



GOOD LIFE NEWS

Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27

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President's Points

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As I come to the point as your Club President where the end of my term is in sight, I've some thoughts on points. *Stop waxing philosophical (you say) and get to the point!* Here goes:

My pencil points have never been the sharpest in the box, but I do believe I've made some significant marks on our Club with the points I was appointed with. (*Not too punny Steve Kane?*) I was blessed to be issued a box of sharp pencils with which to lead our club in the form of our Executive Board Members, Committee Chairpersons and members & Rally Host/Hostesses.

Early in my Presidency it became clear that the most significant mark I could make as your Club President would be to encourage these sharp pencils in our Club to carry out their assigned responsibilities and to bring about any beneficial changes they felt were appropriate for our Club. In essence, my role was to get out of their way, encourage them, foster collaboration at all levels, and ensure the club functioned well. I also tried to ensure that any changes were implemented to the greatest extent possible, in accordance with our Club Constitution & By Laws. Our hope in bringing about any changes was to better identify what we do,



how we do it, and who is responsible for doing it in our club.

If you're wondering just what's changed, take a look at the FAC Website. It's new and improved with a greater wealth of club information. It includes our recently changed Club Constitution & By Laws, which were voted into effect at our Annual Meeting. We also posted tools to help us host rallies and prepare rally reports to document costs and to ensure members are more easily reimbursed. We can order club branded items online through a link from our website. In addition, the Executive Board & our membership can vote on issues electronically.

These are just a few of the significant changes achieved by this team, in addition to performing their assigned responsibilities. I am awed by the diligence and professionalism these volunteers all displayed in carrying out their club responsibilities this year.

The point I'm trying to make is that if you enjoy being a member of our club, then take the time to thank each and every sharp pencil you see at your next rally for all the hard work they have done and will do on our behalf. It's been a joy, pleasure & honor to serve as your President.

Mike Swegles

Annual Business Meeting Summary

*Thank your new
Executive Board members
who will assume
responsibilities in January
2022*

Our club's annual business meeting was conducted on Oct. 23 at the rally in Daytona. Members voted in person or electronically on the 2022 Officers and Executive Board. The new officers who will be installed at the Cracker Christmas Rally on Thu. Dec. 2 are:

President - Bob Masters
1st Vice President - Larry Scovotto
2nd Vice President - Steve Kane
Treasurer - Brenna Loretta
Secretary - Janet McGloin
Trustee 1 - Steve Oppel (Two-year term)
Trustee 2 - Susan Poole (Two-year term)
Trustee 3 - Frank Carson (One year-term)
Past President - Mike Swegles

Members also voted to approve the items below:

Proposed Club International Delegate Voting Instructions

- Should an International constitution amendment be presented at the International Rally this coming year requiring club membership approval, our club delegate (typically the club President) may vote their conscience in the best interest of the club on behalf of the club membership.

Proposed FAC Constitution

- Revised extensively based on new International requirements and to clarify and simplify the language used.
- Revised Executive Board structure.
- Changed membership voting from one vote per Big Red Number to each WBCCI member.
- Added ability for the membership to vote electronically.

Thank you to the members who worked on revising our Constitution, Bylaws, and Rally Host Guidelines and were led by Bob Masters: Randy Godfrey, Steve Oppel, Mike Swegles, Larry Scovoto. Meeting minutes and other documents are posted on our FAC Website at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida>



Executive Board 2021: Steve Oppel, Janet McGloin, Mike Swegles, Bob Masters, Larry Scovoto, Steve Kane, Brad McGloin

Fun Facts from History

Here are some fun facts that Jeff Krabel (our Club Historian) shared at the annual meeting.

Items	Past Prices	Adjusted for Inflation	Current Price
Rally Fees / person	1961 \$3.75	\$32.78	\$20
Membership Dues	1961 \$4.50 National \$2.50,	\$39.33	\$95.00 National \$85,
Gas	0.36 / gallon	\$2.42	\$2.43 / gallon
Globetrotter 21 feet	\$5120	\$34,355	\$34,662

Rally after the International! Megunticook by the Sea Campground Jul. 29 – Tue. Aug. 2, 2022



At the annual meeting MaryAnne announced this new rally:

Attending the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine? Would you like to extend the trip and spend some time on the coast?

We have registered for International and have planned an “after party” at Megunticook by the Sea Campground in beautiful coastal Rockport/Camden. There is much to do and see in this beautiful area of Mid-Coast Maine.

