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GOOD LIFE NEWS

Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27

Sep. 2020

President's Points

Hi All,

I have seen online (FaceBook) that many of you are getting out and about. It has been fun reading about your adventures. Keep posting. In fact it would be great if you would contribute an article or note now and then for our newsletter!

I hope you are looking forward to the October rally in Daytona on October 8-12. Larry and Linda Scovotto have been working hard on the agenda/venue. As you know, most of the rallies in 2020 were cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The task now is to have safe and fun rallies keeping everyone's health in mind. Bob Masters has written a helpful article in this month's newsletter addressing Covid and Socializing. Please read it.

Please register for the Daytona Rally online.

(<https://airstreamclub.org/daytona-beachannual-meeting-rally>) Larry Scovotto will be making the campsite reservations so you do not have to make them.

The Annual Business Meeting will be held during the Daytona rally. Unfortunately the Cracker Christmas Rally was cancelled this year. This is historically where the installation of the new officers is held. This year we will be having the Installation Ceremony immediately following the Annual Business Meeting.

Our 2021 Club President Mike Swegles (with the help of his nominating committee) has submitted a slate of Club Officers for 2021, pending approval (listed on page 7). Please read and be prepared to vote at the annual meeting.

Annual Business Meeting & Lunch

Please attend if you can:

The club's Annual Business Meeting, Election of Directors & Trustees, and Installation of Officers.

When: Friday October 9, 2020

Time: 10:00 am followed by lunch.

Where: Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 (386) 386-255-7459. Parking available across the street at the corner of S Beach and Live Oak Ave.

Nominations: see page 7

Email the HOST Larry Scovotto at floridalarry@me.com by **October 5th** to RSVP for lunch (if you are NOT attending the rally also). If you are registered for the rally, you will be automatically counted for lunch.



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COVID-19 Precautions

It's time to rally!

Let's face it – we all have some form of cabin fever and we're ready to go Airstreaming! But it's a new and somewhat strange world where we all must be concerned about the real possibility of catching or unknowingly spreading the Covid-19 virus. This presents special challenges for us social Airstream campers. Since most of us are not public health experts, using common sense and applying the published guidelines from the CDC to plan rally activities to protect each other couldn't be more important today.

Rally activities as we knew them in the past could certainly result in unnecessary risks yet taking a few safety precautions individually and how we manage a rally could greatly reduce those risks. It is clear that rally busi-

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



ness as usual must change, but that does not mean the fun has to.

So, you may ask what can we do at a rally these days and the answer is pretty much what we did before just differently. Outdoor activities like kayaking, bike riding and geocaching are still very much viable provided we follow social distance guidance and wear masks when appropriate. Since we have typically played evening games like Joker, various card or domino games that result in multiple individuals touching game cards or pieces, those kind of hands on games just don't work in this environment. However other games can be played in a properly spaced group setting like BINGO, trivia or an on-line game, assuming internet service is available (i.e. Skip-Bo for instance has an on-line game for groups). Outdoor movies can be shown with appropriately staggered chair spacing.

And then there is happy hour and group meals. Yup, no reason they can't happen but again just differently. Instead of having a happy hour with group snacks, each individual just needs to bring their own snack and drink. We have all been taught to share as kids but that needs to just be put on hold for the time being. Instead of a tight circle of chairs we can just have rows of chairs properly spaced.

Group meals can be managed using a few common sense rules. Individuals bring their own drinks, eating utensils and condiments. Individually packaged servings of condiments could also be used if properly distributed to minimize contact. Meals can be catered, for instance, from a fast food restaurant like Chick-fil-A, by using an advance menu order card completed the day before the meal. Individual meals are then ordered per the card. When picked up, the person's



name is written on the bag and it is passed out at the gathering minimizing contact.

Meals can also be prepared on-site by camper chiefs who are required to be temperature checked and wear masks and gloves. Individuals are called up to a properly spaced servicing line by table or area to minimize the line size. The food is served to order away from the serving line on a paper plate and delivered by a server to the individual in line.

