

FUN TIMES

SOUTH FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB

Wally Byam Caravan Club International

April 2021



Our Mission Statement

South Florida Airstream Club is a welcoming family of Airstream owners who invite and mentor others to experience the adventure and fun of Airstream travel.

A Mission Statement describes who we are, tells what we do, explains why we exist, so that all members are pulling together to make our club the BEST it can be.

President's Message

Hello everyone! Just want to say "Thanks " to everyone who helped to make our Four Florida State Parks Caravan such a success! I think we all had a great time. It was awesome to have two new couples surprise us. So nice to meet Jim & Deborah Harris and their beautiful Doberman Johanna and Chuck and Vicki Wasson along with Rosie. We also had new members Steven and Jean Souder join us at two of the parks.

It was relaxing and we enjoyed many get togethers, pot lucks and campfires. Hats off to Donna for the scavenger hunts and quizzes. I know the ladies loved the crafts sent by Sissy Towsley, that Donna instructed us in making. The hyacinths were beautiful!

Moving on, a few of us are planning to attend the Region 3 Rally being held at the fairgrounds in Tallahassee. It starts on April 21 and ends on April 24. I know they have many things planned for us including a BBQ dinner and a Low Country Boil. It's not too late to reserve your space if you want to attend, just look online for Rallies at the WBCCI website.

In May we will be meeting at Payne's Prairie Preserve State Park. At this writing we have 9 units attending. I know the Logistics Team is working hard to make sure we will have plenty to keep us busy. The dates are May 20 thru 24. If you don't already have a space, Wandering labs may be able to help.

It sure is great to be able to get out and travel again. Loved spending time with all of you and looking forward to our next events. Safe travels!



Judy Harrison, President
South Florida Airstream Club

South Florida Airstream Club - Board Members

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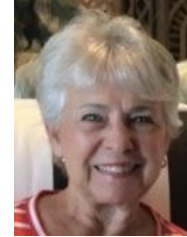
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David Robshaw**

Minutes of the South Florida Airstream Club – Unit 30 WBCCI General Meeting at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center, March 12, 2021

The meeting of the South Florida Airstream Club – Unit 30 WBCCI, was called to order by President, Judy Harrison 1:30 pm.

Present

Judy Harrison - President
Patricio Donoso - 1st VP
Susan Quintana - Treasurer
Stephanie Farmer - 2 Year Trustee
Edwin Exum - 1 Year Trustee
Beth Racavich - Membership
Tony Laurie - Editor & Webmaster
Essy Donoso - Corresponding Secretary
Sandra Gonzalez - Recording Secretary
David Robshaw - Webmaster
Harry Gonzalez - 2 Year Trustee

Absent

Eileen Frerking - Past President
John Frerking - Parliamentarian
Tom Carlson - 1 Year Trustee

A quorum was declared.

Minutes: President Judy Harrison made a motion to not read the minutes from prior meeting as they had been published in our recent News Letter. Susan Quintana made a motion to accept them as reported, Beth Racavich second the motion, the motion was approved by all.

Officers Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Susan Quintana, Treasurer, reported we have approximately only \$900.00 in our checking account. We have the 2 CD's of \$5,000+ & \$7,000+. Treasurer, Susan Quintana, made a motion to transfer \$2,000.00 from one of the CDs to the checking account as the checking account balance is low and we need to replenish it. Beth Racavich made a motion to approve the request, Patricio Donoso seconded the motion. The motion was put to vote, all present agreed to transfer the funds as requested. Motion was approved.

Communication Report: Donna Laurie communicated that she and Tony visited Tom and Sissy Towsley. Tom was Past President and members of the club. The Towsley's donated a box of audible books along with a box of history. The CDs will be given out as prizes to our members during the Club Caravan. The historical box will be given to Barbara Colson to take to the International Rally to give to the Historian for keep sake. Tom traveled with Wally Byam as a kid. Both Tom and Sissy are doing well and miss everybody.

