



GOOD LIFE NEWS

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President's Points

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I've heard it said that everything changes and I find this is also true for our lives as "Airstreamers". Our Big Red Truck & the Rolling Toaster III have clocked an additional 5,000 miles onto their odometers since my last President's Points article. We are currently settled into our "new" site assignment at Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park and are enjoying the change.

Change is inevitable and the impact of change can be challenging or not so challenging. From my experience the challenges of change in organizations can be greatly reduced if those responsible for the changes lead and manage the changes well. I believe Airstream Club International and your Florida Airstream Club leaders have and continue to manage change very well and that our Airstream Club at all levels will operate even better in the future because of it.

The ACI Constitution was changed at the last International Rally. We were informed early on that this change was in the works and that our FAC Constitution & Bylaws would need to change so that they remain in alignment with ACI's Constitution & Bylaws. Given these documents would require

revision this year our 1st VP Bob Masters recommended that we use this as an opportunity to update & improve our Club's Constitution, Bylaws, Policies & Procedures and to establish formal Rally Guidelines. As I mentioned in our last newsletter, this work is essentially complete. Our last step in this change process is to have our members vote as a Club on the changes to our FAC Constitution.

To ensure we have a quorum for this year's Annual Business Meeting in Daytona this October, you will have the opportunity to electronically vote on the proposed changes to our FAC Constitution and the Slate of FAC Officers & Directors for 2022 if you'll not be in attendance. Instructions on how this will happen will be sent to you via email. Your Executive Board and I encourage you to review these emails and to vote electronically if appropriate.

I wish everyone safe and enjoyable travels and look forward to being with all of you again in Daytona.

Mike Swegles
President Florida Airstream Club

Requests from Webmaster Steve Oppel:

Photos wanted: Please send to me your best airstream photos so that I can post them on the web site. oppels@gmail.com.

Email updates: If your email address has changed, please update it at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/update-membership-email> Thanks!

FAC Get-together at the 2021 International

The 64th International Rally was held in Lebanon, TN July 17-24.

Many members of the Florida Airstream Club met for a happy hour at the International Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee on July 21. The gathering was organized quickly by Bob & Lyn Masters in between all the other activities at the rally. We shared a meet and greet session, snacks, mingling with other members present at the rally and welcomed several brand new members to the club.

Standing: Jim Trusley, Wayne Clark, Vicky Digby, Nan Joi Haynes, Bob Hoffman, Judy Barrett, Tim George, Pam George, John Arneson, Barbara Arneson, Tom Haynes, Doug White, Debbie White, Bob Masters, Lyn Masters, Curtis Hargett, Rachel Hargett, Elizabeth Geiger, Hugh Geiger, Candace Krewer

Seated: Joyce Hoffer, Alice Trusley, Henry Krewer, Jerome Hoffer

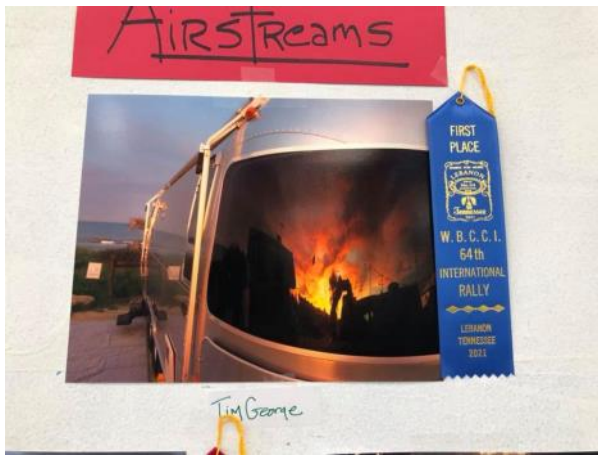
Not shown: Suzanne Wibby, Dick & Fran Marquette



Contest Winners at 2021 International Rally

The 64th International Rally was held in Lebanon, TN July 17-24.

Three members from Florida Airstream Club entered the photo contest at the International Rally and won awards! Congratulations to talented photographers with Tim George, Bob Masters, and Judy Barrett.



