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GOOD LIFE NEWS

Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27

Nov. 2020

Past President's Points

Hi All,

This will be my last note to you. On October 8 we held the annual business meeting of the Florida Airstream Club at the Daytona rally and I handed the torch to Mike Swegles, our new president. Several members were in attendance and after the meeting was adjourned we had the installation of the new officers. This is usually done at the Cracker Christmas rally but it was cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Larry Scovotto hosted the Daytona rally and it was a huge success. Rumors are that the Annual meeting will be held there again next year!

2020 will go in the books as the oddest of years for the Florida Airstream Club. We had 2 rallies at the beginning of the year and then the rest of the year's rallies were cancelled until the fall.

We are resuming rallies now. We restarted

with an impromptu Buddy Rally at Suwannee River Rendezvous in September and the Daytona Rally in October.

Coming up we will be at Mary's Fish Camp (11/4-11/8) and Stink Weed (12/3-12-6). Mike and Maryanne also have several rallies scheduled for 2021. You can see them on page 6 or at www.airstreamclub.org/florida.

Some exciting news is that our membership is growing. Frank Carson and Larry Scovotto have been great mentors for our new members.

Thanks to all of you who helped to make 2020 a good year in spite of our circumstances. I really appreciate all you have done.

Can't wait to see you all at future rallies!
Steve Oppel, Past President and
Deb Oppel, Past First Lady

New Board of Directors for 2021

At the club's Annual Business Meeting in October we elected and installed new Officers, Chairs, and Trustees. (picture on page 3) BRN stands for Big Red Number

President: Michael Swegles, BRN: 19557
First VP: Bob Masters, BRN: 7669
Second VP: Larry Scovotto, BRN: 1021

Corresponding Secretary: Joan Carson, BRN: 23343
Recording Secretary: Janet McGloin, BRN: 2185
Treasurer: Brad McGloin, BRN: 2185

Membership Chair: Frank Carson, BRN: 23343
Newsletter Editor: Susan Poole, BRN: 3988
Webmaster: Steve Oppel, BRN: 1260

1 Year Trustee Steve Kane, BRN: 3987
2 Year Trustee Ann Shanklin, BRN: 4699

Tell them "Thanks!" when you see them next.



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Reflections From the New President Mike S.

It sure was a pleasure to reacquaint with old and some new Florida Airstream Club friends at our Daytona International Speedway RV Park Rally after our 7 month recess from Airstream Club rallies and caravans due to our COVID-19 pandemic. Foremost on most everyone's minds I think was and will be, can we safely rally together this year? I believe our travels this summer in the "Rolling Toaster III" (our 2005 28' International CCD) were accomplished safely and with a minimum of risk. What we did, how we did it and what we learned along the way give me the confidence to believe we can rally together also with a minimum of risk of contracting COVID-19

We used our campsite at Virginia Highland Airstream Park (VHH) for a few times this year for about three weeks as a "COVID-19 Haven". The park was open only to Stockholders this year with all social functions cancelled and had new rules in place to maximize our safety.

We were blessed with the birth of our first grandchild, Preston Jack this July. Initially the doctors cautioned against any visits with newborn babies, but as data came in on COVID-19, doc-

tors advised that if we quarantined for two weeks & updated our vaccinations, we could safely visit with a newborn. Our son and daughter-in-law invited us to visit our grandson if we complied with this advice.

As we were camping at VHH in late August when the invitation to visit our grandson came in, we found it was easy to quarantine there for the necessary two weeks and went to the local pharmacy for the vaccinations. We traveled up to New England from Virginia to meet our then two month old grandson in New Hampshire and then afterwards, took the opportunity to visit with old friends. We camped in our son's back yard for two weeks as we visited with him, his wife and her parents. We willingly complied with whatever precautions they desired, visiting with only these 6 adults and one baby for two weeks. We had groceries brought out to us in our truck, and saw no one outside of our bubble. We did however, enjoy the great outdoors together, and got out on the water on our son's new boat. What a joy!

Visits with family and friends up north took us to NH, Mass & Conn. as we

also traveled/camped through Maryland, Pennsylvania, Vermont and New York to accomplish these rendezvous. We avoided Maine as the word on the street was the locals there would not welcome campers from Florida and other hot spot states, at least not easily. A fresh negative COVID-19 test in hand was required upon entering Maine, along with other restrictions, so for this year, we passed.

As we journeyed we learned that people in different states & cities take differing means of trying to be safe from contracting COVID-19. Ranging from seemingly no concern to interior quarantining and no outside contact with anyone. To facilitate our opportunities to visit with friends and family, we chose to respect how others approached their safety, so long as we did not feel our safety was compromised. For example, although we feel we are safe out of doors unmasked and meeting with small groups of people, let's say 2 to 4, we did wear masks out of doors and kept our distance from friends as we hiked the "Freedom Trail" as this was the social norm in the Boston area.

