

# FTCAC Pirate FYI's February 2022

### Message from our President – Stephen Keen



Happy February! Robin and I had a great trip in January to Blue Spring State Park. There were over 600 manatees enjoying the springs while we were there! The campground is undergoing some updates to add new comfort stations and some paved sites. Most of the sites were sandy but spacious and included 2-point hook-ups and fire pits. We unfortunately had rig issues and didn't make it to the Vero Beach



Balloon Festival, but Alaina Kupec & Kathy Brennan made it. Looking forward to joining them there next year! We just returned from a non-Airstream trip of a lifetime to the Galapagos Islands. It was a spectacular trip, and we can't wait to show anyone that is interested all our great photos from our hikes and daily snorkeling.

- Stephen





#### **Member Updates**

The Dinneen's Fall Adventure – "We traveled to Joshua Tree and Death Valley National Parks in California and Saguaro East & West National Park in Arizona this past Fall. We decided to take the Mother Road, Route 66 out West. We chose to pick it up in Tulsa, OK and was surprised to meet up with Joe and Sue Smedley at the Road Runner RV Park! They were on their way home from the Southwest Adventure Caravan. It certainly is a small world after all!!

We continued our journey after visiting the Blue whale, the National Cowboy Museum, various RTE66 tourist locations, Murals and The Centennial Land Run Monument & the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial.



There were many cities along ROUTE 66 embracing the history with many unique roadside attractions from the pioneer days.



We were lucky enough to be able to camp at Jumbo Rocks Campground in Joshua Tree and Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley.

Our adventure included many hikes, beautiful sunsets, meeting interesting people and stopping at quirky tourist sites!"

#### **Region 3 Rally**

The 2022 Region 3 Rally is being held at the North Georgia Fairgrounds, in Hiwassee, GA, from April 6-10.

Please reach out to me at <a href="rak225@gmail.com">rak225@gmail.com</a> if you will be attending the Region 3 rally and if you are potentially interested in caravanning there. So far, Robin and Stephen Keen, Lea and Rob Stanton, John Stanton (new FTCAC member and Rob's brother) and Sharon and Joe Moura are planning to attend.

#### **International Rally**

The 2022 International Rally will be in Fryeburg, Maine from July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## FTCAC Spring Rally

Stay tuned ... the search is underway for the date and location for our Spring Rally. More to come soon!

What is happening in your world? Please send any updates or travel stories to Robin at rak225@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.