Summer Trip Spotlights

Spotlights of members, places, and rigs from their summer trips. Some meetups were planned; others were chance.



Judy Barrett's rig at Douglas Dam Overlook in Tennessee River valley.



Stan and Helene White's rig at the Old West Balloon Fest in Gering, Nebraska



Meeting up at Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Airstream Park before heading off in all different directions. Beautiful park. Great to see familiar faces.

Summer Trip Spotlights (cont.)

Matthew and Mary Ellen Hughes' rig during sunrise in Helena, Montana at yet ANOTHER amazing Harvest Host camping spot. This time it's a sheep farm!



David & Susan Pooles' rig at Yellowstone Valley RV Resort near Cody, WY.

Spontaneous South Dakota meet-up at the Museum of Geology Rapid City, SD between and Stan & Helene White and Maryanne & Mike Swegles when they were crisscrossing paths this summer.



Parks Less Traveled

This year we took a big trip out west, covering 11,000 miles from mid-April to mid-August. We had planned to go to New England, but the resurgence of Covid derailed those plans and we decided to stay south of the Mason-Dixon line instead. Our one-year-old grandson, who is obviously unvaccinated, has his parents pretty worried, so we decided not to add to it and delayed our visit with them.

On our westward trip we visited quite a few National Parks and of course enjoyed seeing them. The big surprise was how much we loved some of the state parks, national forests, and national recreation areas. One of my most favorite was Kodachrome Basin State Park in Utah. It is a half hour away from Bryce Canyon NP, another park not to be missed in Utah. But Kodachrome has all the colors with dramatic scenery, way less people, and nicer amenities. The hiking trails were

some of the most fun we experienced. The monolithic stone spires called “pipes” are just amazing; it is like stepping into an otherworldly masterpiece. The bright blue skies and the weirdly formed boulders change color depending on the time of day, and we found ourselves walking the trails in silence and alone. Fantastic!

Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park in Kanab, UT within an hour’s drive, is another park we loved. It has pink sand dunes rising against red sandstone cliffs. We got a real work out climbing up and down the dunes and watching people sand board and drive their ATV’s. We stayed a week in the area. Next time, it’s three! Meanwhile, we will meander the Blue Ridge Mountains for now. Hope to see you in Daytona.

Maryanne and Mike Swegles
And Gigi

Two fantastic Utah state parks not to be missed



Kodachrome Basin State Park , Cannonville, UT



Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park in Kanab, UT

Parks Less Traveled (cont.)

This summer our travels took us to Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota because all the campgrounds in South Dakota badlands area were filled up by motorcyclists attending the rally in Sturgis. We're glad we went there because it is one of the less popular parks with more bison than people!

We stayed with full hook-ups at Red River Valley Campground in Medora. It was located close to the south entrance of the park and a short driving distance to the north unit. Each night there were at least two other airstreams in the park so we met some new people. The campground was also close to the downtown tourist district, shops and restaurants which I recommend you visit on weekdays, not on crowded Saturdays. If you're in the area, don't miss "The Medora Musical" — the singing and dancing show on an outdoor stage was very entertaining.

Theodore Roosevelt National Park is named after the former president because of the ranch he owned in the

We were curious about the Cottonwood Campground in the national park so we drove through it. Lo-and-behold, we saw another couple from the Florida Airstream Club parked there: Matthew and MaryEllen Hughes! (rig in left lower picture). As we were talking, we saw some buffalo walking near their campsite to reach the Little Missouri River. Talk about close-up views of wildlife! We continued on our driving tour as Matthew pedaled his bike to explore some more...

I learned that the land formations in the badlands are called "buttes" not mountains because they were formed by water and wind erosion not earthquakes. But the overlooks are pretty impressive and colorful none-the-less. The park is known for wildlife viewing and we saw several herds of bison, feral horses, one elk, and lots of prairie dogs. The paved roads through the park have multiple pullouts and short hikes, so a driving tour is a great way to see a lot of wilderness. The Maah Daah Hey Trail connects the south and north units, as well as the National Grasslands, so mountain biking is another way for the more adventuresome to see it. This less traveled park is worth the visit.