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*Your Airstream can be
your "COVID-19
Haven" too.*

New President Mike Swegles and First Lady MaryAnne are welcomed to their position by Past First Lady Debbie and Past President Steve Opel at the Halifax River Yacht Club during the Daytona Rally



Reflections From the New President Mike S. (cont.)

As I write this, It's been over two weeks since our Rally in Daytona and I've not heard of anyone contracting COVID-19 from our group! How & where we met, indoors/outdoors, meal preparation & eating together were all carefully considered with safety in mind. As with most things we do in life, a degree of risk to health and life exists even at a carefully planned rally. However, the benefit to my mental health and enjoyment that I derived from being at the Daytona Rally outweighed the risk I felt I took of getting COVID-19 given what we now know about the disease.

Here are my thoughts on Rallying safely:

- You are ultimately responsible for your own safety & if you're not ready to rally yet, don't rally.
- If you do choose to rally, if you feel what you are experiencing during the rally is unsafe, remove yourself from the situation or express your concern and see if the group you're meeting with will adjust their behavior to where you feel safe. Perhaps meeting outdoors or

further apart or masking up might do the trick.

- Follow all Club, R/V Park, local community & state rules/regulations/policies regarding COVID-19.
- Respect how others protect themselves. For example we're comfortable and feel safe being unmasked out of doors hiking with a few friends, however we wore masks as we hiked with friends out of doors in Massachusetts as everyone seemed to wear masks there everywhere (even in their cars?).
- We are comfortable meeting with another couple we know in our Airstream. Not everyone is though. So just ask, discuss and visit in a way where all who are visiting together feel safe.

Finally, I'd like to thank Larry and Linda Scovotto for organizing and leading us through this first rally safely. Our business meeting, delicious lunch & installation ceremony at the Halifax River Yacht Club was also safely enjoyed by all who attended.

We are looking forward to our November rally at Mary's Fish Camp to be hosted by the Krael's and Oppell's. A dinner will be catered and served outdoors. A breakfast cooked by a team of club members will be served in take-away containers. Perhaps eaten out of doors in small groups of 4 at tables or in your airstream. Our emphasis at rallies this year will be to focus on out of doors activities and less emphasis on social meals like pot lucks.

Hope to see you soon and remember to keep the silver sides of your Airstreams up!

Mike Swegles

Rallies will continue with precautions, such as social distancing, wearing masks, and sanitizing hands or common surfaces.



New 2021 Executive Board of Officers were installed during Daytona Rally from left to right:

Brad McGloin (Treasurer)
Janet McGloin (Secretary)
Steve Kane (Trustee)
Mike Swegles (President)
Bob Masters (1st Vice President)
Larry Scovatto (2nd Vice President)
Ann Shanklin (Trustee)

The Tucker's Pacific Coast Trip

In 2009 (we think), while living for years in Seattle, Washington, we realized we had never gone to San Francisco as a family. We always went on business but never as tourists. This would be our big two- week vacation. We checked the city for accommodations, and we were shocked at the costs.

We decided to take our 18ft. Caravel Airstream, find any RV park close to the city, and use it for our base. We found our target in the cleverly named “San Francisco RV Park.” Basically, a big parking lot backed inches from the sea and the city limits. Big chunks of it were in the process of falling into the ocean, but we didn’t care because, how much would go in the week we were there? Answer...about 100 square feet in the middle of the night...awesome!

In the city, we went full tourist; Chinatown, Alcatraz, cable cars, museums and lots great food day and night. On our return we agreed to stop only for bathroom breaks, lunch, shopping, family squabbles, and Agate Beach in Trinidad California to find Agates of course.



Last but not least, we made a stop at “Tree of Mystery Park” in Klamath California...because we saw a giant Ox and a guy with an axe from the highway. My wife and I learned about how long a Redwood tree can live, while our teenage daughter just wanted selfies with the anatomically correct Babe the Blue Ox.

Two days to get there and 5 days to return...perfect vacation.
Lynne, Byron and Ryan Tucker

The Tuckers enjoyed staying in their 1971 18' Caravel Airstream at San Francisco RV park while they toured the city.



After we bought a 1971 Caravel Airstream, we took our time and restored her top to bottom, keeping the original structural and layout, but replaced everything with modern materials. She's been to every National park on the west coast. The Tucker's



Say “No!” to Mosquitos

As campers we spend much of our free time outside, sometimes at the mercy of mosquitoes. Not only are they irritating, they can carry diseases, such as malaria, West Nile Virus and yellow fever, that sicken and kill millions of people annually worldwide, qualifying them as the world’s deadliest creature. Sobering thought.