When we have our next club rally, as individuals we will need to just continue to observe the precautionary measures we've been using at home: disinfectants, masks, hand sanitizer, social distancing and frequent hand washing. Other precautions will need to be observed in common areas like pre-cleaning tables and chairs with an approved disinfectant. One suggestion by a crazy lady we all know and love (I promised not to mention Maryanne's name, oops!) was to bring pool noodles as a fun way to make sure we stay appropriate distances apart. Kind of sounds like that could be fun to me.

Together we can make this work. Just a few thoughtful, common sense precautions and we can let the fun begin again. I don't know about you, but our camper has been growing roots. It's time to dust it off and get back on the road with friends.

Article by Bob Masters
Photos by MaryAnne Swegles

Recent Trips: McGinn's Summer Vacation

*For this month's feature
article, members
submitted photos and
stories of their recent trips.*

Hello! A quick who we are before I start the story. We have been camping and taking long road trips for a lot of years. We just joined the Airstream community a few years ago when we bought our 25 ft 2006 Safari. Another thing to know about us is that something always happens with us on the road. By that I mean something always breaks. I could bend your ear for hours (probably days) telling you about all the "adventures" we have had.

Mike and Gina McGinn.

This year we started with a brand new truck (that is another story) and new tires and rims on the trailer (another story there too). My wife says I ramble when I tell a story (she's right) so I am going to give you some of the highlights up front.

BLUF (Bottom Line Up Front): 6600 miles travelled in 25 days (departed June 12th, returned July 7th)

Main objectives in order: Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone National Park, Devils Tower, Custer State Park, Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, Visited family and friends in Iowa.

Fun things we did: Kayaked in Jackson Lake (Grand Teton NP), Bike ride in Grand Teton NP, Horseback riding near Yellowstone NP, White water rafting in Cody Wyoming, and Hiking and site-seeing all over.

That was the planned stuff and we had a great time!



Kayaking in Jackson Lake (Grand Teton NP)



Okay. I warned you that I ramble on so, for those of you that can't handle that this is a good spot to skip to the next article. (but you might miss out on the juicy bits)

For anyone still reading, for me these trips are as much about the adventure on the road as the destinations. Don't get me wrong, The Tetons are freaking awesome! I would like to be there now but a lot of cool things happened on the way there.

Our original plan was depart for Mammoth Caves in Kentucky on June 10th then head out to the Tetons. Covid killed that plan and had us wondering if we could get to our planned campsites in Yellowstone. Plan B was to boon dock in the Teton area if we had to.

By leaving on the 12th we had plenty of time to get to our first reservation in the Tetons on the 16th. The civil unrest played into our planning too. I did my best to avoid large metropolitan areas. Our first night was to mooch dock at our daughter's house in Birmingham Alabama.

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McGinn's Summer Vacation (Continued)

As I mentioned earlier, something always happens on the road. Since I will go to great lengths to avoid Atlanta we were on a smaller highway heading for Birmingham. I looked out my rear view mirror to see my wife's bike dangling precariously from the truck. I quickly changed lanes and slowed down in time to see it go bouncing into the guardrail on the side of the road. Choice words were spoken as I came to a full stop.

I retrieved the bike from the side of the road. Amazingly, it only suffered some scratches and scuffs. I on the other hand got an earful from the owner of the bike. They were well deserved because it was my own dang fault for not checking things at the last stop. You can bet I checked everything for the rest of the trip. We (I) was very lucky that nobody got hurt and the bike was fine. (mostly).

That next night we ended up in Wichita Kansas in a commercial site just off the highway. We stopped before dark and had time to charcoal something on the grill. The campsite was pretty much a gravel parking lot but it was a pull-thru that was long enough that we didn't have to disconnect. We had never really done anything in Kansas before so I picked a route that took us past some historic stuff. We tried to do a salt mine tour but they were closed. Dodge City was open though so we saw the sites there. Heading west from Dodge towards Colorado the winds were pretty strong.

