



# GOOD LIFE NEWS

Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27

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## President's Points

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I can't believe two months have passed since Susan Poole published and Randy Godfrey distributed the May Issue of "Good Life News". We departed from the Highland Hammock Rally for a 6-month cross country adventure in our officially registered Airstream, the Rolling Toaster III. We are currently camped at Gowen Field RV Park in Boise, Idaho, to visit with our oldest son Morgan, who we haven't seen for a year and a half (due to Covid 19). So far, we've traveled nearly 6 thousand miles and are enjoying an incredible adventure. Maryanne's article and photos lightly chronicle our R/V life these past two months.



Mike & Maryanne Swegles in Shoshone Falls, Idaho

Since our departure, the Florida Airstream Club had been busy in our absence. Larry and Linda Scovotto hosted their rally in Key West. Our Executive Board, with 1st VP Bob Masters taking the lead, has continued working on updates to our FAC Constitution, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, and Rally Guidelines.

Our Nominating Committee (headed by 1st VP Bob Masters and assisted by 2nd VP Larry Scovotto, Immediate Past President Steve Oppel & Community Project Chair Chris Allen) is put together a slate of officers and committee chairpersons for 2022. We will vote on them at our annual business meeting at Daytona, FL in October.

I am awed by the dedication of all our current club officers who carry out their areas of responsibility so ably in my absence, as I'm kept apprised of all that is going on mostly thorough e-mail and a few phone calls. Thank you all for all that you do for our club.

I hope everyone is able to enjoy easier travel this summer as we move out of the recent challenges placed on us by the world-wide pandemic. I encourage everyone to travel safely, keeping your lug nuts torqued, tire pressures monitored, and your silver sides up!

Mike Swegles  
President Florida Airstream Club

# Merchandise Web Site Open!



## The Florida Airstream Club Merchandise Web Site is now open!

T-shirts, hoodies, hats, bandanas, tote bags, etc. with the Florida Airstream logo (in a variety of materials, sizes and colors) are now available for ordering online. Now is the time to get ready for future rallies with your very own Florida Airstream Club logo apparel.

The web site is: <https://shop.spreadshirt.com/florida-airstream-club/>

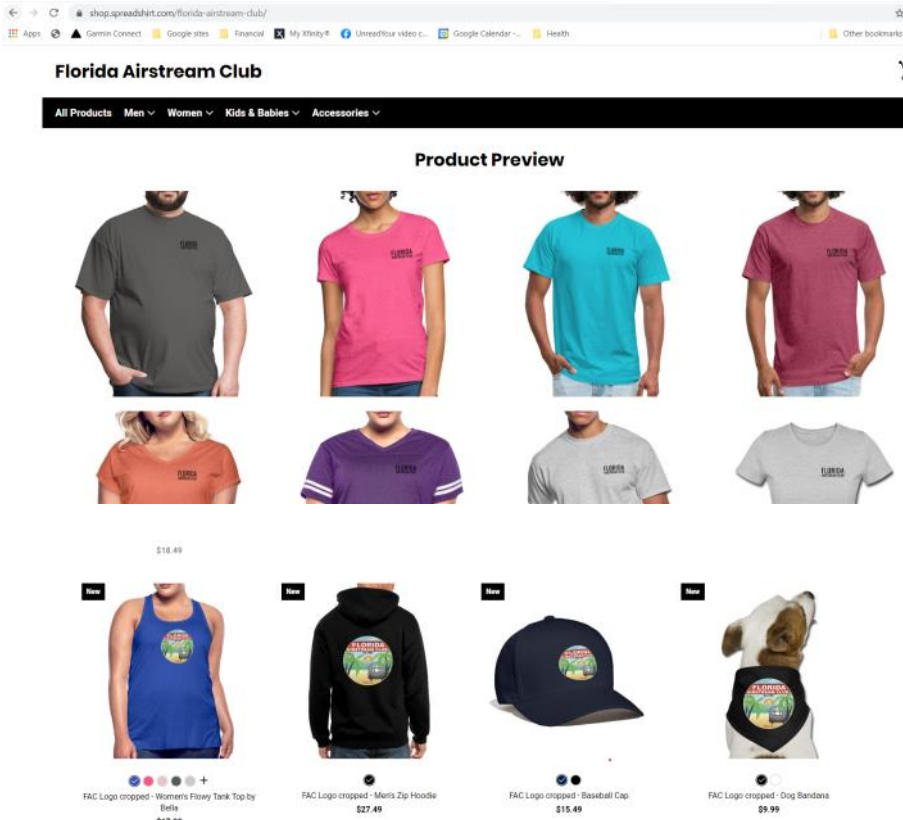
Just a reminder, refer to their measurement guidelines to help order the correct size of apparel. As with any clothing line, sizes vary by product/vendor. But don't worry, upon ordering you will receive return instructions if the item does not meet your expectations. It is that easy!

