



TIDEWATER TIDINGS

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Greetings, Tidewater Airstreamers!

Well, our daffodils are beginning to come up so spring can't be far behind.

Frank and I are heading out for our first-ever Caravan in March. We are signed up for the "Rollin to the Big Easy" Caravan which will take us thru Louisiana's

Bayou country ... we will wind up in New Orleans. In early April, we will attend the Region 3 Rally in Hiawasee, GA.

Our Urbanna festival was fun as usual ... lots of great friends, food and firetrucks! And our Christmas extravaganza in Williamsburg was a wonderful time, thank you Joanna and Richard Duncan!

Please remember to send dates of birthdays and special celebrations to our Sunshine Gal, Ellie Worcester (who also doubles as our Recording Secretary!) ... we will publish these in our newsletters.

Remember to reserve your camping sites for next year's rallies ... state parks accept reservations 12 months in advance; Army Corps of Engineers accept

reservations 6 months in advance.

While I am on the subject, Frank and I will not be able to use our reservations at Fort Monroe for weekend of May 13th. If anyone would like our reservations, please contact us.

I am aware of at least 8 Airstreams from our club going to Fryeburg, Maine for the International next year. Greg Worcester is working on a plan (see below) for us to meet outside Fryeburg so that we can enter the International Rally together .. which assures that we will be parked together inside the rally. Please let us know if you plan to go to the International so we can include you in the plans.

Happy Trails, Jayne

Please Join in Welcoming our New Members for 2022

Ann & Harold Fulk
Williamsburg, VA

Ruth Fuller & Michael Schmid.
Irvington, VA

Thomas “Tag” & Jenna Gray
Crewe, VA

Jack and Jean Hogan
Wicomico Church, VA

Debra and David Rollins
Mathews, VA

Sarah and Joe Sanders
Mechanicsville, VA

Allen and Robin Dalton
Roswell, GA

Doug and Heather Moore
Chesapeake, VA

Darin and Lisa Blatner
Virginia Beach, VA

Damian and Tia Leonard
Yorktown, VA

Sherri and Greg Williams
Meadview, AZ

Porter and Trudy Richardson
Chesapeake, VA



Happy Birthday Tidewater Airstream Club Members

If you would like our Sunshine Gal (Ellie Worcester) to wish you a Happy Birthday in our newsletters, please send Ellie your birthday (year will not be mentioned!). She would also like to celebrate special anniversaries or other special events! elworcester1018@gmail.com



On the Road *Highlights of Member Travels*

Alumalina Marion, NC *21-24 October 2021*



In October, we attended our first Alumalina Rally in Marion, NC. Region 3 Past President and long time Airstreamer friend, Tom Leake, with the help of the Palmetto State Airstream Club, once again hosted 120 Airstream rigs to a fantastic fun filled Alumalina 2021 Rally. The rally was held at the Tom Johnson RV Park, in Marion, N.C., which is within minutes of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The 4 day event was packed with 4 days of food, fun, fellowship, seminars, craft fair/flea market, beer swaps, bourbon trails, walking, talking, biking, hiking, grinning, campfires, miles of Aluminum, and lots of paroozing. Tom Johnson Park provided great campsites, row upon row of Airstreams, side by side, back end to back end, in rows. There was lots of open green space, the Catawba River, walking trails, and Camping World all on site. We had a few members from our club in attendance, and we had a great time gathering around the campfire (AKA Solo Stove) each night. We especially enjoyed the Vintage Airstream trailers and there was a good number of them .. one even being towed by an old Woody Station Wagon! Of course, we couldn't miss any seminar led by John Leake, who spoke about towing and safety. And as usual, he didn't disappoint with lots of laughs. Jayne attended a fun lecture by Linda who is a woman who travels in her Airstream alone. Frank and I took an afternoon to hike the beautiful Linville Falls Trail on the Blue Ridge Parkway. A trademark of Alumalina is the fish fry (with all the trimmings) which was once again over the top. We highly recommend attending this rally.