Female mosquitoes, the ones that bite, generally live an average of one to two months and typically don’t travel more than a few hundred yards during their lifetime. They are attracted to shrubs, bushes and flowering plants where they gather and feed on both plant juices and flower nectar. The female uses blood from biting people or animals to produce eggs and can lay approximately 300 eggs every three days in standing water. The eggs develop into those pesky biting adults in as little as four days to one month depending on the weather conditions.

Mosquitoes have receptors on their antennae that can detect exhaled carbon dioxide from 50 to 75 feet away. Additional receptors around their mouth detect heat to help them zero in on their victims. Dark clothing retains heat more effectively than lighter colored clothes making those wearing it an easier target.

Consider taking the following precautions to minimize risk of mosquito bites.



First Vice President Bob Masters and wife Lyn, recognized at Daytona Rally.



So, what can we do to minimize our risk of mosquito bites while enjoying the outdoors? Consider taking the following precautions:

- Wear light colored clothing that covers your arms and legs. Additionally, consider wearing woven clothing such as cotton, denim or windbreaker materials. Spandex and other thin materials allow the insects to bite through.
- If possible, avoid the hours of early morning and dusk since those are the times when many mosquitoes are most active.
- Avoid perfumes or perfumed cosmetics which can draw mosquitoes to the wearer.
- Use insect repellants containing DEET or Picaridin.
- Both DEET and Picaridin are the only two repellants approved by the CDC. Herbal remedies (lavender, citronella) are usually not very effective and should be avoided. Many people avoid repellants because they are concerned about the chemicals they contain. The EPA reevaluated the safety of DEET in 1998 and found that if applied properly and only to exposed skin, it effectively repelled mosquitoes while being safe for adults, children, and even pregnant women. For those who would like to avoid DEET, Picaridin is a plant-based repellant and has been proven to be as effective. It has the advantages, unlike DEET, of not feeling greasy and does not dissolve plastics.

When outside for any activities, observing a few simple mosquito precautions can help you and your family fully enjoy the outdoors. Bob & Lyn Masters

Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2020-21

Date	Rally Location and Campground	Hosts and Rally Registration
Dec. 3-7, 2020 NEW!	Winter Holiday Rally at Stink Weed Farm 281 Potter Woodberry Road Havana, FL No need to register with the farm. Please email Hosts and register online	Steve & Laura Kane SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/stink-weed-farm-rally
Jan. 28-31 2021	Nature Coast Rally at Sertoma Sertoma Youth Ranch Campground 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602 Campground is reserved just for us! No need to register with the campground. Please email Hosts and register online	Mike and MaryAnne Swegles maryanneswegles7@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/sertoma-youth-ranch-rally
Feb. 25 – Mar. 1 2021	Salt Springs Rally Salt Spring Recreation Area Fort McCoy, FL Reservations: 877-444-6777 or https://www.recreation.gov/	John and Kathie Walker walker48@bellsouth.net Host site: 44 or near the Pavilion Register at https://airstreamclub.org/salt-springs-recreation-area-rally-0
Mar. 25-29 2021	North Florida Strawberries and More Rally Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park Keystone Heights, FL Reservations: https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/	Susan and David Poole Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com Host site: Lake View, site 40 Register at https://airstreamclub.org/north-florida-strawberries-rally
Apr. 22 - 25 2021	Streamin' in the Highlands Highlands Hammock State Park Sebring, FL 33872 Reservations: 863-386-6094 https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/	Lyn & Bob Masters bltampa@me.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/highlands-hammock-state-park-rally
Apr. 22 – 26 2021	Region 3 Rally Tallahassee, FL	Check website for more info https://airstreamclub.org/
Apr. 27 – May 1, 2021 NEW!	Possible Key West FL Rally Are you interested in attending a rally in Key West April 27 - May 1? The rate is \$139 per night including tax. The campground is Boyd's Campground - mile marker 5.	Please email Larry Scovotto at floridalarry@me.com by Nov. 9 if interested.
Jul. 17-24 2021	64 th International Rally Wilson County Fairgrounds Lebanon, TN	Check website for more info https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon
Dec 29, 2021 to Jan 3, 2022 NEW! Save the date	"Ringing in a Silver 2022" Anastasia State Park St. Augustine Reservations (up to 11 months prior) https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/	Brenna & Joe Loretta brennaandjoe@gmail.com Register at: TBA



Important: Remember to RESERVE and REGISTER. Make your own RV reservations with the campground AND register for the rally (so Hosts know who is coming and can send you updates). More details are available in this newsletter or from Hosts. **Reserve early for state parks.** After you make reservations, register at the link provided or if none provided, contact Hosts to let them know you are attending (give your name, WBAC # and Unit, email, phone, campsite number, arrival and departure date). WBCCI members from any club are welcome to attend. Rally fees may apply.