*NEW!! Apparel with the Florida Airstream Club logo is available for ordering online!*

A special thank you goes out to Pam Rawn who worked hard to make this web site happen. Pam and her husband Dave are affiliate members of the Florida Airstream Club with their home club in Minnesota where they live. Pam is a great example of how important volunteers are to our club as she gave her time and talents to make this site a reality.

I can't wait to see what new logo items show up when we get together again at club activities. Happy Shopping!

Chris Allen, (904) 534-9896



# Tech Tips for Cooler Air

It is summer and of course it is hot. Not too long ago we noticed our 30' Classic (2018) trailer was hotter inside than usual. We were sitting in the full sun with 30 amp service, so we could only use one AC unit. We checked the diffusers and the vents were open (pictured right). We looked at the return air grills (lower left) and there was no visible dust since we brush or vacuum the outside regularly.



Later, when we got home, I did a closer inspection. I held my finger up to the return air grills and felt no movement. So, I removed the screws holding the return air grills in place and pulled them off. Be careful, the screws are little and easily dropped. Use a screw driver not a screw gun. You don't want to strip any threads.

Fine dirt had collected on the inside of the screens and the filters were clogged (lower right shows before and after cleaning). It needed washing with soap and water and light brushing with a tooth brush. The screen snaps into little tabs on the back of the grill. Be careful with those because they are soldered on and can be broken off. Also clean the screens for the second AC if you have one.



AC Diffusers

So, remember, check the diffusers and both sides of the return air grills regularly. Clean 'em, and reinstall 'em. Have a *cool* day and night!

David Poole



Return air grills (outside)



Inside screen filters: before and after cleaning



# Westward HO! Trip Report by the Swegles

Just after the Highland Hammock rally, we hit the road in the Rolling Toaster III for our **Westward Ho** trip. I purchased a subscription to *RVLife* so that I could manage this trip. The *RV Trip Wizard* is a virtual RV trip planner, that includes reviews and RV friendly GPS. Since we started the reservation process in 2020 and would be on the road for 6 months, it was vitally important to be able to organize the details (which could easily overwhelm). As of this writing, we have been traveling for 2 months, and can without reservation, lol, endorse this suite of tools

I also receive weekly emails from *RV Lifestyle*, and from that I learned about the *Drive Weather App*, which was very useful as we navigated through Tornado Alley in April-May. We had to adjust our trip around some dangerous weather. We also had to drop reservations around Natchez in order to avoid the flooding and tornado concerns in that area.

Through *RV Lifestyle*, I purchased their personally curated *7-Day Adventure Guide for Southern Utah*, so that we could plan for a great stay in that magical state. We spent nearly two weeks in the southern part of the state, and next time I would plan for four! If you are heading that

way, may I suggest not missing out on Kodachrome Basin SP, and Coral Pink Sand Dunes SP, both were just fantastic. Lastly, Harvest Hosts has enriched our journey, and provided a safe and interesting place to rest in the gaps, when we had no reservations and needed to add in some flex time between stays at campgrounds.

