



FTCAC Pirate FYI's
January, 2021
Happy New Year!

New Beginnings

We start a new year with renewed hope ... for good health, more compassion and understanding, reactivated travel plans, more opportunities for visiting with family and friends, more patience and tolerance, and ... [you fill in the blank]!

New Members

We welcome new members **Dave and Julia McAleer** from Crestview, Florida, and **Charles and Hannah Bowyer** from Gulf Breeze, FL. We look forward to hearing from them and meeting them in the coming year.

In Memoriam

We are sorry to learn of the death of **Gail Dewitt North** from Port St. Lucie, FL, who died on December 16, 2020 from COVID-19. She and her late husband **Don** were active members of the Florida Treasure Coast Airstream group for many years. Gail was a Board Member and cellist with the Treasure Coast Symphony. She was a bridge player, a voracious reader, an adventurous traveler with highlights being an African safari, a trip to China, travel through Europe and Canada, and all fifty States. Among her survivors are FTCAC members **Debbie DiCicco** and her husband **Anthony**, daughter and son-in-law, and **Tony and Joy DiCicco**, grandson and his wife.

Help Wanted/Urgently Needed

Your local Airstream Club, this one, FTCAC, **cannot continue** to exist without more members who are willing to help! No one person has to do (or should have to do) more than one job. We seem to have many members who want to enjoy the benefits of membership without taking on any of the responsibilities. Such a situation is untenable! At present, we need volunteers for **Vice-President** for the current year, and **Newsletter Editor**. We are also always happy to have volunteers as future Rally Hosts. Please let us know if you are willing to serve the Club!

Upcoming Events

“Flamingo Fling” FTCAC Rally



The Fall Rally, hosted by FTCAC members of Traveler’s Rest RV Resort and Golf Course in Dade City, has been rescheduled for April 8 - 11, 2021. Traveler’s Rest will honor the reservations and deposits made for November. Further details to come. Mark your calendars!

WBCCI International Board of Trustees Meeting

Hosted by the Southeastern Camping Unit, the Winter IBT Meeting will be in Sarasota, FL with arrivals on January 18, 2021 and departures on January 22. For details and registration, see the *Blue Beret* or <https://airstreamclub.org/2021-international-board-trustees-mid-winter-meeting>.

Region 2021 Rally

This year’s Region 3 Rally will be April 21-25, 2021, at the North Florida Fairgrounds in Tallahassee. Further details to be announced. If you wish to volunteer, contact the Region 3 officers through region3.airstreamclub.net.

International Rally

The 2021 International Rally is scheduled for July 17 - 24, 2021, Wilson County Expo Center, 945 E Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN. **Registration began August 5, 2020.** Check the ACI website airstreamclub.org under “Events” for more details.

Membership Renewal

If you have not renewed for 2021, you can still do so! The deadline for being listed in the WBCCI Directory has passed, but you can still renew. <https://airstreamclub.org>.

Tidbits

Lea (and Rob) Stanton sent the following: We made the decision to avoid our family

Thanksgiving gathering, no matter how small. We went to Istokpoga, FL for three nights of dry camping. There were



only five other campers there. Once

we became accustomed to the

train and 4 a.m.

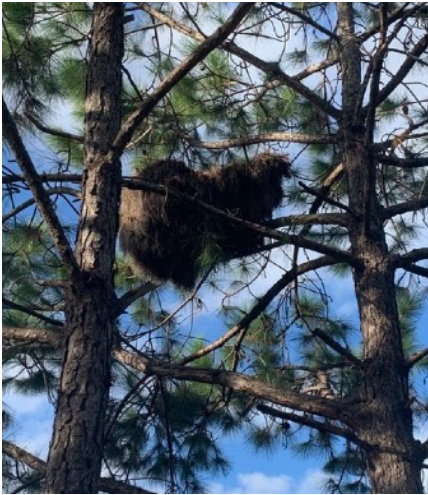
airboats, it was quite peaceful. We had

ordered a precooked Thanksgiving dinner

from the grocery. Rob did an extraordinary job of heating it all on the grill.



Admittedly, it was much extra effort and work — remember meat thermometer, cutting board, carving knife — ultimately all worth it.



There was a massive nest above our site. I suggested Rob shimmy up the tree to see what occupied the nest. His reply was “maybe 30 years ago.” We later learned it was an eagles’ nest. Better to keep our feet on the ground.

Be sure to save your Christmas and other greeting cards for **Sallie LittleJohn**. She crafts tiny gift boxes from them. Please just save them until you have an opportunity to get them to her.

Changes on the WBCCI Website - Please Note Carefully

You can now log into the Members Only section at [Airstream Club Members Only](#) and see club members’ info, search for people and even update your own profile.

Your user name is the email address you provided HQ when you joined or renewed.

Go to <https://airstreamclub.org> and click on “Log in” to get started. After you have the email address on file with HQ, access your account for the first time by selecting FORGOT PASSWORD, enter that email address and click Submit. You will receive an email from HQ with instructions on how to reset your password and login. Then logout.

When you log back in, your personal Administration Account page will appear. There are links to major directories for ACI (Airstream Club International) across the top of the page. The three boxes under the page title are links to different directories. Use the Membership Directory link to see your info on file at HQ. To search, type in your last name and select Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club (or your main unit, if you are an affiliate) under Club Filter. If changes need to be made, follow the instructions below.

In creating the latest online database, ACI had to create a fictitious email address (usually your email address with a 1 after the name) for any partners that had not provided an email address to HQ. Since all members can now vote as individuals, this is a required field. If HQ does not have your correct email(s) on file, please email assist@airstreamclub.org or call 937-596-5211. So your partner can have their own profile and vote, a valid email address is required for them also. After a valid email address is updated by HQ, your partner can also create their individual login and update their own profile. So FTCAC can have the strongest voice possible in the way ACI operates, both of you should have a current profile and vote.

Under Popular Links, select either the Account Information or Membership Information link. Either will take you to a screen to update your complete profile and your partner’s basic information. The only thing you can’t update is an email address. Select

Preferences to access the Membership Information screen. Click on Personal Information, Preferences and Airstream Information links to update your complete profile. **Remember to save your changes!** You can even add a picture, on the Account Information screen, so folks can see your smiling face. After you update your profile, go back to Membership Directory to make sure all your changes were saved and are correct.

Please log in as soon as possible to make sure that your information is current.

(Information courtesy of Roy Beavers, SECU, adapted as needed)

For a chuckle

An oldie, but goodie!