We ended our day in Martin Reservoir State Park somewhere in eastern Colorado. (the flat bits) It was so windy that I was afraid the windows would get torn off the camper. Luckily we had power so we could run the air conditioner.

We scored big on an awesome campsite in Wyoming. Sinks Canyon State Park about 100 miles east of the Tetons. The campsites were tight so getting backed in was a little challenging but the view was awesome. It would have been a great place to stay for a few days but we had reservations for the next night just outside the Tetons.

We had a short drive ahead of us so we enjoyed Sinks Canyon the next morning. Took a hike, had a nice breakfast. We stopped at a grocery store on the way to the Tetons. This isn't really news except that I managed to get myself stuck in the parking lot. I couldn't back my way out of my jam so after many attempts, I disconnected and repositioned the truck so we could reconnect and leave. Ooops.

A beautiful drive through the Rockies took us over the Togwatee pass. It would have been a great view of the Tetons except that it was raining at the time. The campsite that night was pretty lame but it was only for a night. We would be heading to Coulter Bay inside Grand Teton NP the next night. As I said before, I could ramble on forever. There is a lot more of this story to tell, but I had better stop now. I'd be happy to share more of the adventure with you the next time we camp together!

Mike & Gina McGinn



Overlook of Jackson Lake and
Grand Tetons, WY



Horseback riding near Yellowstone NP



White water rafting in Cody Wyoming



Devil's Tower, WY

Recent Trips: The Hills @ Cayuga Lake

This summer we continued to explore the New York Finger Lakes area with a stop on Cayuga Lake. We camped for 4 days at Cayuga State Park, and we got to enjoy a little bit of the summer-lake life.

If you have ever spent a week's vacation on a lake, you will know that life moves a little bit slower at the lake. Mornings start out with walks along the lake, and saying "hello" to the neighbors you pass along your way. Afternoons are spent kayaking on the water or riding bikes and evenings enjoying the cool breeze off the lake.

Cayuga State Park is located on the north end of Cayuga Lake between Seneca Falls and Ithaca in the heart of the New York Finger Lakes Region. The park has 277 campsites, 34 with electric hookups.

Park amenities include: a boat launch, camping cabins, 2 large playgrounds and a beach for swimming.

Our only complaint with the park is that the sites with electric hookups are located along the main road and traffic can be a little noisy during the day. We did not notice the noise too much at night. The non electric sites are located more remotely

To see more of our stay at Cayuga State Park, check out our video on our YouTube channel Zephyr Travels.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkQS-z97CrQ>

Randy & Diane Hill

*Send one of your best
photos to
oppels@gmail.com
that showcase what our
club does and/or places
we have been.*



Wanted: Cool photos for website

The official website for Florida Airstream Club is <https://airstreamclub.org/florida> with information on rallies, newsletters, and officers. Steve Oppel updates it periodically, but he wants your help. Please send to him some of your best photos that showcase what our club does and/or places we have been. Add a caption that says when and where. His email is oppels@gmail.com

Please be aware that there is also a Facebook Group called "Florida Airstream Club", but it is not affiliated with our Wally Byam Airstream Club. It is a public group, which means anyone can see who's in the group and what they post. Under the "About" tab, it says "An Airstream Club dedicated to activities in and around Florida.... full-time and weekenders welcome". It provides another way to communicate with other Airstreamers (or want-to-be's) and you may find it interesting too.

Gleaming Rigs in Gorgeous Places



Rainbow from Sanibel Island, FL.
Ken and Sandy Brazzell



David and Susan Poole's Classic Airstream has a new parking space with full hookups when they are not traveling!

Send a picture of your Airstream in a gorgeous place for the next newsletter!

Blast from the Past ...

Did you know The Florida Airstream Club is the Oldest Unit in the WBCCI? The Florida Unit, (Southeast Unit, as it was known back then), was chartered in 1956, one year before the International in Ohio, and was the 2nd largest Unit in Airstream club.