We are currently in Idaho, in the heat wave. But it's a dry heat! Our son, who lives in Boise, took us on quite the adventure yesterday, kayaking down the Boise River. Our kayaks took a beating, I have more grey hairs now, Gigi had a spill in 59 degree river water, but we stayed cool as the air temps were nearing 100. Making family memories...

One last tool...*Mountain Grade Directory*. It maps out and describes the mountain grades, so you can plan ahead, which is helpful for those Nervous Nellies like me. That is when I click on my audiobook, as we ascent/descend, thank you Libby and Overdrive, so I can get lost in the story and forget my fear of heights as we climb up and down those mountains. Listening to a good book is a great way to unwind when you have finally arrived at your destination and ready to de-stimulate from the day's excitement.

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable summer, life almost back to normal post-Covid. See you at Daytona, God willing.  
Maryanne and Mike Swegles



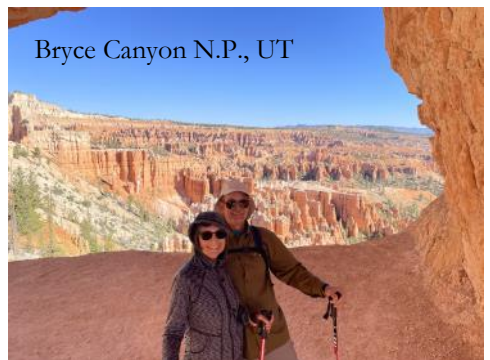
Horseshoe Bend, AR



Kodachrome Basin S.P., UT



Mantua poppy fields at Box Elder Campground in Northern Utah



Bryce Canyon N.P., UT

*There's an App for that!"*

# Trip Report: The Reed's at Carrabelle Beach, FL



*The beaches, fishing, and seafood are great at this little RV resort on the Gulf Coast.*



Gerald and I went to Carrabelle Beach RV Resort in Carrabelle, FL for our 54th anniversary. The beaches were great. Gerald spent a lot of time fishing as well. The businesses and people are recovering from hurricanes and the COVID-19 lockdown, so they are still working hard to get back open. The food and service were great. The little restaurants look like dives but inside the hospitality was wonderful. We ate lots of seafood such as crab, oysters, shrimp, and lots and lots of grouper. We even fired up our Dutch oven and made chicken pot pie as a break from seafood.

It's a great little RV resort. Spacious sites and very, very clean. However, the yellow flies (deer flies) were out to get us in the evening. We were advised to spray Australian Gold sun tan bronzer on and when we did, behold, they did not bite us! We found something new I think.

This resort is too small for a rally and they don't have a club house. But we recommend it for those who want a pretty place to vacation on the Gulf Coast (east of Apalachicola, FL)  
Meriam and Gerald Reed



# Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2021

Date	Rally Location and Campground	Hosts and Rally Registration
Jul. 17-24 2021	<b>64<sup>th</sup> International Rally</b> Wilson County Fairgrounds Lebanon, TN <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/node/45470">https://airstreamclub.org/node/45470</a>	Check website for more info <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon">https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon</a>
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 and 10 more nearby.	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>
<del>Dec. 2-5, 2021</del>	<b>Cracker Christmas Rally - Cancelled</b> <del>Fort Christmas, Christmas FL</del> <del>Reservations: No need to contact campground. Just register online</del> <i>Per Fort Christmas website and manager: "Programs and tours remain suspended".</i>	Steve & Laura Kane, Masters & Swegles <a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a> Cohosted by Masters & Swegles
Dec. 6-10, 2021	<b>Winter Murder Mystery 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 at [airstreamclub.org](https://airstreamclub.org) (see links above). It really helps the Hosts to know who is coming so they can plan and send updates. If you need to cancel or make changes, then email the Hosts. ACI members from any club are welcome to attend. Rally fees are typically \$20 per person. More details are available in this newsletter or from Rally Hosts.



# 2022 Florida Airstream Club Rallies



Cracker Christmas Rally, Ft. Christmas 2019

Since participation at recent rallies has increased, we want to make sure our club members receive the first notification of future rallies so that they have a better advantage to secure campsites before the rally details are published on the Airstream Club International (ACI) website. The 2022 rally schedule has been approved by the Executive Board and was sent on June 29 to FAC regular and affiliate members through an email blast.