Patricio Donoso reported the new club communication is going very well using the social media FB. Looks like it is a very efficient way to communicate information to our members.

Tony Laurie reported that the Airstream International Web Page is up and running. The link can be found in the club newsletter. David Robshaw has updated the website.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Essy Donoso reported that a get well card was sent to Tom Carlson, and one to Max Joseph. A sympathy card was sent to Bill and Beth Racavich. A thank you card will be sent to the Towsley's.

Discussions: Beth Racavich spoke about updating our 3x5 cards with information about joining our club. Beth made a motion to update cards which would be paid for by our club. Susan Quintana seconded the motion. Motion approved by all. Patricio Donoso will design the new cards.

Old Business: Upcoming RV Rally Payne's Prairie State Park, Fla. - May 20 – May 24, 2021.

Essy suggested that participants of our RV Caravan share their experience with others over our next Zoom Meeting. Essy made a motion to have a zoom meeting in April. Beth Racavich seconded the motion. All present were in favor. Emails will be sent out.

Judy Harrison, President made moved to adjourn the meeting.

Tony Laurie seconded the motion

Meeting ended at 2:37pm



Sandra Gonzalez
Recording Secretary

Member News - South Florida Airstream Club

March 2021 FOUR STATE PARKS CARAVAN

Donna Laurie	15.26	Food
Judy Harrison	105.84	KFC dinner
Susan Quintana	75	Veterans Memorial RR
Total Cost	196.10	
Wells Fargo		
Checking acct	827.65	
CD 1	5,038.45	
CD 2	7,037.48	



Compiled by Susan Quintana
Treasurer: South Florida Airstream Club

Member News - Treasured Friends

On March 2, 2021 Tony & Donna went to visit Tom & Sissy Towsley. Tom traveled with his family when he was a young boy with Wally Byam. His parents were very active in the caravan club. He and Sissy donated a box full of historic items and pictures to the International Club. Even though Tom has Alzheimer's, he has stories to tell and a big smile to go with them. Thanks Tom & Sissy for your involvement in our club.



Tom & Sissy Towsley

Member News - South Florida Airstream Club Four State Park Caravan March 8-19, 2021

The South FL Airstream Club converged on Anastasia Park in St Augustine on March 8th. This beautiful, pristine park with its many camping loops is right on the Atlantic Ocean. Site #70 was the epicenter of the unit activities. Thank you Bill and Beth Racavich. We had our heavy hors d'oeuvres night, grill night, and potluck night at this site. Unit members got to go and do what they wanted to do in Saint Augustine. Some hiked, sight saw St. Augustine, met friends for lunch. Judy Harrison and I, of course, did geocaching. Donna Laurie had a wonderful scavenger hunt for us to do at this park. 3 of us tied for 1st place, Judy Harrison, Sally, and me, Barbara Colson. The weather was perfect. with wonderful blue skies. Steve Souder gave each of us a hand drawn framed picture of a classic Airstream. The Laurie's and I received a picture of our type of unit. A huge thank you to Steve for making these special pictures for each if us. The club did a Kentucky Fried chicken dinner the last night. We did not go hungry. We had anywhere from 20 to 50 folks at the site for bonfires and general camaraderie.



Don't forget to stop at Bu-cees near St. Augustine off of I-95.. They have 100 gas pumps, nuts, BBQ brisket and amazing restrooms. It is definitely a tourist venue.



