida Airstream Rally. The rates are from \$124 to \$162 plus tax per night depending on the site you choose – Inland or Waterfront. A one-night deposit is required with a 7-day cancellation refund.

After you confirm your reservation with campground, then register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/key-west-rally> (so the Host

knows who is coming and can contact you). Itinerary to follow...

If you are leaving from the Highlands Hammock State Park Rally in Sebring (April 22-25), the group will depart on April 26th and spend one night at the [Midway Campground, Big Cypress National Preserve](#). There are only 26 RV sites, so everyone should make reservations on December 26 at 10:00 am EST (Individual sites operate on a 6-month rolling basis). Go to <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/246892>.

Rates are \$30 per night / \$15 with a Senior or Access pass.

### **Boyd's Key West Campground**

6401 Maloney Avenue  
Key West, FL 33040

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*Boyd's Key West Campground was founded in 1963 by Boyd and Elsie Hamilton, who originated from Saskatchewan, Canada. It is "Southernmost Hospitality" at it's best.*



### **NEW: Text Notifications**

Be sure to register to receive text notifications of program scheduling changes and emergency situations where action is needed. To register, call or text the toll-free number below. At the end of the rally, your phone number will be deleted from the system.

**Call-In Information:** Call: 844-292-2290 and follow the prompts. PIN: 0427

**Text-In Information:** Text: 844-292-2290 type **keywest** in the message box and send

# Jewel of the South: Jekyll Island Rally

## Sep. 23-26, 2021

**Jekyll Island** is the smallest of Georgia's barrier islands and the southernmost island of the Golden Isles. Along with a fascinating history, Jekyll is one of the most popular island destinations of coastal Georgia ... from 10 miles of unspoiled beaches and perfectly preserved Gilded Age mansions, this island is a beautiful blend of serenity and discovery. Whether you are seeking the sound of silence or seeking outdoor adventures, Jekyll offers something for everyone that can keep you island bound but other adventures can also be found in nearby Brunswick and St. Simon's Island. Visit their website: [www.jekyllisland.com](http://www.jekyllisland.com)

**Rally Sites – All of Section C -- 20 Sites -- (All Back-in Sites)** [Click here for map.](#) Address is 1197 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, Georgia

**Reservation Process:** Initial reservation is made thru the rally hostess. **Do not** make an online reservation thru the campground website as the discount rally rate will not be honored nor will you be placed with other rally members.

**Reservation Deadline:** August 1, 2021, to receive a 10% discount on Rally dates only; any additional nights require a separate reservation at regular rate. Your rally reservation will be turned over to the campground on August 1 and you will receive instructions via email from the campground regarding deposit payment.

### Rate & Cost Information:

\$48/Night less 10% discount ... Includes Full Hook-up; Wi-Fi & Cable Inclusive

Pets Allowed: A pet fee of \$4.00 will be charged per reservation

Jekyll Island is a 'State Park'; Park fee for Oversized Vehicle is \$12.00

Register with hostess at <https://airstreamclub.org/jewel-south-jekyll-island-rally>

**Hostess:** Selena Smith  
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### Preliminary Rally Itinerary

**Thursday Mingle** – Meet & Greet @ Hostess Site

Happy Hour - Announcements & Introductions – Welcome Packet  
Campground Manager – presents a 'local's spin' about the island's history .. facts only a local knows!!

**Friday Mingle** – TBD by level of interest - Catered Dinner ... Add'l. Cost Per Person. Southern Soul BBQ, St. Simon's Island ... featured on Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives by Guy Fieri; also Southern Living Magazine's "The South's Best BBQ 2018"

**Saturday Mingle** – Cocktails @ Georgia Sea Turtle Center – Add'l Cost \$10/person  
Mix & mingle with our education animals and Georgia Sea Turtle Center biologists to get an up-close look at the wildlife on Jekyll Island.

**Sunday Mingle** – Coffee/Mimosas & Brunch at Hostess Site

**Day Time Activity Options: \* Denotes additional cost**

More information will follow at later date as to cost per person, group size limitations/requirements and group rate, sign up required, etc.