The rally schedule for 2022 is complete except for one month: September. Two of our members worked diligently with the Miami Everglades RV Resort in Homestead, Florida to set up a rally in September, 2022 but

unfortunately due to a travel conflict they will not be able to host the rally. All the groundwork is done, we just need someone to step in to finish the rally negotiations with the park and then host the rally.

This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our South Florida members to host a rally near their home. If you are interested, please email Bob & Lyn Masters. We can put you in touch with the folks who began the rally planning at the resort. They would be delighted to share all of their contact information with you.

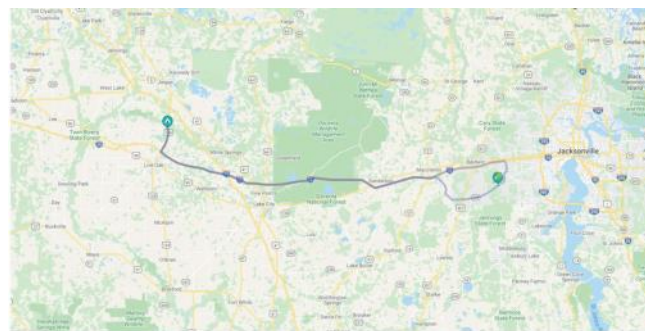
On the other hand, if you know of another site in South Florida where you would like to host a rally in September, please let us know. An excellent alternative location is Jonathan Dickinson State Park just north of Jupiter. For further information the FAC Rally Planning Guide is available on the club website <https://airstreamclub.org/florida>. If you have ideas but need help with the planning, let us know and we can help.

We hope to see you all at a rally in the near future.  
Bob & Lyn Masters  
[blmasters@icloud.com](mailto:blmasters@icloud.com).

## Trip Planning Apps

Have you tried one of these trip planning software apps? Several members have been using them in the past year and are recommending them. It is worth repeating because new ones or new features are available. Some are free and some have an annual subscription. Most will list campgrounds along the route you specify; some will also provide reviews and assist with the booking process.

- All Stays <https://www.allstays.com/apps/>
- Campendium, <https://www.campendium.com/>
- Campspot [campspot.com](https://www.campspot.com).
- Dyrt <https://thedyrt.com/trips>
- Roadtrippers <https://roadtrippers.com/>
- Road Trip Planner <https://www.myscenicdrives.com/road-trip-planner>
- RV Trip Wizard. <https://www.rvtripwizard.com/>



Stop	Mi/hr	Milest	Cost	Total	Arrive	Depart	Location	Revised	Notes	Lat/Long
Thu 01/01/20 - Jacksonville, FL Jacksonville Equine Center	0		\$0		Thu 01/01/20	Thu 01/09/20	13611 Normandy Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32221, Jacksonville, FL, 32221		<a href="http://www.campgri.com/locations/jacksonville-equine-center">http://www.campgri.com/locations/jacksonville-equine-center</a>	30.24237 -81.90561
Thu 01/01/20 - Live Oak, FL Spirit of the Everglades State Park and Campground	73	4	\$517	\$53	Thu 01/01/20	Mon 01/05/20	3576 W6th St, Live Oak, FL, 32060		<a href="http://www.campgri.com/locations/spirit-of-the-everglades-state-park-and-campground">http://www.campgri.com/locations/spirit-of-the-everglades-state-park-and-campground</a>	30.9927 -82.19437
Mon 01/05/20 - Jacksonville, FL Jacksonville Equine Center	73	117	\$20	\$53	Mon 01/05/20	Mon 01/09/20	13611 Normandy Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32221, Jacksonville, FL, 32221		<a href="http://www.campgri.com/locations/jacksonville-equine-center">http://www.campgri.com/locations/jacksonville-equine-center</a>	30.24237 -81.90561
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$537</b>	<b>\$53</b>	<b>TOTAL/DAY: \$134</b>	<b>STOPS: 3</b>				