Susan and David Poole



Summer Trip to Museum of Modern Art, NYC



Tom and Terri Johnson visited the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in New York City. Here are some photos of an Airstream on exhibit. One shows the reflection of his daughter Susan in the polished exterior of the Airstream.



MoMA is a place that fuels creativity, ignites minds, and provides inspiration. It has extraordinary exhibitions and collection of modern and contemporary art (including one vintage Airstream).



Tech Tips: Six Tapes for Your Tool Bag

Thanks to Randy Godfrey for suggesting this excerpt from “How to Airstream” website, written by Rich Luhr, Nov. 30, 2020.

I'd like to be able to say that once you get your new Airstream you don't have to worry about anything going wrong with it for years, but that's not the reality of RV ownership—no matter what brand you buy. Bouncing down the road inevitably takes a toll, specifically in the form of leaky plumbing fittings, loose screws, and broken rivets. The wise Airstreamer travels with a basic kit of tools to deal with those little on-the-road problems.

A perfect example came up a couple of weeks ago when we towed our 2020 Airstream Globetrotter 300 miles out to the quiet desert town of Borrego Springs, CA. After seven hours of driving all I wanted to do was go for a nice walk through the state park campground, but a mysterious puddle of water on the floor changed my priorities. I traced it back to the Airstream's water pump, where a plastic screwed-on fitting was spitting water.

Tightening the fitting didn't stop the leak, and it leaked badly even when the pump was off, so I had these options:

1. Camp for 4 nights without water
2. Hitch up and tow 60 miles to the nearest RV technician
3. Fix it myself

Ten minutes later, the problem was solved, thanks to just *one* indispensable item: Teflon (plumber's) tape. A few wraps of that stuff on the threads of the fitting and the leak was gone—and our camping trip was saved.

Tape is amazing stuff. There's a tape for all kinds of problems, and it's incredibly easy to use. Having a variety of specialized tapes has gotten me out of dozens of jams while traveling. Here are the six types of tape that I always have in my Airstream tool kit:

- Teflon
- masking
- double-stick molding
- electrical
- Silicone
- Butyl

To read more about all six types and see where they're useful in an Airstream, click on the link below.

[http://howto.airstreamlife.com/2020/11/30/six-tapes-for-your-tool-bag/?mc_cid=70f5dd3cd4&mc_cid=\[bdf7808026\]](http://howto.airstreamlife.com/2020/11/30/six-tapes-for-your-tool-bag/?mc_cid=70f5dd3cd4&mc_cid=[bdf7808026])



Blue masking tape



3M Double Stick tape



Silicone tape

Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2021

Date	Rally Location and Campground	Hosts and Rally Registration
Sep. 23-26, 2021	Jewel of the South Jekyll Island Rally Jekyll Island Campground, GA Reservations: Do NOT contact campground. Initial reservations are made thru the rally hostess when you register online. 20 rally sites are set aside for us in Section C and 10 more nearby.	Selena Smith smithselenaj@gmail.com 904.206.2688 Register at https://airstreamclub.org/jewel-south-jekyll-island-rally
Oct. 21-25, 2021	Daytona Beach / Annual Meeting Rally International RV Park, Daytona Beach, FL Reservations: Do NOT call the campground. When you register the host will make your campground reservation.	Linda and Larry Scovotto floridalarry@me.com (386) 405-0160 Register at https://airstreamclub.org/2021-daytona-beach-annual-meeting-rally
Nov. 4-7, 2021	Mary's Fish Camp Rally Spring Hill, FL Reservations: Please call the campground (352) 597-3474	Steve Oppel, Tim George, Jeff Krabel oppels@gmail.com 7636708771 Register at https://airstreamclub.org/marys-fish-camp-rally-1
Dec. 2-5, 2021	Cracker Christmas Rally - Cancelled Fort Christmas, Christmas FL Reservations: No need to contact campground. Just register online <i>Per Fort Christmas website and manager: "Programs and tours remain suspended".</i>	Steve & Laura Kane, Masters & Swegles SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com Cohosted by Masters & Swegles
Dec. 6-10, 2021	Winter Murder Mystery Rally at Stink Weed Farm 281 Potter Woodberry Road Havana, FL Reservations: No need to contact campground. Just register online.	Steve & Laura Kane SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com Cohosted by Masters & Swegles Register at https://airstreamclub.org/winter-holiday-stinkweed-farm-rally
Dec 29, 2021 to Jan 3, 2022	Ring It In Silver In 2022 New Year's Rally Anastasia State Park St. Augustine, FL Reservations (up to 11 months prior) https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/	Brenna & Joe Loretta brennaandjoe@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/ring-it-silver-2022-new-years-rally