Charlie Kiefer, a Past President and a Past International President from the Florida Unit used to run the "National Saint Augustine Easter Rally" with over 500 Airstreams at the St. Johns County Fairgrounds. That was bigger than the International! The Florida Unit had two 31' Airstreams, one for the mail room and the other for supplies. The 2nd and 3rd VP's of the Unit were paid to pull the trailers to and from the two rallies the Florida Unit ran per year. The second annual rally was at Christmas Airstream Park near Christmas, Florida.

The Easter Rally ran from Good Friday till the Sunday after Easter. The first one we went to was in 1965 and Joan and I were guests of her parents. In 1970 we took our own trailer to the Easter Rally. (*Gosh, that's 50 years ago!*).

At the Easter Parade in Saint Augustine, every state flag was carried for the full length of the parade which was a lot longer than it is today plus the multiple Airstreams in the parade.

The pavilion at the campground was a metal roof building with telephone poles holding it up. The Unit wrapped the building in plastic because there were some cold nights back then. The local farmers would bring in open trailers filled with crops which they would give away to the Airstreamers.

One of the Airstreamers owned both the Alligator Farm and the old Jail, and all it would take was your badge to get in. Most of the businesses had signs in their windows that read "Welcome WBCCI", and a lot of those signs were still in the windows when Joan and I ran the event. So that's a blast from the past!

Frank Carson
Membership and Legislative Chair



The parade tradition is still done at International rallies. Over 100 vintage Airstream trailers enter the Oregon State Fairgrounds for the 61st annual Wally Byam Airstream Club International Rally on Saturday, June 23, 2018. MOLLY J. SMITH / STATESMAN JOURNAL <https://www.indystar.com/picture-gallery/news/2018/06/23/vintage-airstreams-join-international-rally-in-salem/36324121/>

Looking Ahead to 2021....

2021 SLATE of OFFICERS and CHAIR PERSONS for the Florida Airstream Club

Our Nominating Committee has completed its work and submitted the attached slate of Officers and Chairpersons for approval at our Annual Meeting in October 2020 (Daytona Rally). Thanks to Chris Allen, Bob Masters, and Mike Swegles for their assistance in developing the slate.

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2021 Florida Airstream Club RALLIES



Fort Christmas Rally, 2019

So far, rallies are scheduled for Jan. through April, 2021 (see schedule on page 8). We have room for one or more per month, except we don't plan any during June, July and August.

Have you been to a rally and wished there were more things that you liked to do? Or maybe you haven't signed up for a rally because we aren't offering what/where you want. Here is your chance to help!

I am looking for members who would like to host a rally. Perhaps there is an RV park you have been to that would make a great rally spot.

Here is what we need to host a successful rally:

- 20 RV spot availability

- Points of interest in the area where a group activity can be planned i.e.: historical tours, kayaking, hiking
- Meeting room/kitchen is a plus for meals and games

You will not have to host a rally by yourself. We have lots of folks in the club who will help. I just need assistance locating some new rally spots and I need people willing to make contact with the RV park.

If you had planned to host a rally this past year but it was cancelled, we would love to reschedule with you as a host. Please let us know if you are willing. Thank you!

If you can help to host a Rally in 2021 please contact Mike and Maryanne Swegles at maryanneswegles7@gmail.com

Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2020-21

Date	Rally Location and Campground Reservations	Hosts and Rally Registration
Oct. 8-12, 2020	Annual Business Meeting Daytona International RV Park & Campground Daytona Beach, FL Reservations: https://airstreamclub.org/daytona-beachannual-meeting-rally <i>When you register for the Rally, the host will make your campground reservation—DO NOT call the campground.</i>	Larry and Linda Scovotto floridalarry@me.com
Sep.18-20, 2020 NEW!	Impromptu Buddy Rally on Suwannee for Spring Hop-pin' Poker Run, Suwannee River Rendezvous, Mayo FL Reservations 386-294-2510 or https://www.suwanneeriverrendezvous.com/	Susan and David Poole Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com Host site: 133
Nov. 5-8, 2020	Mary's Fish Camp Rally Bayport, FL Reservations: 352-597-3474 (waiting list available)	Deb & Steve Oppel oppels@gmail.com Jeff & Mary Krael jk62gt@gmail.com
Dec. 3-6, 2020 CANCELLED by Fort Admin.	Cracker Christmas Rally Ft. Christmas Historical Park, Christmas, FL Reservations: Contact Host	Steve & Laura Kane SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com
Jan. 28-31 2021 NEW!	Sertoma Youth Ranch Campground 85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602 Campground is reserved just for us! Registration form pending.	Mike and MaryAnne Swegles maryanneswegles7@gmail.com
Feb. 25 – Mar. 1 2021 NEW!	Salt Springs 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
Mar. 25-29 2021 NEW!	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 section, site 40
Apr. 22 - 25 2021 NEW!	Highlands Hammock State Park Sebring, FL 33872 Reservations: 863-386-6094 https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/	Lyn & Bob Masters bltampa@me.com
Apr. 22 – 26 2021	Region 3 Rally Tallahassee, FL	Check website for more info https://airstreamclub.org/
Jul. 17-24 2021	64 th International Rally Wilson County Fairgrounds Lebanon, TN	Check website for more info https://airstreamclub.org/lebanon



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

Are you feeling lucky? On Saturday (Sep. 19, 8:30 am – 11:00 am) the Suwannee River Rendezvous Campground (near Mayo, FL) has a "Spring Hoppin' Poker Run" while hoppin' (paddling) from one spring to another on the Suwannee River. The paddle starts from the Hal Adams Bridge on U.S. 51 and ends at the campground (distance is about 6 miles downstream).

Here is how it goes: You purchase one or more laminated Cards with symbols for every card in a deck. While you paddle, you will draw individual cards from a bag and have your Card punched 7 times at the start, each spring, and the end of the paddle. The best "hands" win prizes at the lodge later in the day. Maybe you'll get a Flush or Full House! Even Three-of-a-Kind could win a prize! The campground charges \$10 per laminated Card and proceeds go toward 7 Gables Food Panty in Mayo, FL.

You can make this a day trip or overnight stay. The campground has RV sites, primitive camping sites, as well as cabins and rooms for rent in a lodge. They rent canoes and kayaks (advance reservations recommended). Campers can enjoy jumping in the cool clear water of "Convict Springs", swimming in heated pool/hot

tub, or bowling in their redneck bowling alley! On Saturday they also have pigeon races, chicken poo bingo, and Karaoke & trivia. Dogs are welcome to play in the fenced dog park, swim in spring or river, and even stay with you in a cabin. It's a fun place to stay for a few days. There is a paved bike path that passes by the park, so bring your bicycles too.

A Buddy Rally is for Airstreamers and their family or friends; any type RV welcome. This rally will be informal, with no scheduled group meals. On Friday and Saturday, we will have Happy Hour 5:00 – 6:00 pm under the pavilion or **Host's Site 133** (social distancing and hand sanitizer is encouraged). Bring your own chair, beverage and snack if desired.

So invite your family and friends to join you, pack up your Airstream or RV, and have a "fun-tastic" get-away at the Suwannee River Rendezvous, 828 NE Primrose Road Mayo, FL 32066.

Hosts,
Please RSVP or stop by and say Hello
Susan and David Poole (Site 133 near Pavilion)
Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com
(904) 608-8563

*Have some fun at the
Spring Hoppin'
Poker Run on
Sat. Sep. 19!*

If you want to stay overnight or rent canoe/kayak, make your reservations early. As of mid- August there were over 50 sites still available. Upper Rendezvous sites are 50 amp with picnic table, fire ring, *WiFi*, and Satellite Cable TV; back in (\$45/night) and pull-thru (\$50/night). The original Lower Rendezvous is still available for guests with the smaller RV's (under 25'). Call if you want the discount for Passport America, Military, or Seniors **Office # 386-294-2510**. Or you can make reservations on their website <https://www.suwanneeriverrendezvous.com/>



Daytona Beach Rally & Annual Meeting

Oct. 8-12, 2020

Our October 2020 rally will be at the International RV Park, Daytona Beach, FL. Full hookup is \$30 per night.