Submitted by Jayne Munoz



Halloween at Holiday Travel Park

Virginia Beach

October 2021



Ellie and a couple old friends planned a low key camping weekend for my birthday – they picked Holiday Travel Park in Virginia Beach. I don't think they knew that each weekend in October the campground has Trick or Treaters roaming around and many high energy activities. There was a costume ball, decorated golf cart parade, campsite decoration contest, and live music. Though it turned out to be more than a low key weekend - it was entertaining. There were some very creative costumes and folks were happy to show them off. We handed out plenty of candy and enjoyed riding our bikes around checking out highly



decorated campsites and RVs. We may not go to one of these events every fall – but once in a while while it's fun to see that old traditions still have an appeal to many.

Submitted by Greg Worcester

Wildwood New Jersey

October 2021

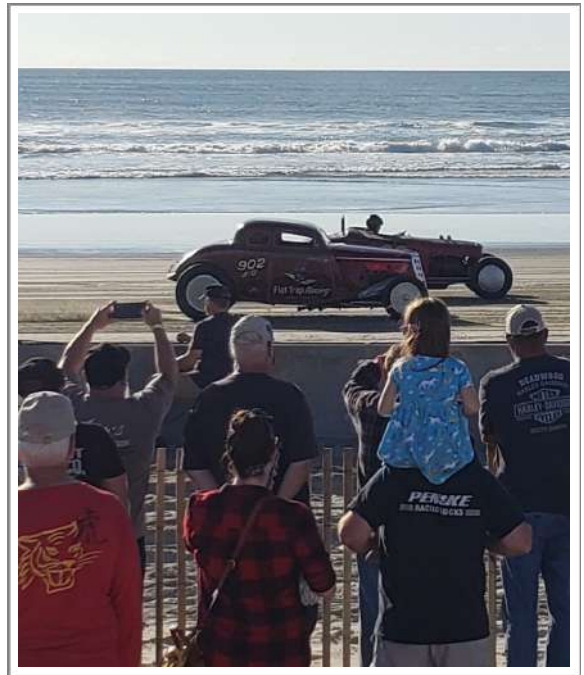


We went up to Wildwood New Jersey for a weekend to watch The Race of Gentlemen. It is an annual event of antique jalopy cars and antique motorcycles drag racing on the beach. It is a very unique event that is run at low tide. We went in 2016 and I estimate there was 500 spectators. This last event I'd guess the event had five times that number. We didn't camp but I was glad to see a vintage Airstream in the mix. We arrived a day early as organizers were setting up. A 60's era Land Yacht Overlander was sitting in the middle of everything set up as a concession stand. Apparently this particular land yacht made

it over the sand with no difficulty. Besides the beach racing there is plenty more excitement to be had. Every night is a cruise night, impromptu car shows pop up in parking lots and on the streets, and several live bands perform over the course of the weekend. The boardwalk and amusement park were in full swing and the race is situated right next door. Hopefully we'll be up there again next year, riding the Delaware Bay ferry again, but with our trailer!

Submitted by Greg Worcester





64th Annual Urbanna, VA Oyster Festival

November 4-7, 2021

The Urbanna Oyster Festival was held Nov 4-7th. Twenty-six Airstreams (from all four Virginia clubs) parked in the field behind the Urbanna Firehouse. This was the first year that our Tidewater Club hosted the rally. Thank you to Frank Munoz for co-ordinating the rally, with a lot of help from Tom Carmichael of the NORVA club. This was the fourth Urbanna Rally that Frank and I have attended, and it is always a good test of our “boon-docking” skills since there are no hookups or facilities available at this privately owned field.

Frank and I arrived on Wednesday to set-up for the arrival of our Airstream friends, who mostly arrived on Thursday (the day before the festival began).

On Thursday evening, we hosted a pot-luck happy hour, where we all re-introduced ourselves and had lots of great conversation and food. Our trailer furnaces and generators got a real workout this weekend as the weather was pretty chilly (high in the low 50's, and down in the 30's at night). The Friday night firemen's parade was as noisy and fun as ever and the Oyster Festival Parade on Saturday (light chilly rain) was highlighted by the Shriner's go karts and floats.

The festival was great. Virginia Avenue was lined with concession booths selling oysters in every way shape and form (raw, roasted, fried, fritters, po-boys) and crab delicacies. There was also corn dogs, funnel cake and bbq if you don't go for the sea-food. I was disappointed that the Middlesex Woman's Club was not selling their delicious crab bisque by the cup (due to Covid?) This year. But they were selling it by the frozen quart, and we bought one. There were lots of crafts, bands played at three different locations. We particularly enjoy the Oyster Shucking Contest, the winner of which goes on to the National Oyster Shucking Contest ... which leads to the World Championship in Galway, Ireland. This year a local woman, the legendary Deborah Pratt, won the contest.