Impromptu Buddy Rally on Suwannee River

Sep. 18-20, 2020

This Buddy Rally was held at Suwannee River Rendezvous, near Mayo, FL. It was attended by 27 people, made up of 11 rigs with 22 adults, 3 children, plus 2 grandkids. Eight rigs were Airstreams and 3 rigs were other types of RVs owned by friends of Airstreamers.

We scheduled only one Happy Hour on Friday, which was a good opportunity to meet other rally participants outdoors. All meals were "on your own" to help promote social distancing. This allowed more flexibility for couples and small groups to eat together if they wished.

Almost everyone paddled the "Spring Hoping Poker Run" on Saturday. It was a pleasant day to paddle leisurely down the Suwannee River, stop at some of the springs to draw a poker card, and jump in to swim. Later that after-

noon we met in the lodge to see who won the best hands. No one in our group had a Royal Flush, but some of us had Full House, 4 of a Kind, and 2 Pair. The Campground reported 100 people participated in poker run and over \$800 was donated to Mayo food bank.

A few people participated in other campground activities such as Bingo, Chicken Poo Bingo, and Bowling. In fact, one of new Airstream families, Anne and John Pfister and their children, won money playing Bingo! On Sunday, 8 of us walked the trail at Peacock Springs State Park and learned about cave diving in the underground tunnels.

It was a fun and relaxing weekend which helped us to get away from the usual routines and make some new friends.

Susan and David Poole, Hosts

*Winner! 2 Pair !
at the Spring Hoppin'
Poker Run*

♥	A	K	Q	J	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	34
♠	A	K	Q	J	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
♦	A	K	Q	J	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
♣	A	K	Q	J	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	



Florida Airstream Club Buddy Rally at Suwannee River Rendezvous September, 2020



Impromptu Buddy Rally on Suwannee River Sep. 18-20, 2020



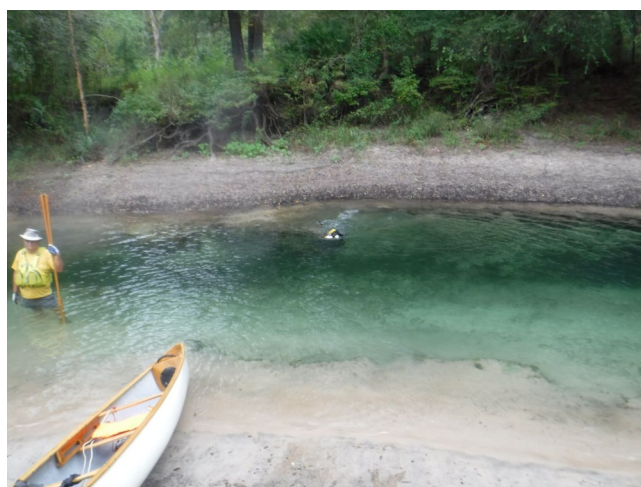
Paddlers drawing poker cards (front to back) Kathy Walker, John Walker, Martha and Charlie Dube, Janet McGloin.



Susan Poole and her dogs Abby (standing or swimming) and Riker (napping)



Chris and Ron Allen, Janet McGloin, and friend of Dave McCarron departing one of the springs on Suwannee River



David Poole and puppy stopping for swim at Telford Springs



Hikers at Peakcock Springs State Park: Sue Rorer and Blossom, Susan Poole with Abby and Riker, Kathy and John Walker, Martha and Charlie Dube, Bob Bowen

Daytona Beach Rally & Annual Meeting

Oct. 8-12, 2020

The Rally was well attended with 19 Airstreams and 34 attendees. There were four new members who had not previously attended a rally and were welcomed into the club. Not having shared meals, having to wear masks, social distancing and only four seated at a table while in the clubhouse was interesting, but everyone followed the rules and had a great time. Never stopped members from enjoying happy hour and evening games.

Members went to the beach, local restaurants, art galleries and the famous Daytona Beach Flea Market. It would have been nice if there wasn't intermittent rain showers every day, but it is Florida. It's all about camaraderie . . . sharing of stories, fellowship and just getting out of lockdown!

The Club's Annual Meeting and installation of the 2021 Executive Board was held at the Halifax River Yacht

Club. Great alternative venue, since we were not sure if the clubhouse at the campground would be available for the meeting.

The auction on Saturday night was a tremendous success. We raised \$709 for the Fisher House! The most money raised at any of our auctions. We would like to thank everyone who contributed items and participated in our fund-raising activity. Special kudos to Chris Allen for her leadership and hard work in this worthy effort. Let's not forget . . . thanks to our own auctioneer Steve Kane who added an unforgettable description of the items up for bid.

Hope to see everyone at an upcoming rally. Stay Safe and See You Down the Road!

Larry & Linda Scovotto



New officers for 2021 were elected and installed at this rally. See list on page 1.



Lining up for the rally entrance



Mike Swegles, Steve Oppel, and Brad McGoin



Randy Godfrey installing the new officers.