Important: Remember to RESERVE and REGISTER. Make your own RV reservations with the campground AND register for the rally at airstreamclub.org (see links above). It really helps the Hosts to know who is coming so they can plan and send updates. If you need to cancel or make changes, then email the Hosts. ACI members from any club are welcome to attend. Rally fees are typically \$20 per person (children under 18 free). More details are available in this newsletter or from Rally Hosts.

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Dec 29, 2021 to Jan 3, 2022	Ring It In Silver In 2022 New Year's Rally Anastasia State Park, St. Augustine, FL See details on previous page	Brenna & Joe Loretta brennaandjoe@gmail.com
Feb. 10-14, 2022	Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Live Oak, FL Reservations: 800-224-5656 or https://www.musicliveshere.com/ (Make reservation near the Pickin' Shed, Ask for Airstream rally discount)	Mike & Gina McGinn jmmcginn@comcast.net Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
Mar. 24-28, 2022 <i>Pending park reopening</i>	Blue Grass Festival Fort Christmas, Christmas, FL Do not call the park. Register online and contact host if changes.	Steve & Laura Kane SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
Apr. 6-9, 2022	ACI Region 3 Rally Hiawassee, GA Reservations: https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-3-rally	Airstream Club International https://airstreamclub.org/2022-region-3-rally
Apr. 21-25, 2022	Salt Springs Rally Salt Spring Recreation Area Fort McCoy, FL Reservations: 877-444-6777 or https://www.recreation.gov/ (reservations can be made up to 6 months prior so try in mid October)	John and Kathie Walker walker48@bellsouth.net Host site: near the Pavilion Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
May 12-16, 2022	Heart of the Springs Rally Otter Springs Campground Trenton, FL Reservations: 352-463-0800 or http://ottersprings.com/ Make reservation with the campground, ask for Airstream rally location	Mike & Maryanne Swegles maryanneswegles7@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
Jun. 2-6, 2022	Silver Summer Kick-Off Rally Canopy Oaks RV Resort Lake Wales, FL Reservations: 407-630-7000 or https://www.sunlight-resorts.com/resorts/resort-at-canopy-oaks/ Make reservation with the campground near site 211, Make sure the park knows you are with the Airstream rally to be eligible for a 10% or 15% discount (depending on the number of attendees.)	Charlie and Jeri Prisco gcprisco@yahoo.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida

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Jul. 23-29, 2022	ACI International Rally Fryeburg, ME Make reservations starting on July 22, 2021 https://airstreamclub.org/fryeburg-2022-international-rally	Airstream Club International https://airstreamclub.org/fryeburg-2022-international-rally
Sep. TBA	TBA	
Oct. 13-17, 2022	Sarasota Silver Rally / Annual Meeting Sarasota Fairgrounds Sarasota, FL Reservations: Sites already reserved, do not call fair-ground, sign-up by registering online.	Lyn & Bob Masters blmasters@icloud.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
Nov. 3-7, 2022	Mary's Fish Camp Rally Spring Hill, FL Reservations: call (352) 597-3474 <i>Reserve early as this rally fills up!</i>	Jeff Krabel jk62gt@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
Dec. TBA <i>Pending park reopening</i>	Cracker Christmas Festival Fort Christmas, Christmas FL Installation of 2023 Officers Reservations: Do not call the park. Register online and contact host if changes.	Steve & Laura Kane SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
Dec. TBA	Stink Weed Farm Havana, FL Reservations: Do not call the park. Register online and contact host if changes.	Steve & Laura Kane SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida



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Jewel of the South: Jekyll Island Rally

Sep. 23-26, 2021

Jekyll Island is the smallest of Georgia's barrier islands and the southernmost island of the Golden Isles. Along with a fascinating history, Jekyll is one of the most popular island destinations of coastal Georgia ... from 10 miles of unspoiled beaches and perfectly preserved Gilded Age mansions, this island is a beautiful blend of serenity and discovery. Whether you are seeking the sound of silence or seeking outdoor adventures, Jekyll offers something for everyone that can keep you island bound but other adventures can also be found in nearby Brunswick and St. Simon's Island. Visit their website: www.jekyllisland.com

Rally Sites – All of Section C -- 20 Back-in Sites plus 15 more nearby (up to 35) [Click here for map.](#) Address is 1197 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, Georgia

Reservation Process: Initial reservation is made thru the rally hostess. **Do not** make an online reservation thru the campground website as the discount rally rate will not be honored nor will you be placed with other rally members. Be sure to check emails from me and provide the information requested by the campground to confirm your reservation.



Reservation Deadline: August 1, 2021, to receive a 10% discount on Rally dates only; any additional nights require a separate reservation at regular rate. Your rally reservation will be turned over to the campground on August 1 and you will receive instructions via email from the campground regarding deposit payment.

Rate & Cost Information:

\$48/Night less 10% discount ... Includes Full Hook-up; Wi-Fi & Cable Inclusive
 Pets Allowed: A pet fee of \$4.00 will be charged per reservation
 State Park fee for Oversized Vehicle is \$12.00
 Rally fee per adult \$20-25 (children <18 free).
 Register with hostess at <https://airstreamclub.org/jewel-south-jekyll-island-rally>. Then email your contact information and rig information to her.

Hostess: Selena Smith
smithselenaj@gmail.com

Preliminary Rally Itinerary

- Thursday Mingle** – Meet & Greet @ Hostess Site
 Happy Hour - Announcements & Introductions – Welcome Packet
 Campground Manager – presents a 'local's spin' about the island's history .. facts only a local knows!!
- Friday Mingle** – TBD by level of interest - Catered Dinner ... Southern Soul BBQ, St. Simon's Island ... featured on Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives by Guy Fieri; also Southern Living Magazine's "The South's Best BBQ 2018" Bring items to donate for Fisher House Auction (time TBA)
- Saturday Mingle** – Cocktails @ Georgia Sea Turtle Center – Add'l Cost \$10/person. Mix & mingle with our education animals and Georgia Sea Turtle Center biologists to get an up-close look at the wildlife on Jekyll Island.
- Sunday Mingle** – Coffee/Mimosas & Brunch at Hostess Site
- Day Time Activity Options: * Denotes additional cost**
 More information will follow at later date as to cost per person, group size limitations/requirements and group rate, sign up required, etc.
- Shopping Areas** – Oceanfront & Historical Village @ Jekyll Island Club
Fishing at Pier – No Charge, *Rental Equipment Available @ Bait Shop
Beach & Picnic Areas
Individual Bike Rides or *Guided Tours – Rentals Available
Kayaking & *Guided Tours – Rentals Available
 *Segway Tours, *Ranger Walks, *Oceanfront Mini Golf
 *Historic Tours & *Historic Cottage Crawl
 *Horseback Beach Rides, *Narrated Horse Drawn Carriage Tours
 *Airboat Rides, *Dolphin Boat Tours
 *Red Bug (Golf Cart) Rental
 *The Emerald Princess Casino Cruise Ship

Carolina Balloon Fest, Oct. 15-17, 2021

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

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

As of 8/29 the website stated they have 15 standard RV sites left.



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

Hope to see you there!