Trip Notes:

# 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)

*Updates are in red font.*

**Rally Sites – All of Section C -- 20 Back-in Sites plus 15 more nearby (up to 35) [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. **Be sure to check emails from me and provide the information requested by the campground to confirm your reservation.**



**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

State Park fee for Oversized Vehicle is \$12.00

**Rally fee per adult \$20-25 (children <18 free).**

Register with hostess at <https://airstreamclub.org/jewel-south-jekyll-island-rally>. **Then email your contact information and rig information to her.**

**Hostess:** Selena Smith  
[smithselenaj@gmail.com](mailto:smithselenaj@gmail.com)

**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 ...** 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" **Bring items to donate for Fisher House Auction (time TBA)**

**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**



# Carolina Balloon Fest, Oct. 15-17, 2021

Please join members of the Southeastern Camping, Carolinas, South Carolina Coastal, Florida, and other Airstream Clubs from Region 3 and beyond for the Carolina BalloonFest Rally in Statesville, NC, October 15-17, 2021. The festival will be located on the south side of Statesville Regional Airport. More information and the schedule of events is available at: <http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com/>

RV Parking is next to the festival venue on a grass field at 531 Old Airport Road, Statesville, NC. Parking permits are for **dry camping only**; no electric, sewer, or water services on site. Standard RV parking prices are \$150 in advance for Friday and Saturday night, and it includes 2 Weekend Passes good for all 3 days of the festival. The festival has reserved 20 spots for the Airstream Rally, but **advance payment and a signed application are required to reserve your space.**

*Mail advance payment and signed application by Aug. 1 to reserve your space.*



1. Register on the password-controlled page to reserve a parking space in the Airstream section. Please email me with your name and WBAC number to obtain the password, then sign up at <http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com/wally-byam-airstream-portal.html> **This web portal is for use by Airstream Rally participants only. Please do not distribute it to non-attendees.**
2. Download the RV Parking application from <http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com/rv-camping.html>, write "Airstream Rally" on the application, sign the release, attach a check, and mail it to the address on the application **by Aug. 1, 2021.** Upon acceptance, a formal email confirmation and package will be sent to the applicant.

Hope to see you there!

Al Waschka

[awaschka@bellsouth.net](mailto:awaschka@bellsouth.net)



# Daytona Beach / Annual Meeting Rally Oct. 21-25,

Our October 2021 Rally will be at the International RV Park, 3175 W. International Speedway Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL. Full hookup is \$30 per night. Rally Registration is \$20 per person (children under 18 free).

We plan to have an auction benefitting The Fisher House on Saturday evening. Please bring any items you would like to have included in the auction. Also, if you have a grill and/or pop-up canopy and have room to bring them to the rally, we can use them for meal events.

Register at <https://airstreamclub.org/2021-daytona-beach-annual-meeting-rally> Do NOT call the campground. When you register the host will make your campground reservation.

## Text Notifications

Please sign up to receive text notification about scheduling changes or emergency information. At the end of the rally, your phone number will be deleted from the system. Do not sign up more than once. If you do, your cell number will be deleted from the system.

### Call-In Information:

Call: 844-292-2290 and follow the prompts. PIN: 1021

### Text-In Information:

Text: 844-292-2290 Keyword: type **octrally** in the message box and send

Linda and Larry Scovotto  
[floridalarry@me.com](mailto:floridalarry@me.com)  
(386) 405-0160



*At the annual meeting  
we will vote for the  
2022 Executive Board nominees  
(who will be posted in the  
September newsletter)  
so please plan on attending.*



## Preliminary schedule

**Thursday – 10/21/21** – Arrival

4:30 pm – Happy Hour

5:30 pm – Club Hosted Dinner

**Friday 10/22/21**

Breakfast on Your Own

8:30 am – Group Departure for Cracker Creek (Optional Event - see below)

4:30 pm – Happy Hour

Open Evening

**Saturday – 10/23/21**

8:00 am – 9:30 am – Continental Breakfast Sponsored by SkyMed

10:00 am – Annual Meeting

4:30 pm – Happy Hour

5:30 pm – Campground Sponsored Dinner (Hawaiian Themed) and Auction in support of the Fisher House.