Next stop, Steven Foster Folk Cultural State Park in beautiful White Springs. Due to covid, nothing in the park was operating. You picked a sticky note off a board that directed you to your campsite. Our host and hostess for this park was Tony and Donna Laurie. Airstreams pretty much filled this park for the three days we were here. Donna gave us another scavenger hunt for the last 3 parks, plus a fishing quiz. John and Eileen Frerking's daughter's family joined us for one of our evening get togethers. They were camping at the park over spring break. We took a side trip to Falls Creek Falls, caravan style to see these beautiful coca cola falls. The falls are brownish in color due to the tannic water. (Tannic water is created when leaves, grasses, pine needles, and other organic matter falls into the water. The matter breaks down over time, giving the water that tea-stained look.) On Saturday, many attended the Flea Market on a side street in downtown White Springs after a delicious breakfast at Fat Belly's the only restaurant in town that we saw. White Springs had its hay day in the 1900's when thousands of folks would flock to the mineral springs to rejuvenate and cure their bodies. According to one sign, there had been 14 luxury hotels. boarding houses, etc for guests. It is nothing like that these days.



Third park, Torreya Park a couple hours due west up the road for most of the traveler's. This park had been severely damaged when Hurricane Michael came through in 2018. This park with eight other FL State Parks had been built by the CCC in the 1930's. There is still a bunk house on the property. You can reserve a Yurt to sleep in, if you're so inclined. I asked Google what is around Torreya, it said 'Not Much'. Bristol is 14 miles away. If you will need anything, get it before you get to the park. Nothing was opened here due to Covid. You picked up your blue sticky note from the CCC house. It does have nice showers and a washer and dryer that several of us took advantage of. The view from the high vista was quite nice. Everyone went birding, sight seeing the property, rested, talked to other members of the unit, or geocached. Sally, Judy and Bar-

bara went on a 3 tenth of a mile hike to a very small waterfall. What we thought would be a short walk turned into about 2 hours of ups, downs and switch backs to get to the falls. Our hosts for this park were Pat and Laurie Jones. Steve Souder did grill vanilla peaches, absolutely delicious. There is the Gregory House on the property, also closed. This plantation home had been moved to this park. All in all it was a great little park. Lewis Fogel has started something new at our campfires. He picks a newbie Airstreamer, an old time Airstreamer and a middle of a timer Airstreamer to relate stories of the how, why, when, most embarrassing, etc you joined Airstreaming. These 7 minute chats are very informative and interesting.



Fourth and final park was Three Rivers park, just a mere 35 minutes up the road on the GA / FL line for most of us. Many of us had waterfront sites. Hurricane Michael had done a number on this park as well. The logging trucks had made many potholes in the camp roads. The weather, scenery and bonfire area made this a beautiful park. They also have a couple of places to go fishing, launch your boat or just sit on the dock, look at GA, and watch 3 rivers converge into one big lake. One day we drove back to Bristol for a miniature train ride. The train was housed at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Bristol. The wife of the man with the idea for this train did an excellent job of telling us how this all came about. It's a lovely story. (<http://www.veteransmemorialrailroad.org>)



After our train ride we went to Brownsville and had lunch at Fiddler's. The oysters were wonderful. Everyone was happy with whatever they ordered. Our last day at 3 Rivers was a free day. Some of us went to Johnny Mac's Wood Fire Grill for a wonderful fried food buffet. Just what we needed. The men and Stephanie had a maintenance seminar. The lady's made plastic hyacinth flowers thanks to Barbara Grimes who left us many of the supplies, given to us by Sissy Towsley.



We completed this wonderful unit rally caravan with a huge bonfire, roasted marshmallows, stories and friendship. You'll have to ask Tony Laurie for his most embarrassing happening. I had a similar one the next day while dumping.

I believe I can say this was one of the units best caravans.



Submitted by Barbara Colson

Member News - South Florida Airstream Club Having Fun at the Four Florida State Parks Caravan



Member News - South Florida Airstream Club

Having Fun at the Four Florida State Parks Caravan



Social Media and the Unit 30 Airstream Club

By David Robshaw

Facebook group page administrator and ACI webmaster

The past year has shown that social media technology, particularly its ability to connect users virtually, is increasingly important to us. As COVID's interference in our basic human drive to socialize settled like a fog upon us, the social media platforms we used before – either not at all, sparingly, or used and took for granted – gained popularity and increased importance in connecting us to our friends and loved ones during pandemic protocols designed to keep us safe and alive. For many, social media provided some light in otherwise dark days.