Mary's Fish Camp Rally, Nov. 5-8, 2020

This rally is in the area on the Gulf Coast of Florida near Weeki Wachee Springs.

You can kayak from the campground down the Mud River to fresh spring water or salty gulf water. You can fish from the bulkhead for mullet and win the Golden Mullet or Rosta Ruck (rotten luck) awards! You can eat your fill of super-delicious fried fresh mullet, listen to live music, or tell fish stories around a campfire. Come relax in the shade with your Airstream friends in this charmingly rustic fish camp and experience a true taste of Old Florida.

Agenda to be emailed to participants who RSVP to the Hosts. 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. Hope to see you there.

Address: 8092 Mary's Fish Camp Rd, Spring Hill, FL 34607



Hosts

Deb & Steve Oppel
oppels@gmail.com

Jeff & Mary Krabel
jk62gt@gmail.com

*If you missed this one and
wanted to go, let Steve Oppel
know you may be interested if
this event is scheduled again
next year.*



View of Mary's Fish Camp from the river.

NEW: Winter Holiday Rally at Stink Weed Farm, Havana, FL Dec. 3-7, 2020

Please come join us for our Winter Holiday Rally at Stink Weed Farm outside Havana, Florida (281 Potter Woodberry Road, Havana, FL). This is an old tobacco farm that is now a 215 acre conservation farm where you can step away and feed your soul with fresh air and relaxation.

We will have a weekend of fun, games, music, movies, picnics, bike rides, and more. Don't forget the s'mores and the campfire!

We will arrive Thursday Dec. 3rd and leave Monday the 7th, or you just come any of the days you can make it. Agenda is on next page.

There will be a \$25 per night camping fee per trailer of cash or check (Payable to Stink Weed Farm) due at happy hour. Members and Affiliates of Florida Airstream Club do not pay a rally fee; they only pay the camping fee. For non-members of the Florida Airstream club, there is also a \$25 per person rally fee.

No need to register with the farm. Please email Steve and Laura Kane with the subject, Winter Holiday Rally, as well as register online at <https://airstreamclub.org/stink-weed-farm-rally>

Co-Hosts: Steve and Laura Kane
SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com
Mike and MaryAnn Swegles
plumercrest@gmail.com

*Stink Weed Farm
is a former tobacco
farm converted to
215 acres of
conservation land.*



Winter Holiday Rally at Stink Weed Farm, Agenda

Thursday

Arrive noon

Parking and Hook up- John and Steve

4pm - Happy Hour, news, introductions, etc...

6pm - Team grill, bring your own, Dinner eat at open air facility

8pm - joker/music/games

Friday

7:30 -9am - Breakfast on your own/ at open air facility

As needed- Parking and hook up- John and Steve

10:00 - Photo class, phones, tablets, cameras- Steve and Ken

Brazzel

Lunch Picnic lunch on your own with friends - take photos this weekend, send to Steve to share at photo show on Sunday

2pm - Crafts- Laura, Maryanne?, Sandy B.- wreaths/ holiday theme

4pm - Happy Hour News, Team Tic Tac Toe

6pm - Dinner- Out to eat El Jalisco- 30 minutes through the tobacco farms <https://el-jalisco-havana.business.site>

8pm - Outdoor movie TBA, marshmallows and s'mores at facility

Saturday

7:30 -9am - Breakfast at open air facility Jeff, Mike, and Steve

9:30am - Light Yoga /Jitsu workout with Maryanne? and Steve (30min)

10am - Team 1- Scavenger Hunt /Geo Cache Farm Tour/ Dump Station Parade; Team 2- Bike Ride St. Marks Railroad

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/tallahassee-st-marks-historic-railroad-state-trail>

Noontime - Lunch on your own

2pm - Team 1 - Scavenger Hunt /Geo Cache Farm Tour/ Dump Station Parade; Team 2- Bike Ride St. Marks Railroad

4pm - Happy Hour, news, craft buy sell trade/ auction

6pm - Dinner and desert provided by WBAC, bring set up and beverage to open air facility