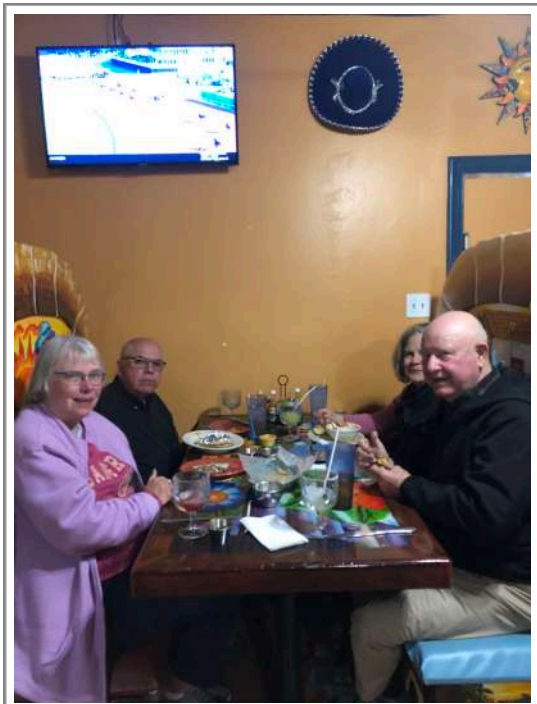
We also enjoyed the historic sailboats and traditional watermen boats at the City marina. The historic 1766 Scottish Factory Store provides a great insight into the history of Urbanna's tobacco and oyster industries.

As usual, our rally was marked by impromptu get-togethers and happy hours outside our trailers by the light and warmth of a fire-ring. And as usual, a great time was had by all!

Submitted by Jayne Munoz







Christmas in Williamsburg

December 11, 2021



Joanna and Richard Duncan organized our holiday “rally” (sans Airstreams) in Williamsburg. Thirty members of the Tidewater Club met at the Abby Rockefeller Museum dedicated to and American galleries from the to the Exhibits carvings,



which is the collection preservation of folk art. Eleven display items 18th century present. include furniture, embroideries,

paintings, toys

and weather

vanes. The highlight of the museum at Christmas time is its Grand Perennial Christmas Tree, adorned with 2,000 amazing hand-made folk ornaments.



At 6pm we all met for dinner at nearby Sal's by Victor Restaurant. When we sat down at our seats in the restaurant, we were all surprised by a wrapped gift. Each couple received a lovely, hand-painted, decouped oyster shell created by Beth Allen . The shells were



provided by her

husband Bill, whose family owned the famous Allen’s Oyster company in Cole’s Point, Va.

Dinner at Sal’s was delicious .. and we had a great time in the spirit of the season. Thank you, Joanna and Richard, for such a great get-together.

Duncan's Florida Winter Escape



Who would have known that an invitation to Disney by our grandchildren in May 2021 would turn out to be the very best idea for January/February 2022! Richard and I enjoyed Disney with the Daley Family then spent the rest of this winter at Land Yacht Harbor in Melbourne enjoying other new Airstream friends.

We had an excellent spot on the Main Street with about 300 Airstreams and others mixed into the park.



The activities here included Woodshop for Richard, line dancing and quilting for Joanna (just ask to see our accomplishments of the weeks) ice cream socials each week, church on Sundays, Krispy Kreme each Thursday and so much "hitch talking".

We quickly got rid of our winter clothes and started out visiting friends throughout the state. On our way we enjoyed the John Ringling Circus Museum, home and art gallery in Sarasota. Next we headed to Ft Myers to reunite with travel friends and Ohio friends, then we headed to Ft. Lauderdale to visit a cousin and attend the Andrea Bocelli concert. On the way across the state we saw many manatees and crocodiles.

On Sanibel island we discovered the pelicans, white and brown, but our favorite was the Roseate Spoonbill Pelican. No more silly flamingos for us!

On days we were back in the park we spent the afternoons at Spessard Holland golf course (Richard) and the Melbourne Beach (Joanna).

We wish you could have all been with us. What is the weather forecast for winter 2023!