Our Unit 30 Airstream Club made excellent use of social media technology, too! Soon after the lockdowns began, our membership quickly reconnected during regularly scheduled Zoom meetings (thanks to Michael and Stephanie!). Relatively new to the club, it was a great way for my wife Linda, and I, to get to know many of you.

The Executive Board recognized the burgeoning value of social media technology and committed to broadening our membership and to disseminating club news rapidly by revitalizing our web and social media platform presence. As one of the Facebook group page administrators, I can tell you this approach is working. Interest in the Facebook group page membership continues to rise steadily, and I've noted many more individual interactions and new members, too!

For lots of good reasons, there are many who are distrustful of social media, especially Facebook. While there are certainly potential hazards incumbent with the use of any social media platform, your Facebook group page administrators (there are four of us) and your Unit 30 Executive Board are committed to your ability to safely interact with each other using this technology. Regarding Facebook, there are simple steps each of us can take to ensure personal privacy, namely, adjusting the settings on our "profile."

I recently conducted a Zoom meeting for our membership to discuss ways to maximize our use of the Wandering Labs tool. It resulted in some positive feedback, so soon, I'll offer a similar "webinar" to discuss using Facebook, and how to adjust the settings on the platform to maximize your personal privacy and safety.

I'm a fan of social media because I believe that, used effectively, it allows us to share real information – often important – in real time. This is obviously valuable in disseminating club communications and updates about virtually everything, from upcoming rallies and events, to updated emergency contact information during a caravan or rally. It's also fun! Sharing photos of our group members or our rigs is a great way to enjoy membership, and to stay connected with each other.

If you're using the group's Facebook page, awesome! If you're still unsure about it, be sure to join us for the webinar, date and time TBA (soon). As always, if you have a question or suggestion about this topic, please feel free to reach me privately.

David & wife Linda



Current South Florida Members

New Member Update

Congratulations and welcome to all our new members who joined us for our unit caravan. We all had so much fun getting to know each other. Some came for all 4 parks and others came and went at different stops depending on their schedule or availability at the campground. Coming to a rally allows you to meet us and find out lots of information on using your rig. Maintenance questions were addressed, and lots of tricks on how to book reservations at different campgrounds were also shared.

Those of you who have not come yet to one of our rallies, come and get to know the “family” of like-minded people of Airstream who can help you get the most out of your membership. If you have any questions on your membership, call me at



Beth Racavich 954-648-7771

berthe.racavich@gmail.com

Our Newest Members Who Attended the Four State Parks Caravan on March 8-19, 2021



Steve & Jean Souder



Chuck & Vicki Wasson



Thomas & Eileen Progar/ Schuff



Jim & Deborah Harris



Jim Harris

Member News - South Florida Airstream Club Paynes Prairie State Park May 20-24, 2021

Paynes Prairie State Park is located in Micanopy, Florida and is designated as a National Natural Landmark. A year ago our club planned a rally here for May 20-24, 2021. Our group of 17 people will be going on 2 tours: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park, a Florida Homestead and Dudley Farm Historic State Park, demonstrating the evolution of Florida farming. There will be plenty of food opportunities and free time to explore the park, Micanopy and Gainesville areas.



Donna Laurie Logistics Team

Member News - South Florida Airstream Club Halloween Pumpkin Fest October 13-18, 2021

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BLAST OFF

With the Airstream Club of South Florida to our *Halloween Pumpkin Fest October 13th-18th*.

We hope that you will be able to join us as we visit the Space Coast as we camp at Wickham Park in Melbourne Florida. Just a stone's throw away (32 miles to be exact) from the Kennedy Space Center.



Drawing by Steve Souder

There is so much to do and see on the Space Coast.