Register for the Rally.

Go to <https://airstreamclub.org/daytona-beachannual-meeting-rally> to register for the rally so your host knows who is coming. When you register for the rally, the host will make your campground reservation—**DO NOT call the campground.**

Covid-19 protocols will be in effect. Masks will be worn, temperatures taken, and social distancing at all functions.

Bring your own food, beverages and setups. Grills will be available.

Tentative agenda

Arrival Thursday (10/8).
Departure Monday (10/12)

Friday

The Club's Annual Business Meeting, Election of Directors & Trustees, and Installation of Officers.

When: Friday October 9, 2020

Time: 10:00 am followed by lunch.

Where: Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114 (386) 386-255-7459. Parking available across the street at the corner of S Beach and Live Oak Ave. If you are planning to attend the business meeting and luncheon (but are NOT attending the rally), please RSVP by October 5th to Larry at floridalarry@me.com. Friday night is an open night.

Saturday

Back by popular demand, a seminar will be held on Saturday morning hosted by Classic Coach Works (<http://www.classiccoachworks.com>). Classic Coach Works is an RV renovation company dealing in customizing high-end motor coaches and travel trailers. Rest of the day on your own.

Sunday

There will be plenty of opportunity to enjoy the Daytona Beach area including the Daytona Beach Flea Market.

Rally Hosts

Larry & Linda Scovotto
(386) 405-0160
floridalarry@me.com



NEW!!!

MEMBER NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Want to receive scheduling changes or emergency information on the way to the Rally or when you are onsite? Well now you can!

Our Club now has a member notification system where you can receive important information on your cell phone(s) via text. It is as easy to register as calling or texting a toll-free number. It's that simple!

Call-In Information:

Call: 844-292-2290 and follow the prompts.
PIN: 1008

Text-In Information:

Text: 844-292-2290

Keyword: add **octrally** in the message box and send

Once registered, you will be alerted for changes in the program schedule and emergency situations where action is needed. At the end of the Rally, your phone number will be deleted from the system. Do not re-register. If you do, your cell number will be deleted from the system.

1. Register with the club to attend the rally
2. Email Larry Scovotto by **October 5th** to RSVP for lunch (if you are NOT attending the rally).
3. Sign up for the new member notification system

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

Come join us in the area on the Gulf Coast of Florida near Weeki Wachee Springs for a rally you will not forget!

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



RSVP to Hosts

Deb & Steve Oppel
oppels@gmail.com

Jeff & Mary Krabel
jk62gt@gmail.com

*If you want to attend but
campground is full, leave your
name on a waiting list, as last
minutes changes can occur.*



View of Mary's Fish Camp from the river.



Chris Allen won the Golden Mullet award last year



Larry Scovotto won the "Rosta Ruck" (rotten luck) award last year. Also pictured: Chris Allen, Ron Allen, Jeff Krabel, Larry Scovotto, Deb Oppel.)

Sertoma Youth Ranch, Jan. 28-31, 2021

New rally added! Please add to your calendars our first rally for 2021. 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.

Nearby is the best of the Withlacoochee Bike Trail, the Chinsegut Conservation Center and trails, wineries, breweries, and the likes of the Florida Cracker Kitchen. Within the hour you can be kayaking the Weeki Wachee or the Chassahowitzka River, better known as the Chaz. The new “Mermaid Trail” is Brooksville’s latest addition to Main Street. Last time we visited, Deb Oppel organized a thrilling game of Pickle ball in the pavilion. Please join us. Reservation forms pending.

Rally hosts

Maryanne and Mike Swegles

maryanneswegles7@gmail.com



Sertoma Youth Ranch Campground
85 Myers Rd, Brooksville, FL 34602

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.

From the website: “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. Plenty of outdoor activities keep campers and day-use visitors busy, including swimming in the springs, fishing, snorkeling, hiking and boating. 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. 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.