**Sunday – 10/24/21**

8:00 am – Club Sponsored Breakfast

Open Day

4:30 pm – Happy Hour

6:00 pm – Grilling Night

**Monday – 10/25/21** – Departure

## Optional Event

**Friday – 10/22/21**

Cracker Creek [<http://crackercreek.com>]

1795 Taylor Road

Port Orange, FL 32128

(386) 304-0778

Cost is \$18 per person and will be collected on-site.

8:30 am – Depart Campground

9:00 am – 10 am – Registration

10:00 am – 11:00 am – Eco-History Pontoon Boat Tour

11:00 am – 12:00 pm – Tour of Historic Gamble Place [<http://crackercreek.com/gamble-place/>]

12:30 pm – Lunch in Pavilion – Bring your own food and beverages

Afternoon to enjoy grounds or kayak/canoe Spruce Creek. Launch fee of \$5 is included in \$18 tour fee. Canoes and kayaks are available for rental.

## Daytona Beach / Annual Meeting Rally (continued)

Other Things to do around Daytona. . .

Museum of Arts and Sciences [<https://www.moas.org>]

DeLeon Springs State Park

[<https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/de-leon-springs-state-park>]

Downtown Deland [<https://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/deland.html>]

Daytona Beach [<https://www.daytonabeach.com>]

Historical Sites [<https://www.daytonabeach.com/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/historical-sites/>]

Daytona Flea and Farmers Market

[<https://www.daytonabeach.com/things-to-do/shopping/flea-markets/>]



## Mary's Fish Camp, Nov. 4-7, 2021

Located on the Gulf Coast on Mud River, Mary's Fish Camp represents old Florida and beautiful nature scenery like no other. The Mud River is fed by 2 natural springs and Weeki Wachee River just before the mouth hits the Gulf of Mexico.

You can paddle the river, Weeki Wachi springs, or out to the gulf. You can also fish from the bulkhead for mullet and win the Golden Mullet or Rosta Ruck (rotten luck) awards!

Call the campground (352) 597-3474 to make your reservation. If it's full, leave your name on waiting list as last minute changes can occur. Or consider staying in one of their cabins.

Address: 8092 Mary's Fish Camp Rd,  
Weeki Wachee, FL 34607

After your reservation is confirmed, register at  
<https://airstreamclub.org/marys-fish-camp-rally-1>

Hosts: Steve Oppel, Tim George, and Jeff Krabel  
[oppels@gmail.com](mailto:oppels@gmail.com) 763-670-8771





# Winter Murder Mystery Rally at Stink Weed Farm, Dec. 6-10, 2021

Please join us this year at the Winter Murder Mystery Rally at Stink Weed farm. It is 10 miles or so north of Tallahassee, outside the small town, Havana, Florida (on 281 Potter Woodberry Road). It is an old tobacco farm, over 250 acres, with wonderful facilities, gorgeous views and a variety of things to do on property. You won't want to leave!

We will arrive Monday Dec. 6th and leave Friday the 10th, or any of the days you can make it. There will be a \$25 rally fee per person and \$25 per night camping fee, payable upon arrival, please.

This year we will have all of our normal outside activities along with a multi-day "Murder Mystery" game we can all play and try to figure out (the winner gets a prize!!) There will also be a music festival, group dinners, breakfasts, and a few great activities including art, literature, hiking, and more!

We already have 25 rigs signed up, and we are looking to have a cap of 50 rigs this year. There are 25 spots left for full boon docking; bring your own generator. There is a dump station and restroom that we can use to make it easier to conserve.