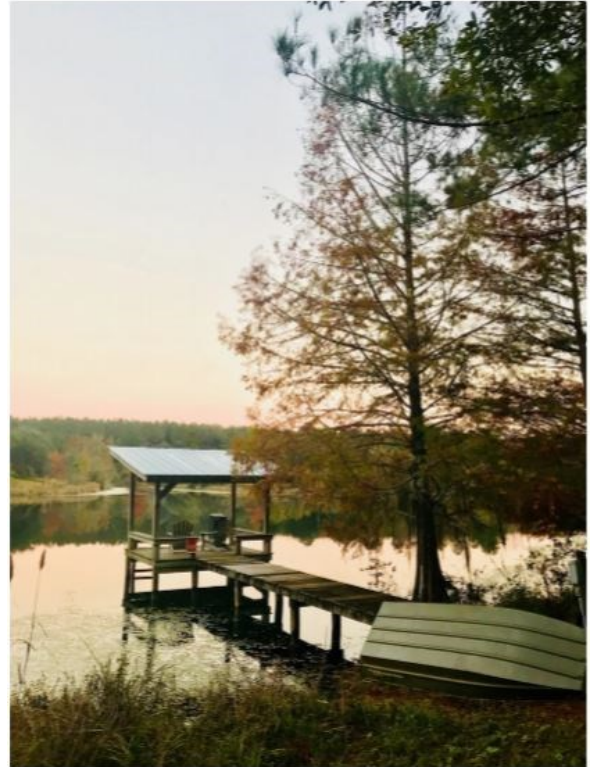
8pm - Music circle and Joker in facility. Bring an instrument

Sunday

7:30 -9am Breakfast on your own / at open air facility

10am - Team 1- trip to St Marks wildlife refuge - 1hr drive for bring your own picnic and explore

- Team 2- Tallahassee Automobile Museum trip- group rates under \$15- if interested, please let me know before the rally
<https://tacm.com/visitor-information/>



Early afternoon - Free time

4pm - Happy Hour, round circle customization/packing ideas/ conversation news

6pm - Dinner - bring your own to open air facility

8pm - Photo show, movie, games in facility

Monday

Dump and Depart at your leisure.

This is a rough itinerary and some more things will be added and a few things will be rearranged. However, this should give you an idea of the weekends activities.

Steve Kane

Sertoma Youth Ranch, Jan. 28-31, 2021

Our first rally for 2021 will be a return to Sertoma Youth Ranch. We have been to this pastoral setting amongst the rolling hills and live oaks, but there are many places we have yet to explore together.

Nestled amongst the silver oaks and yes, rolling hills of Brooksville, FL is Sertoma Youth Ranch. We have rallied here before, but ***this time we have the place to ourselves!*** Plenty of room to safely distance, with cows and horses as our neighbors.

The focus for our rallies this year as we continue to live with COVID-19 is get outdoors in nature and camp together safely. We will continue to work on a agenda to support this as new data comes forward. Plan to bring bikes, kayak/canoe, Pickleball paddles if you have, hiking shoes and warm clothes in case!

To reserve your spot, send me an email and fill out the online form available at <https://airstreamclub.org/sertoma-youth-ranch-rally> . You do ***not*** need to call the campground. Sites include water and electric and there is a dump station. Regular rate is \$30 a night, but we are expecting a discount for a group and are waiting to find out how many register.

Please join us. Rally hosts
Maryanne and Mike Swegles
maryanneswegles7@gmail.com



Additional information.

Sertoma Youth Ranch Campground
85 Myers Rd., Brooksville, FL 34602
(352) 754-3082

<https://sertomayouthranch.org/>

*Sertoma Youth Ranch is
nestled amongst the silver
oaks and rolling hills of
Brooksville, FL*



Suggested Activities

Chinsegut Hill Historic Site <https://www.tampabayhistorycenter.org/chinsegut/>

Chinsegut Conservation Center and Trails
https://myfwc.com/media/6353/chinsegut_trails.pdf

Withlacoochee Bike Trail from Floral City to Inverness <https://www.floridastateparks.org/trail/Withlacoochee>

Sparacia-Witherell Family Winery
<https://sparaciawitherellfamilywinery.com/>

Richloam General Store/Museum
<http://www.richloamstore.com/>

Salt Springs Rally, Feb. 25-Mar.1, 2021

Our second rally in 2021 will be in Salt Springs Recreation Area in the Ocala National Forest, near Fort McCoy, FL. Salt Springs is located between the St. Johns and Ocklawaha Rivers, 35 miles east of Ocala, Florida.

We hope to paddle the Ocklawaha River and explore the forest (there are three other beautiful, accessible springs, a cross-Florida barge canal and Rodman Dam). Bring kayaks, bathing suits, masks and snorkels, bicycles, skateboards, fishing poles, hiking shoes, fire wood. Sorry, no golf carts. There is a boat ramp in the park and a marina to launch your boat or rent kayaks. The Salt Spring run leads into Lake George. Since the spring is a constant 72 degrees, and is shallow, it is always swimmable.

Reservations are through

<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233920>. A National Park senior pass secures a \$16/night full hook up.

Register with your hosts at <https://airstreamclub.org/salt-springs-recreation-area-rally-0>. The **host camp site will be site 44** (hopefully) – see campground map online. There is an open-sided pavilion we will try to reserve with electricity and tables for group meals. This campground offers plenty of “walk up” sites for late joiners. Itinerary will follow.

Hosts:

John and Kathie Walker



Salt Springs Recreation Area is one the recreational jewels of the Ocala National Forest, with a spectacular natural mineral spring that gives the area its name.