This is a popular park, so make your reservations as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

Hosts:

John and Kathie Walker
walker48@bellsouth.net

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 find "*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/>

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

Highlands Hammock Rally, Apr. 22-25, 2021

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.

Highlands Hammock is a lovely wooded park built by the CCC. It is one of the first state parks in south central Florida, about 4 miles west of Sebring, Florida, off U.S. 27. It has been described as "Old Florida" with lots of wildlife, hiking trails and many miles of bicycle trails in the park, one that connects to a trail into the

town of Sebring. Old Florida history continues with the nearby Cracker Trail, the cattle trail with a rich history, the subject of the book, "A Land Remembered" by Patrick Smith. That area of the state offers many activities to explore including air boat rides on Lake Istokpoga and the gardens and carillon at Bok Tower.

It was brought to our attention that the Region 3 rally is scheduled in Tallahassee the same weekend, but after polling our registrants, a majority told us they didn't have plans to attend the Region 3 rally so we will leave our rally on the dates as planned.

Activities during the rally are still in the planning stages and will be announced in future newsletters and in emails to those registered. To keep us all safe we will be observing social distancing and other healthy practices.

Reservations: 863-386-6094
<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>
5931 Hammock Rd. Sebring FL 33872
For more information, email us at blmasters@icloud.com. Hope to see you soon.
Bob and Lyn Masters



Welcome to our New Members!



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[https://
airstreamclub.org/](https://airstreamclub.org/)
and click on Menu &
Current Members

To become an affiliate of
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page.

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145 Haas Ave
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James and Joan Quinn #9302
32839 Webbs Way
Sorrento, FL

Ted Rauch #30561
Jupiter, FL

Gary and Carie Smith #18103
Merritt Island, FL

Donald and June Stadnik #7870
Titusville, FL

Ariya Coppock and Thomas Therit #13205
Tampa, FL

Courtney and Jacob Towe #31718
Fern Park, FL

Wayne Van Den Handel/ Beccy Hosoda #14813
Orlando, FL



Julian Hogan next to her 1962 Globetrotter and Minka, 4 y/o Greater Swiss Mt Dog.



Ariya Coppock and Thomas Therit in their 1970 25' Airstream Caravanner, apparently also known as the "party wagon" back in the day....lol.



Our rig is a 22ft Bambi. We left Home on July 17 and drove straight to Glacier National Park in Montana and have been gradually working our way south, enjoying the national parks and Rocky Mountains. **Baron, Theresa, and Charli Berry**



For our first foray in RVing, we purchased a 2021 Caravel 22FB which we pick up on September 2, 2020. **Wayne Van Den Handel & Beccy Hosoda**



Donald and June Stadnik
Olympic National Forest

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

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joycemneal@hotmail.com

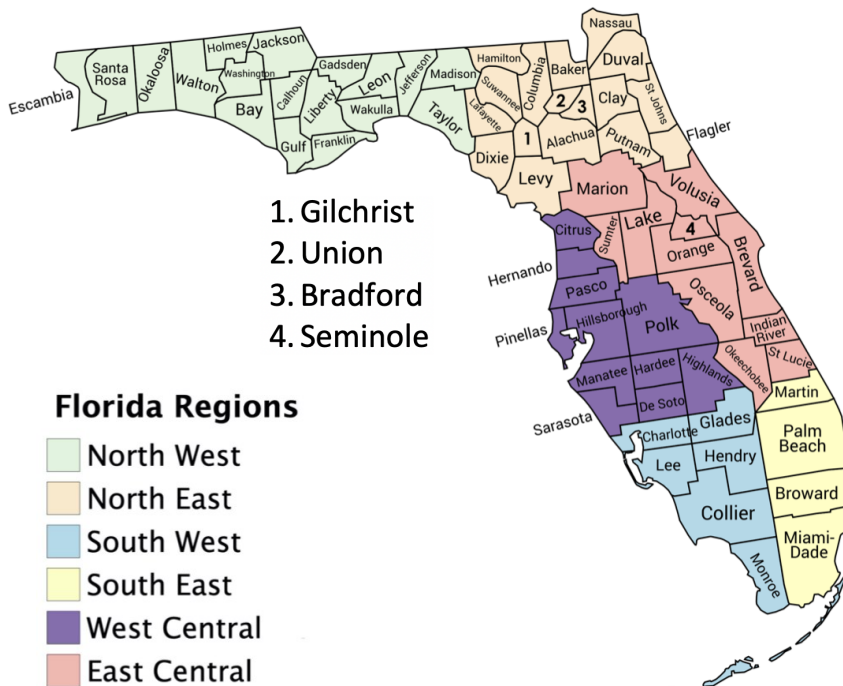
West Central -- Bob and Lyn Masters
blmasters@icloud.com