Submitted by Richard and Joanna Duncan

TATC to GPS Map Physical Trail Infrastructure at First Landing State Park

In addition to being Airstream owners in waiting, (our Basecamp 20X is scheduled for delivery in March 2022) Rosemary and I are active members in the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club. This club performs trail maintenance on the over 10 miles of the Appalachian Trail and 13 miles of other trails adjacent to the AT. Locally we assist the State parks and City parks with similar maintenance activities. That is how we were asked by FLSP rangers to assist them with a mapping project at the park.

After several months of planning by Ellis Malabad, Margaret Pisone, Dave Plum and FLSP Volunteer Coordinator Tanya Wysoker, TATC volunteers began the task of walking every trail in FLSP and obtaining the location of every bench, memorial bench, boardwalk, bridge, trail head sign, exercise equipment and overlook. The teams also inspected the items, photographed it and assessed the condition and determined what, if any, recommended repairs or maintenance is needed. In addition, if the survey teams saw something that could be considered a hazardous issue, they immediately logged the GPS location, photographed it and sent the information to Tanya who forwarded the information to the appropriate park ranger to deal with.

To get to this point Ellis, Margaret and Dave met with Tanya several times to develop the plan and determine the best method to identify the items. Although this may seem like a straightforward matter, the plan, and the manner in which the data was to be recorded, transmitted and delivered to the park ARC/GIS mapping team took some time because they weren't really sure what they were looking for and how the data would be used.

When completed, the park will be able to pinpoint these items on the Avenza Maps app that currently allows park users to see where they are in the park. If you have not used this cool, FREE mapping App, we recommend you download it to your smart phone from wherever you get your Apps. Many other State Parks in Virginia and across the country also use Avenza Maps, but it is not known if they are doing similar things to augment their map.

TATC teams were formed that consisted of a minimum of three people. Each team set their schedule to hike their selected trail, obtain the data, record it digitally and on paper and then drop the information off at the FLSP trail center before Thanksgiving. It will then be up to the park's staff to get the data into their database and eventually onto the Avenza map for use by the visiting public.

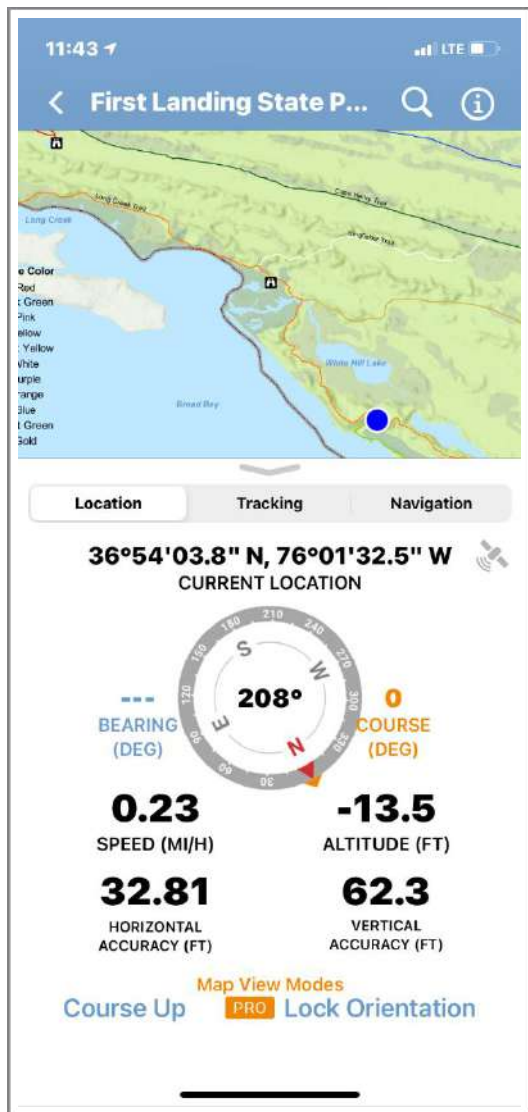
Rosemary Plum selected Long Creek Trail and her team consisted of Mal Higgins, Svetlana Kononov and Dave Plum. On a beautiful Veterans Day morning they met at the Trail Center, discussed who was doing what and made sure everyone understood the form and the mission.

At the end of the 4 hour hike the team collected 37 GPS points of physical improvements, including a somewhat hidden box culvert under the replacement bridge on Long Creek trail, just east of the White Hill Lake trail junction with Long Creek trail. Apparently, this box culvert was originally constructed to allow tidal flow from Broad Bay to enter White Hill Lake and vice versa. Over time, the trail must have been under water many times and the park then constructed the bridge over the box culvert. Check it out on your next hike!