Both are popular parks, so make your reservations as soon as possible or check back on site regularly for cancellations.

North Florida Strawberries & More Rally Mar. 25-29, 2021

We're planning on attending the Bradford County Strawberry Festival on Saturday, March 27 at the Bradford Fair Grounds, Starke FL, where you'll taste “the sweetest strawberries this side of heaven”. We will camp at Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park, 18 miles from Starke. Other activities like hiking, biking, and paddling will also be planned.

Gold Head Branch State Park is about 2400 acres of rolling sand hills, marshes, ravines, lakes, and scrub located midway between Gainesville and Jacksonville, six miles north of Keystone Heights on SR 21. It has old growth longleaf pines and a nice nature trail to a ravine with seepage springs. The RV campsites are nestled under the trees, mostly back-in with water

and 30 amp hookups (dump station is available). Reserve your space early through <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>. Register with hosts at <https://airstreamclub.org/north-florida-strawberries-rally>

If the state park is full, then there may be spaces available at **Starke KOA**, 1475 S Walnut St, Starke, FL 32091.

Hosts: Susan and David Poole
Lake View Loop, site 40
Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com



Susan Poole enjoying a strawberry shortcake at the festival in Starke

Streamin' in the Highlands Rally

Apr.22-25,2021

The April rally will be a fun adventure of yesteryear in central Florida at Highlands Hammock State Park, April 22-26, 2021. Highlands Hammock has many nature trails, several of which have boardwalks over wet areas surrounding a Florida hardwood hammock. There are at least two huge oak trees in the park believed to be 1000 years old! We are planning nature hikes and bicycle tours of park trails. Of course, we will be socializing but wearing masks and social distancing to keep everyone safe.

There is a lot to do in the area. A nearby distillery produces liquors from the sugar cane they grow and there are air boat tours that are known for wildlife sightings. The quaint town of Sebring is just east of the park. Bok Tower is about an hour north in Lake Wales. A half hour drive brings you to Zolfo Springs and a Cracker Trail history museum of the early Florida cattle industry in the area. Two park attractions we hope will be open by April are a CCC museum and a ranger led hour long nature tram tour which explores parts of the park otherwise not open to the public.

Highlands Hammock is a very popular state park with extremely positive reviews. There are still campsites available on the dates of the rally if you would like to join us. Like most state parks, sites are 30 amp with water and there is a dump station on-site.

Make your reservations through

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

5931 Hammock Rd. Sebring FL 33872

Phone: 863-386-6094

Next, let us know you are coming by emailing us at blmasters@icloud.com and then completing a club online registration form on the following website: <https://airstreamclub.org/highlands-hammock-state-park-rally>.

Questions? We are just an email away. Looking forward to seeing you there.

For more information, email us at blmasters@icloud.com. Hope to see you soon.

Established in 1931 and developed later by Florida's Civilian Conservation Corps, this lush and incredibly diverse 9000-acre park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Welcome to our New Members!



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Lecanto, FL

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New members and affiliates are encouraged to contact a regional mentor (see next page) or any club officer (see last page) if they have questions.

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!



We have been members of the New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club (Region 2 Unit 2) since 2013. We bought our 28 ft Flying Cloud ("Rosie") new in 2013 after saying "this will be our first & last travel trailer - why not make it an Airstream". It's one of the best decisions we have every made. We now live 1/2 the year in Englewood, FL & look forward to joining fellow Airstreamers in your local & regional events. Jim & KC Gillio

Attention all Members and Affiliates

It's time to renew your membership!

- Go to AirstreamClub.org
- Select "Current Members"
- Select "Renew Your Membership"
- Scroll down and fill in the blanks
- Airstream Club International dues = \$75
- Florida Airstream Club dues = \$10
- Total = \$85
- Alternative: Call Headquarters at 937-596-5211

Affiliate club members

After you renew your membership to Airstream Club International and primary unit, send a check for \$10.00 made out to the Florida Airstream Club to the treasurer:

Brad McGloin
1869 Riveredge Drive
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

We look forward to everyone participating in our events and hope to see you soon!

Volunteer Mentoring



Mentorship is a relationship in which a more experienced or more knowledgeable person helps to guide a less experienced or less knowledgeable person.

It's all about family . . . the Airstream family . . . the Florida Airstream Club family. What better way to welcome a new member than to have someone from our Club who lives in close proximity to a new member personally welcome them?

When an individual joins the Florida Airstream Club, a welcome letter is sent by Frank Carson, Membership Chair, to the new member with a copy to the Club. An administrative follow up from the Club is then initiated. However, an additional step is needed to make sure new members feel that they are part of the Club family—a personal touch from another member.