**Shopping Areas** – Oceanfront & Historical Village @ Jekyll Island Club  
**Fishing at Pier** – No Charge, \*Rental Equipment Available @ Bait Shop  
**Beach & Picnic Areas**

**Individual Bike Rides or \*Guided Tours** – Rentals Available

**Kayaking & \*Guided Tours** – Rentals Available

\*Segway Tours, \*Ranger Walks, \*Oceanfront Mini Golf

\*Historic Tours & \*Historic Cottage Crawl

\*Horseback Beach Rides, \*Narrated Horse Drawn Carriage Tours

\*Airboat Rides, \*Dolphin Boat Tours

\*Red Bug (Golf Cart) Rental

\*The Emerald Princess Casino Cruise Ship



# Ring It In Silver In 2022 New Year's Rally

## Dec 29, 2021 to Jan 3, 2022

Joe and I (Brenna) decided to finally host a rally at Anastasia State Park in St. Augustine, FL. We are looking to forward planning the details for this rally. We are trying to make this rally as family friendly as possible. So if you have any ideas to suggest please feel free to let us know

Since we don't know what 2021 will exactly look like, we are not planning group activities for this rally yet. Hopefully by September we will know more of what group activities we can safely do. However, we will still have a major list of things that you can choose to do in the oldest city of the United States.

Here are some of the things you can look forward to doing while ringing in 2022- in silver:

**Kayaking & Paddle boarding**- bring your own or rent one from the park

**Biking** - This campground is quite large - so plenty of room to bike within the park and there are two gates you can exit from the park to bike out and explore the neighborhood.

**Playgrounds** - for the kids

**Beach** - You can bike or drive to enjoy the beach

**Farmer's Market** - On Saturdays You can walk or bike to this right outside the campground

**Dining Out** - Plenty of restaurants to choose from. Many of them have outdoor dining areas. Salt Life is one you can bike to from the campground.

**Winery, Distillery, Ghost, & Nights of Lights Tours** - provided they are allowed at that time.

**Marine Land** - about 45 min. south of the campground. See the dolphins and maybe even swim with them.

**St. Augustine Amphitheater** - this may or may not have an event while we are there.

Remember this is a "hot" Florida State Park so book early! The system will allow reservations 11 months in advance for up to 2 weeks (so try it at the end of January)

After you make your reservations, please register for the rally (so your hosts know who is coming) at <https://airstreamclub.org/ring-it-silver-2022-new-years-rally>

More details will follow in the coming months.

Brenna & Joe Loretta  
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*Come to experience the pristine  
white sand beaches and vibrant  
history of St. Augustine*





# Welcome to our New Members!



To join or renew, go online to <https://airstreamclub.org/> and click on Menu & Future or Current Members

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

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## Volunteer Mentoring

Mentorship is a relationship in which a more experienced or knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or knowledgeable person. For purposes of membership demographics, we have divided Florida into six geographic regions. So far we have volunteers in 4 out of 6 regions. New members, transfers, and affiliates may be contacted by a mentor and are encouraged to contact a regional mentor or any club officer if they have questions.

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

# Welcome to our New Transfers!



If you would like your picture (with or without your Airstream) included in the next newsletter, please send it to the newsletter editor (susyqmectup14@gmail.com) along with a couple sentences about your Airstream and yourselves. We like to see pictures of our new members so we recognize you when we see you!

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## Attention all Members and Affiliates

It's time to renew your membership!

- Go to [AirstreamClub.org](http://AirstreamClub.org)
- Select "Current Members"
- Select "Renew Your Membership"
- Scroll down and fill in the blanks
- Airstream Club International dues = \$75
- Florida Airstream Club dues = \$10
- Total = \$85
- Alternative: Call Headquarters at 937-596-5211

## Affiliate club members

After you renew your membership to Airstream Club International and primary unit, send a check for \$10.00 made out to the Florida Airstream Club to the treasurer:

Brad McGloin  
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We look forward to everyone participating in our events and hope to see you soon!

# Welcome to Transfers from Florida Springs Club

In mid-December 2020 the members of the Florida Springs Airstream Club made the difficult decision to dissolve the club. Membership numbers were good, but there was a lack of volunteers to step up for leadership positions and rally hosts. Rallying together was not happening.