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 during this isolation time. We are looking forward to getting together with our Air-stream Club Members in October.

Please bring items to donate to an auction to benefit the Fisher House. If you have some gently used items or purchased others that just don't work for you, pass them on! What a win, win. You get things out of your house and someone else gets to enjoy something they have been

wishing for. All items should be given to your Community Project Chair, Chris Allen so they can be added to our sales efforts.

Just a reminder, we still have plenty of club logo stickers, RV stickers, name tag magnets, iron on club logos and lanyards for sale. All proceeds go to the Fisher House. For 2020 we have already raised \$1,553.64 thanks to our generous club members. All money will be delivered to the Fisher House during the first quarter of 2021. Let's work 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 fundraiser. I would love to hear from you.

Chris Allen,
Community Project Chair



Sunshine Committee Report

It is with sincere sympathy that we report **Ron Carson** (brother of Frank Carson) passed away on 09/04/2020. He was a long time member of the Club and active for 25 to 30 years. His wife Ann was secretary of the Unit for a few years. Ron is survived by his wife, three children and their families. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Carson family at this time of loss. We wish them strength and comfort to help them through this time of sorrow.

For this month's Sunshine column news, I decided to start calling Unit members. I wanted to learn about their lives during the Covid-19 pandemic. I hope all our members have avoided the virus.

Marilyn and Whit Blasdel have had a busy summer. Whit has been canning vegetables. He pickles vegetables and puts them in jars. You may have sampled some of them at Unit potlucks. Marilyn has to use her walker to go places. Her vertigo has made her very dizzy.

Ron and Chris Allen have been kept very active with preparations for their grandson, Jansen's wedding in October.

Ron is building an arch to be used in the wedding ceremony. Their Granddaughter is ready to start the new school year. She and the children she teaches in Kindergarten will be wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, and keeping space between them.

Betty Kucowski is waiting to hear when her second knee replacement will be scheduled. Betty has done very well with her first knee surgery. Joe is keeping busy with his flower and vegetable gardens. He also spends time building elaborate doll houses.

Jim and Sunny Almeida from Wesley Chapel have had a very active summer camping schedule. They have a 2020, 30' globetrotter and travel with two pets. This is their first year in the club. At the present time they are camping on the beach at Flagler Beach. They look forward to exploring Saint Augustine. Both are well.

Frank Carson was unhooking our generator from the house when he tripped and fell over the cord. We had a major power outage from the storm. Frank landed on the concrete driveway and broke his hip. Next day he had a total hip re-



placement surgery. He is home and walking with the use of a walker. *(Frank is usually good for some type of surgery every summer. Will it ever end? He is getting tired of it).*

I, Joan Carson have had vertigo for two months. I have seen doctors, had a MRI and a MRA and had the Epley procedure performed five times with no success. Since neither one of us can drive we were lucky to have Joe Kucowski bring him home from the hospital.

I will be calling different Unit members every month to check on your health during the pandemic. Hope everyone is doing well.

If you would like someone to be included in the next newsletter, please send it to Joan Carson at fc23343@aol.com

Florida Airstream Club, WBCCI Region 3, Unit 27



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<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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