Wickham Park

Located inside Wickham Park is a wonderful location for RV and tent camping on Florida's beautiful Space Coast. This campground boasts an amazing array of amenities. The 133 campsites offer water, electric and sewer. There are eight picnic pavilions, an amphitheater, restrooms, showers, laundry facilities and a dump station. In addition to two unguarded swimming lakes, and a youth campground, there are trails for walking, jogging, hiking and cycling. Wickham Park offers a dog park, multiple athletic fields, and volleyball courts. Additional activities include fishing, an 18-hole disc golf course, archery, horseshoes and horseback riding.

Our "mission" is to have a blast! So we hope that you will join us on our journey to the Space Coast.

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Melbourne, FL 32935
[\(321\) 255-4307](tel:3212554307)

<https://registration.brevardfl.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html?module=RN&primarycode=WICKH>



Lewis Fogel
Logistics Team

Happy Birthday



January	
Bill Racavich	5
Susan Quintana	9
Nai Carlson	13
Caroline Stone-Zimmer	14
Barbara Colson	18
Julie Nicholas	26
February	
Sarajane Towndrow	3
Dave Perrucci	19
March	
Pat Jones	8
Jim Nicholas	18
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
Lewis Fogel	19
Tom Tisdell	20
July	
Donna Laurie	5
Tom Towsley	7
Bob Richardson	20
August	
Harry Gonzalez	3
Jackie Tisdell	13
Sandra Gonzalez	16
John Frerking	25
Charlie May	27
September	
Tom Carlson	7
Judi Fogel	10
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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Fran & Dave Perrucci	4
Laurie & Pat Jones	5
Tom & Sissy Towsley	12
John & Victoria Magnacca	25
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Jackie & Tom Tisdell	2
Patricio & Essy Donoso	12
Gay & Bob Konnagan	13
Harry & Sandra Gonzalez	18
Tony & Donna Laurie	21
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Judi & Lewis Fogel	8
Bob & Bernice Richardson	25
August	
Bill & Beth Racavich	5
John & Eileen Frerking	8
Myra & Max Joseph	28
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November	
Ruth & Stewart Dunkel	4
Charles & Jane May	12
December	
Tom & Nai Carlson	23
BJ & Jack Glouner	31

If you would like to have your birthdays or anniversaries posted here, please send info to: Tony Laurie

UPCOMING 2021 RALLIES

Judy Harrison, President 813-928-1536
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March 8-19, 2021 Four Florida State Parks Caravan
This caravan covers four Florida state parks, as follows:

March 8-11 **Anastasia SP** Near St. Augustine,
March 11-14 **Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center SP**
Near White Springs

March 14-16 **Torreya SP** Near Bristol Florida
March 16-19 **Three Rivers State Park** Near Sneads
Members may attend some or all of the days. Please let
Judy Harrison know your campsite # jih6905hot@gmail.com
Reservations through: ReserveAmerica.com

April 21-24, 2021 Region 3 Rally North Florida Fair-
grounds, 4421 Paul Russell Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32301
There will be 30 Amp and some 50 Amp electric, and water
hookups. A few sewer sites. At this time, don't contact the
fairgrounds for a campsite. More info will be available soon.

May 20-24, 2021 Spring Rally Paynes Prairie SP
100 Savannah Blvd, Micanopy, FL 32677
Reservations through: ReserveAmerica.com
Reserve Now for 4 nights. Rally Details TBA in an email.

July 17-24, 2021 International Rally Wilson County Fair-
grounds 945 E Baddour Parkway Lebanon, Tennessee.
Located about 25 miles east of downtown Nashville.

August - Family Reunion TBA

October 13-18, 2021 Pumpkin Fest Wickham Park
Campground 2500 Parkway Dr., Melbourne, FL 32935
Call (321) 255-4307 to make reservations for 5 nights.
Rally Details TBA

December 2-6, 2021 Installation Rally & Christmas Party
Bring PEPPi gifts Date & Location TBA



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