Below is a screen shot of the FLSP Avenza map showing the Longitude and Latitude of the trail junction of Long Creek and the west end of Osprey Trail. The picture is an example of what was submitted to the FLSP

rangers. You can see the trails, mapped in corresponding colors, that match the trail blazes. In some of the views using Avenza there is a small grey circle which must be centered over the blue dot to record the correct location of the map user. The neat feature of Avenza is that it will track your location even if you don't have cell service.

Below are several pictures taken during the Long Creek Trail Hike/survey.



Left: Avenza Screen Capture at Trail Junction with Lat./Long.

Above: Rosemary Recording Data

Below: Box Culvert below Bridge on Long Creek Trail





Left: Svetlana Recording Data at a Trail Post
 Above: Part of the Team posing for a Photo Op.
 Below: Mal and Dave confirming Coordinate

These photos and the writeup is only a small snapshot of all the work that was done at FLSP.. Many thanks go out to all the Team Leaders: Ron Leta, Kaci Midgette, Michelle Cobb, Rosemary Plum, Scott Stufflebeem, George Huebscham, Bill Leber, Diane Leber, Stephanie Stringer, Margaret Pisone, Carolyn Sanford and their crews for volunteering their time an effort to gather this data for the State Park. Ellis Malabad was instrumental in organizing the entire operation and deserves a big Thank You!

Submitted by Dave and Rosemary Plum



Editor's Note: A special thank you to Rosemary and Dave Plum for sharing a great article with us.



Editor's Note: If you have taken a non-club trip with your Airstream and you'd like to share, we'd love to hear from you. All I need is a short write-up describing your adventure and if you have a picture or two that would be great. We all are adventurers and looking for interesting and fun places to explore.



Tidewater Club 111 Events 2022

Camping is good for the spirit and soul!

Editor's note: Reservations are becoming increasingly more difficult to get at popular campgrounds, so I am working to keep a 2 year calendar updated to help with this challenge. Many of the Virginia State Parks allow booking 11 months in advance. If you are interested in hosting an event, please let us know. If you are planning on sponsoring an event, please let me know the details, especially the dates, as soon as possible. If you plan to participate in a rally, please let the sponsor(s) and me (Frank Munoz) know as soon as possible.

February – TBD

March 18 - 20 - **Break-out Rally** - Location - North Landing Campground, Virginia Beach - hosts **Greg Ellie Worcester**.

“Hi everyone. Ellie and I look forward to hosting the First Club 111 Rally of 2022 at North Landing Campground here in Va. Beach. We'll host the Friday night gathering with heavy hors d'oeuvres at our site 314. Saturday night we'll plan on eating out. Sunday AM we'll have bagels n pastries. Please bring your own beverages to our gatherings. The \$10 rally fee per person should cover all food. Any extra \$ is returned to the club treasurer with receipts.

If you are planning to attend the March event - please respond to by email to Greg and Ellie **Greg Worcester <gjlw355@gmail.com>** a final count. We look forward to seeing everyone this year and a great camping season!”

314 – back-in site, Greg and Ellie reserved host site

The sites have full hook-ups. The resort is very nice with plenty to do. Biking, kayaking, mini golf, tennis, pickle ball, spa, fitness room, and big screen movies on Friday nights. Our sites will be close to beach that offers excellent sunset views over the North Landing River.

Ellie and I booked our site for a day early arrival and a day after to leave. The cost was \$223 for four nights. (Discounts available with AAA, AARP, Military). The sooner you book the better the prices.

April 6-9 **Region 3 Rally** - Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, 1311 Music Hall Road, Hiawasee, Fla. Reserve your campsite now by calling 706-896-4191. Mention that you are coming to the WBCCI Region 3 Rally for early registration.

April - **TBD**. Anyone interested in sponsoring a club rally in this month please contact Jayne Munoz - jayne.munoz@verizon.net.

May 13 - 15 - **Ft Monroe Colonies Campground** - This is a small campground so make your reservations early. Good bike riding along the beach. Camp phone # 757-722-2200 - **hosts**

Joyce and Bill Werner. Frank and Jayne Munoz have reserved a full hook-up site for this rally but will not be able to participate. If you are interested in taking our reservation please let us know by email frankmmunoz19@gmail.com as soon as possible.