*Come and find out what the  
(pretend) Murder Mystery Game  
is all about!*



It'll be a fun week, even more fun than last year, now that we know what's there and what we can plan!! We hope to see you there!! Pictures are scenes from the 2020 rally. Register on our website at

<https://airstreamclub.org/winter-holiday-stinkweed-farm-rally>

Hosted by Steve and Laura Kane  
[stevekaneproductions@gmail.com](mailto:stevekaneproductions@gmail.com)



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

## Dec. 29, 2021 to Jan. 3, 2022

Even though this rally is several months out, we have already started planning for it. Currently we have 10 rigs scheduled to be there. We are hoping that more of you will score a spot between now and then! Remember to sign up for <https://reserve.wanderinglabs.com/> and donate a bit of money to them so they will send you text message alerts. Texts seem to go through quicker than emails. \$20 in our mind is worth the service to get the spot you need.

We have decided to have an alternate campground as well, since the state park is tough to get into. The St. Augustine KOA is only 5 mins away and gets good reviews on Google, the KOA website, and Campedum. So due to the closeness and the reviews we have chosen this as the next best spot. Unfortunately, due to the time of the year the manager is unable to give any discounts. However, they have a generous cancellation policy which will be helpful for those that have an alert out for the state park through Wanderinglabs. As long as you cancel by 4pm 2 days before your scheduled arrival you receive all but \$10 back from your deposit. Here is there website: <https://koa.com/campgrounds/st-augustine-beach/> (I do recommend always double checking their cancellation policy when you reserve just in case it hasn't changed for some reason due to the "craziness" of the times.) You may have to call to reserve as the 2022 rates don't seem to be out yet on the website, but I did speak to a manager about us using it as an alternate location.

I encourage you please reach out to other members if you have to cancel at either location, so we can insure we have as many Airstreamers at the rally as possible. It is a busy time of the year for St. Augustine.

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



We are currently planning a private trolley tour for our group. The cost would be \$22.00 if we could collect all of the money ahead, then pay with one payment. This would need 20 people commit to it. Otherwise it is \$28.99 per person (but it would still be a private tour if we had 20 people) So please reach out to us via email if you would be interested in participating in a 1 hour 9 mile St. Augustine Trolley tour. They would even have a shuttle to pick us up from the state park included in the above prices. So there are no worries to find a place to park. After the tour you get to ride the trolley and get on and off as many times as you would like to. The shuttle would take you back to the state park.

<https://www.trolleytours.com/st-augustine>

We are also looking at setting up a group lunch at a local restaurant after the trolley tour. So let us know if you would be interested in that so we can explore further options as well.

The other two activities as of right now that we are looking at is the Alligator Farm tour which if we have 10 people sign up it would be \$20/per person. This is really close to the State Park as well.

<https://www.alligatorfarm.com/> Also, a guided kayak tour from the State Park through the Salt Run water body is another activity we are working on.

One evening tour that could be taken up by anyone is the Night of Lights tour on the trolley. Currently their policy due to COVID is that you have to reserve one row and it costs \$56.99 whether you have one person or four.

<https://www.visitstaugustine.com/event/nights-lights>

There are many other tours you could take as well...we will list those in upcoming newsletters.

We have some ideas for New Year's as well, but if anyone has any suggestions please feel free to reach out to us at [brennaandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:brennaandjoe@gmail.com). We are looking forward to having a great time in St. Augustine!

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.

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# Welcome New Members!



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

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# Welcome New Members and Transfers (cont)