The task of the Florida Airstream Club's Mentoring Committee is to identify Club members who are willing to mentor a new member(s) who live in their region. New member information would be emailed to the volunteer mentor(s). All that is required is to reach out to the new member, welcome them and see if they need any additional information. This can be done by phone or email. Then just keep in touch.

For purposes of membership demographics, we have divided the Club into six geographic regions (see map) . . . North West, North East, South West, South East, West Central and East Central.

So far we have volunteers in 4 out of 6 regions.

North West --Open

North East -- Ron & Chris Allen
ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net and Susan Poole susyqmeetup14@gmail.com

East Central -- Joyce Hoffer
joycemneal@hotmail.com

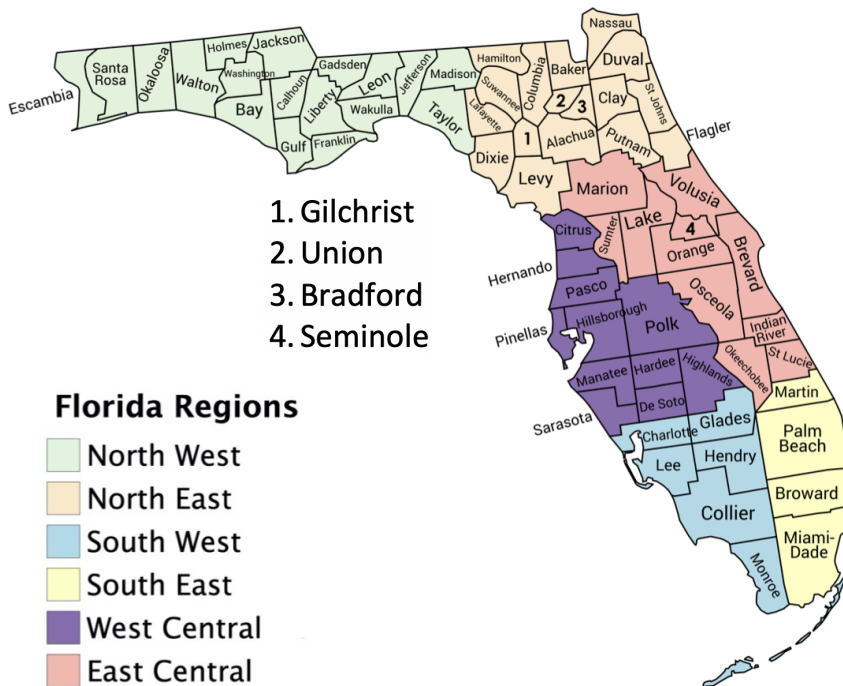
West Central -- Bob and Lyn Masters
blmasters@icloud.com

South East -- Open

South West -- Meriam Reed
meriam@reeddesignbuild.com

Interested in becoming a Volunteer Mentor? Email my vice chair Larry Scovotto at floridalarry@me.com. Thank you for your continued support of your Club.

Florida Air Stream Club
Mentoring Committee
Deb Oppel, Chair
Larry Scovotto, Vice Chair



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Community Project: Fisher House Foundation

We pray everyone has stayed safe and is being careful as we start to venture out among the population.

We had a wonderful Rally/Annual Meeting in Daytona Beach in October. The participants at the rally donated treasures to be auctioned off during the Rally to raise funds for the Fisher House. Not only were we entertained by our auctioneers Larry Scovotto and Steve Kane who kept us laughing all through the auctions but we had lots of eager buyers. The total sales to benefit the Fisher House during the October Rally were \$801.00. We are so thankful to everyone who donated and purchased auction items and misc. club items to benefit our community project.

Just a reminder, we still have plenty of club logo stickers, RV stickers, name tag magnets, iron on club logos, a few face masks and lots

of lanyards for sale. 100% of the proceeds of the sale of these items goes to the Fisher House. For 2020 we have already raised \$2,354.64 thanks to our generous club members. All money collected in 2020 will be delivered to the Fisher House during the first quarter of 2021. Let's keep working together to meet our annual goal of \$2,500 for this important organization.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon. Please contact me at (904) 534-9896 or ron-chrisallen@bellsouth.net if you have any questions about the Fisher House, need to purchase some stickers, etc. or have suggestions for a fund raiser. I would love to hear from you.

Chris Allen,
Community Project Chair



Sunshine Committee Report

First of all, we thank Joan Carson for chairing the Sunshine Committee this past year.

Second, we welcome Debbie Oppel, who volunteered to be the new chair.

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

If you would like someone to be included in the next newsletter, please send it to **Debbie Oppel** at op-peld@gmail.com or call (763) 670-8772



Florida Airstream Club, WBCCI Region 3, Unit 27



Visit us on the web
<https://airstreamclub.org/explore/florida-airstream-club>

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**.

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 club and want to become an affiliate of Florida Airstream Club, please mail your name, WBCCI #, address, phone number, email, and \$10 to Treasurer below.

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