Al Waschka

awaschka@bellsouth.net



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

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

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

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

Text Notifications

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

Call-In Information:

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

Text-In Information:

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

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



At the annual meeting we will vote for the 2022 Executive Board nominees and updates to our constitution, so please plan on attending (check emails for more details)



Preliminary schedule

Thursday – 10/21/21 – Arrival

4:30 pm – Happy Hour

5:30 pm – Club Hosted Dinner

Friday 10/22/21

Breakfast on Your Own

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

4:30 pm – Happy Hour

Open Evening

Saturday – 10/23/21

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

10:00 am – Annual Meeting

4:30 pm – Happy Hour

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

Sunday – 10/24/21

8:00 am – Club Sponsored Breakfast

Open Day

4:30 pm – Happy Hour

6:00 pm – Grilling Night

Monday – 10/25/21 – Departure

Optional Event

Friday – 10/22/21

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

1795 Taylor Road

Port Orange, FL 32128

(386) 304-0778

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

8:30 am – Depart Campground

9:00 am – 10 am – Registration

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

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

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

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

Daytona Beach / Annual Meeting Rally (continued)

Other Things to do around Daytona. . .

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

DeLeon Springs State Park

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

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

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

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

Daytona Flea and Farmers Market

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

Hosts: Steve Oppel, Tim George, and Jeff Krabel
oppels@gmail.com 763-670-8771



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Hosted by Steve and Laura Kane
stevekaneproductions@gmail.com



Ring It In Silver In 2022 New Year's Rally Dec. 29, 2021 to Jan. 3, 2022

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After you make your reservations, please register for the rally (so your hosts know who is coming) at <https://airstreamclub.org/ring-it-silver-2022-new-years-rally>

More details will follow in the coming months.

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Welcome New Members and Affiliates!



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

To become an affiliate of Florida Airstream Club, see instructions on last page.

Welcome New Members

FACEBOOK

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



THE Florida Airstream Club 027

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!

Merchandise Web Site Open!

The Florida Airstream Club Merchandise Web Site is now open!

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

The web site is:

<https://shop.spreadshirt.com/florida-airstream-club/>

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

Chris Allen, (904) 534-9896



Community Project: Fisher House Foundation

Our Fall Rally Schedule kicks-off with the Jewel of the South Jekyll Island Rally September 23rd for 4 fun filled nights. At this rally on Friday, September 24th at 7:00 P.M. we will be having a Fundraising Auction to benefit the Fisher House. If you have any gently used items, new or vintage collectables, camping items, tools, clothing, etc. that you would like to donate to this auction, please bring them to the Rally and I will be sure to add them to the auction.

Just a reminder that all funds collected at the auction go on deposit so that we can present the Fisher House with a check during the first quarter of 2022. Year to date we have collected \$3,548.50 for the efforts we have all put into this community project.

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

Keep in mind, we are still currently selling club stickers, RV stickers in white & silver, name tag magnets and lanyards, wooden joker sets, hand-crafted by Jeff Krabel and window opening tools donated by Bob Masters. See Chris Allen to purchase.

Do you have an idea for a future fundraiser? Have you come up with a must have tool that would benefit other campers? Please let me know. We would love to incorporate your ideas in future initiatives to increase our donations. I can be reached at email: ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net or by calling (904) 534-9896.



Sunshine Committee Report

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 deb@declutteredbydeb.com or call (763) 670-8772



Florida Airstream Club, ACI Region 3, Unit 27



Visit us on the web
<https://airstreamclub.org/florida>

Inspired by the international caravans of Wally Byam, creator and founder of Airstream, the Wally Byam Caravan Club (WBCC) was initially chartered in 1955. Since then the name has been amended to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI), and Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC), and recently **Airstream Club International (ACI)**

The Florida Airstream Club was originally chartered as The Southeastern Unit in 1956 making it one of the oldest units. We schedule rallies all over the state from October through April. Staying true to Airstream tradition we include lots of great food, activities, and opportunities to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere.

New applicants and renewing members apply online at <https://airstreamclub.org/> Contact Membership Chair below if questions.

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

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