*If you would like your picture (with or without your Airstream) included in the next newsletter, please send it to the newsletter editor (susyqmeetup14@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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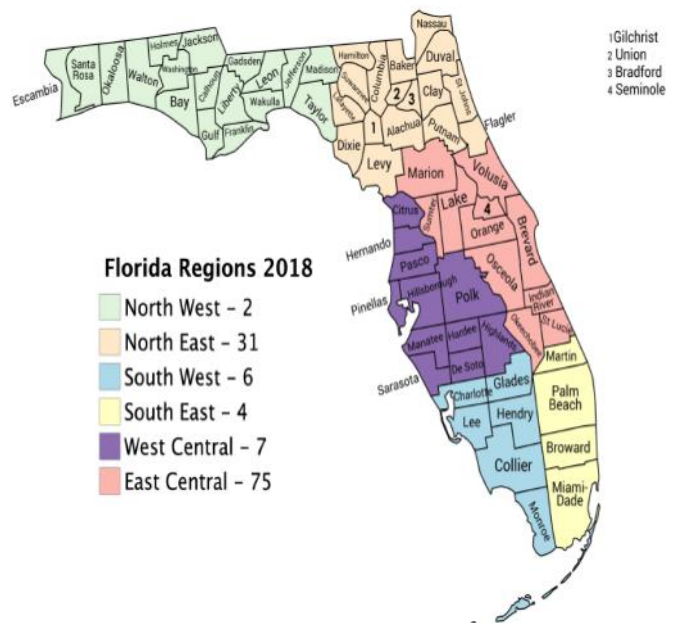
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Please contact one of us if you have questions.

Larry Scovotto, Mentoring Chair

## FACEBOOK

Connect with members on this club's Facebook page "[THE Florida Airstream Club 027](#)" (available to members only). Be aware there is another page with a similar name which is open to anyone. Look for the one with our logo.



## Community Project: Fisher House Foundation

Thank you all for your contributions and support of our fundraising efforts at our Rally at Highland Hammock State Park, hosted by Bob & Lyn Masters and the Key West Rally hosted by Larry and Linda Scovotto. We raised a combined total of \$1,246.00 from these back-to-back Rallies. This brings our new total for the year of collected donations to \$3,548.50 for our community project, the Fisher House.

We had some key auction donations at these rallies. Thank you to Gary Mahan who donated some of his original painting, David Poole & Jeff Krabel for their donations of woodworking items, Trevor Mansell & Susie Huffman for their donation of a case of honey from their personal honey farm, and for all of you that brought items

*Total donations for the year so far are \$3,548.50, which already exceeds last year!*

for our fun filled auction. Our auctioneers Larry Scovotto and Steve Kane entertained us throughout the auction with their many talents. Thank you to everyone that made this happen. If you didn't find what you were looking for at past auctions be ready for more auctions at future rallies where you will find many treasures. As always, all proceeds go 100% to the Fisher House.

As a reminder, we are still selling club stickers, RV stickers in white & silver, name tag magnets, lanyards, wooden joker sets, handcrafted by Jeff Krabel and window opening tools donated by Bob Masters. Please see me at future rallies if you are interested in any of these items.

Do you have an idea for a future fundraiser? Have you come up with a must have tool that would benefit other campers? Please let me know. We would love to incorporate your ideas in future initiatives to increase our donations. I can be reached at email:

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Chris Allen, Community Project Chair



## Sunshine Committee Report

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

**Frank Carson** has been hospitalized for the last 2 weeks. He's had a pacemaker, open heart surgery and triple bypass. His wife Joan said he is recovering, but needs our prayers. Please no phone calls. Frank Carson, PO Box 135, Crosswicks, NJ 08515

**Joe Kucowski:** After a routine dental appointment, a spot was found on Joe's tongue. This led to a biopsy and a Pet Scan. It was found he has non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. If all goes well his treatment will be three infusions and 17 follow up radiation treatments. He should then have time to recover and be cancer free. We are thankful for prayers and God's grace to have caught this at a treatment level. Per his wife Betty, Joe is in good spirits and keeps busy building doll houses. Hope to see everyone in January

2022 at Land Yacht Harbor. Address: Joe Kucowski, 46 Chesterfield-Georgetown Road, Chesterfield, NJ 08515

If you would like someone to be included in the next newsletter, please send it to **Debbie Oppel** at [deb@declutteredbydeb.com](mailto:deb@declutteredbydeb.com) or call (763) 670-8772



# Florida Airstream Club, ACI Region 3, Unit 27



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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 (ACI)**

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/ACI club and want to become an affiliate of Florida Airstream Club, download registration form at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida> and mail it with \$10 to Treasurer below.

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