Looking back, the Club has a long history that started in 1983 with 48 names on the Unit Charter. Since Club members never wanted a big unit, membership never grew much larger than 50 members.

The club was the typical unit with a busy rally schedule each month from October to May, with activities including tours of interesting places, crafting projects for the ladies, service projects, technical seminars for the men, boat trips, lots of time for friendship and fellowship, dining at nearby restaurants and breakfast and dinner at every rally.

The club was fortunate to have camping set-ups for rallies at a couple of members' homes which members enjoyed for a number of years. A December Christmas Rally tradition was a White Elephant gift exchange and the gift to find was "Billy Bass."

The Florida State Rally in Sarasota was always a big club activity, especially the comradery of competing against other clubs for recognition at activities, games, decoration of the Food Barrel and donating to the local food bank.

Summer months had member participation in National Caravans and attendance at the International Rally. For many years the Club was recognized for its participation at Region 3 rallies, outstanding Region 3 Unit at International rallies and the Superior Unit Star award.

Submitted by John Miller

*More memories from Florida Springs Club members available at*

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/h/ukochrd22r5sdfj/AADstkg8tzuSsFR9uNNb\\_sBqa?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/h/ukochrd22r5sdfj/AADstkg8tzuSsFR9uNNb_sBqa?dl=0)



Bill & Cathy Alsmeyer



John & Barbara Miller



Lou Shinnamon & Sonja Meistrell



Bill and Pat Shay



Jim & Alice Trusley



Mike & Lisa Cofield

One of the things that we enjoyed most was that there were local gatherings to better accommodate and include long term members that are no longer traveling and therefore unable to attend rallies. These members are always so interesting to talk with and have a wealth of knowledge they gladly share. Lou and Sonya hosted many such gatherings at their lake home, others were held at local restaurants. Looking forward to meeting up again somewhere down the road. Merry Christmas and safe travels.

Mike & Lisa Cofield



# Community Project: Fisher House Foundation

What a special year we have had raising donations for the Fisher House. Even with most of our Rallies being cancelled due to COVID 19 we were able to raise more funds than ever thanks to our dynamic Auctioneers Larry Scovotto and Steve Kane. We also want to give a special shout out to Jeff Krabel for his creative new items for this year. We have had fantastic results from the donations received from Jeff's new wooden tables/stools along with donations received from Joker Sets, hot plates, card tables, reindeer lawn ornaments, etc. Thank you Jeff.

At our Stinkweed Farm Rally, which was held the first week of December, we had silent auctions raising \$310. Along with the silent auctions we received another \$50 in cash donations from some of our generous club members. This brought our total collected donations for this Rally to \$360. Thank you to everyone who donated items, purchased items and those who gave monetary donations to this Community Project. We are pleased to announce that in 2020 we raised a total of \$3,043.27 to be presented to the Fisher House after the first of the year.

Look out 2021! We have only just begun. At the Sertoma Rally the end of January we are having a big yard sale to raise funds for the Fisher House. If you have some new or gently used items you would like to donate to our Fisher House Yard Sale, bring them to Sertoma. You can sell them yourself or simply add

them to the Fisher House table and we will sell them on your behalf. If there are enough high demand items and our Auctioneers are willing, we can even have a limited item Auction for entertainment at the Rally. Let's start the year off growing our donations for this important community project.

Any questions, please contact me at (904) 534-9896 or by email [ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net](mailto:ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net).

Chris Allen, Community Project Chairman  
Chris Allen,  
Community Project Chair



Ann Shanklin won a very special "Rudolph" in the silent auction (hand crafted by Jeff Krabel).

## Sunshine Committee Report

This column is the place where we express praise for members' major life accomplishments or concern for those experiencing difficult times.

We have two special couples we recognized this month on page 2. If you would like someone to be included in the next newsletter, please send it to **Debbie Oppel** at [oppeld@gmail.com](mailto:oppeld@gmail.com) or call (763) 670-8772



## Florida Airstream Club, WBCCI Region 3, Unit 27



Visit us on the web  
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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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