June 10-12. Belle Isle State Park. hosts TBD. Reservations can be made now for this rally on the Reserve America website. Frank and Jayne Munoz have campsite #5 reserved from Wed 06/08/22 through Mon 06/13/22 (5 nights). Unfortunately we will be unable to participate. If you are interested in taking our reservation please let us know by email frankmmunoz19@gmail.com as soon as possible.

July - TBD - Anyone interested in sponsoring a club rally in this month please contact Jayne Munoz - jayne.munoz@verizon.net.

July 23-29 – 2022 International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine. See the WBCCI website for rally details and registration.

If you plan to attend the International Rally and want to caravan into the International Rally with Tidewater Club members – here is information on a campground nearby (about 10 miles from Fryeburg, ME) where we can all meet prior and caravan into the Rally. Arriving as a group will ensure our club members are parked together.

EASTERN SLOPE CAMP AREA
North Conway, New Hampshire
Call (603) 447-5092
Ask for Michelle

Greg & Ellie are in Site #131 from July 19-23 (4 night minimum for Full Hookups) Or 3 night min for Water & Electric only.

If you plan to attend and join the caravan to the International Rally, let Greg and Ellie know: Greg & Ellie – gjw355@gmail.com

August 8-13 - Old Time Fiddlers Convention. Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA. This an annual event that is well attended and a great week of blue grass music with all the “trimmings”. Region 3 sponsors this event. Contact Christine or Joe Baum baumjc@gmail.com for information.

August 26-28 North Bend Army Corp Of Engineering Campground John Kerr Lake Va. Larry and Rhonda Evans hosts. We will be trying to reserve sites on Loop B of the park. You can make a reservation 6 months out.

September 22-24 Commonwealth Rally Host Club Virginia Airstream Club. Waynesboro 340 North Campground, Waynesboro, VA. You can call and make a reservation now. Phone: (540) 943-9573. Make sure you tell them you are participating in the 2022 Airstream Commonwealth Rally. More information to follow.

October 6-9 – First Landing State Park Virginia Beach - hosts TBD - First Landing State Park is beautiful and there is so much to do in Virginia Beach and Norfolk. Great bike riding

and kayaking. Please join us! Plan on a Happy Hour Thursday evening - Dinner at the Campground on Friday - No host dinner at Dockside Restaurant (great local seafood on the Lynnhaven River). If you intend to participate please let us know. Many campsites are closed in the Archer loop due to bathhouse renovation so there are fewer sites than are normally available. Frank and Jayne Munoz usually host this event, however we will be returning from the South West Adventure Caravan and will not make it back in time, so we're looking for someone to host. Please let us know you are interested, otherwise it will be a no host rally - frankmmunoz19@gmail.com.

November 3 - 6 – Urbanna Oyster Festival - Our Tidewater Club will host this event. Details will follow in future calendar updates. Contact Frank Muñoz if you would like additional information.

November 6 - 10 — North Bend Army Corp of Engineer Campground on John Kerr Reservoir. The campground is closed to reservations however Loop B is open on a first come first served basis. We camped at North Bend last year and it was absolutely great fall camping. We had no problem getting a site since we arrived during the week. The bathhouse is open and there are 30 amp electric sites with water available, however depending on the weather the water may be off. Arrive when you can and join the fun. This is a great way to end the 2022 camping season! No host.

December TBD – Holiday Dinner Williamsburg – hosts Richard and Joanna Duncan - Plan on celebrating the 2022 Christmas season together with a dinner in Colonial Williamsburg where we can enjoy the traditional colonial style decorations and a meal on Duke of Gloucester Street. You will receive an invitation, in November. Watch your inbox and respond to Richard and Joanna Duncan so that we may have an accurate count for the meal. Every year we have a wonderful time together.

Editor's Note:

- 1. Dates and locations will be firmed up as quickly as possible for all events.*
- 2. We all love to camp - that's why we are part of this wonderful community. If you have a hankering to go camping, and want some company, please let me know. We'll get it out to members via email.*
- 3. If you would like to sponsor a rally please contact Jayne or Frank Muñoz. Hiking, biking, kayaking or just enjoying a weekend get away, enjoying the great outdoors, are all great themes!*