Here are the particulars: 25 sites have been blocked for this Air-stream get together. This is a busy time as their season is short, so book soon. You must call 207-594-2428 to reserve, online booking won’t work as we have blocked sites for FAC. Calling hours are 9-6.

Prices are online, but we are booking 30 AMP FHU @ \$59 per night, and we have reserved Friday July 29- Tuesday Aug. 2. A 50 % dep is required at booking, 14 day cancellation. It is advised that you look at campground map on website before booking. We are in site 58.

We are hoping for the conditions to be right so that we can do some kayaking in the harbor, Camden and Rockport both have lighthouses that can be seen up close and it is an outstanding experience.
MaryAnne and Mike Swegles

Gleaming Rigs in Glorious Places



Pam and George Millis's stayed at Marceline Vineyards in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley (Harvest Host Site)



Jim and Karen Creighton in Southern Utah



Erick Piskator and Bonnie Jacobs were lucky enough to be in the Airstream Group at the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. It was truly a bucket list event. The pictures don't do it justice. The Airstream lot had 150 Airstreams and was right at the edge of the field where the balloons went up.

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!

Caravanning in the Southwest



Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim

Our long-awaited Southwest Adventure Caravan (we've been registered since 2018) was all we had hoped for and more. We spent seven memorable weeks exploring the Four Corner states, starting in Albuquerque, discovering northern New Mexico and southern Colorado, visiting the big five National Parks in Utah, camping on the north rim of the Grand Canyon, learning about Indian cultures in all four states and ending with the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Much of the caravan was spent at elevation with camp sites ranging from 4000 – 8000 feet and typically summer temperatures ranged from the 40s – 80s. For the almost native Floridians that we are, our eyes were opened to the cultures, climate, history, and drastically different landscapes of the region.

It is called the Adventure Caravan and we definitely enjoyed the adventures. One of our most memorable adventures was when we pushed our personal envelopes during a trail ride into Bryce Canyon. It was a wonderful way to explore the canyon, even through closed eyes while our horses navigated hairpin turns over nearly thousand-foot cliffs on a trail less than two feet wide at times. We hiked and biked trails in the parks as we traveled through the areas.



Grand Canyon National Park, North Rim

This caravan crossed many items off our bucket lists, one of the main ones being the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. More than 150 Airstreams were parked a very short distance from the field where over 450 balloons launched, and no words can describe the spectacle of having hundreds of balloons drift over our camper in the early morning breeze.

We are completely sold on Airstream caravans. They take you places you would never go on your own with a group of high-spirited folks who also love Airstreaming. If you are looking for an adventure, consider one of the many caravans listed in the Blue Beret. If the caravan you want has a waiting list, sign up anyway; people on the waiting list normally move up quickly. You won't be disappointed.

Bob & Lyn Masters



Left: Bryce Cannon National Park with fellow FAC adventurers Jerome and Joyce Hoffer

Right: Balloon Fiesta, Albuquerque, New Mexico



Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2021

Date	Rally Location and Campground	Hosts and Rally Registration
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. 2-6, 2021	Cracker Christmas Rally - Fort Christmas, Christmas FL Reservations: No need to contact campground. Just register online <i>Yes! It's back on! Space still available!</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	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
Jul. 29—Aug. 2 2022 NEW!	Megunticook by the Sea Campground 25 sites have been blocked for this Airstream get together. You must call 207-594-2428 to reserve, one of the blocked sites for FAC. Calling hours are 9-6.	Mike & Maryanne Swegles maryanneswegles7@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
Sep. 22-26, 2022	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/florida
Oct. 13-17, 2022 NEW!	Sarasota Silver Rally / Annual Meeting Sarasota Fairgrounds Sarasota, FL Reservations: Sites already reserved, do not call fairground, 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 SOLD OUT! <i>But call and ask to be put on the waiting list.</i>	Jeff Krabel jk62gt@gmail.com Register at https://airstreamclub.org/florida
Dec. TBA	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

Based on many, many comments during and after, our **Jewel of the South Rally** at Jekyll Island, GA in September was a blast! Survey says you will return and it's all set for Sep. 22-26, 2022. The Jekyll Island rally started as a vision during a visit with key personnel of the Jekyll Island Authority to discuss the possibility of an entirely different event ... but once I spotted the campground, I thought out loud 'plan it and they will come', and you did!

The rally was well attended ... there were 31 Air-streams: 22 out of Florida, 5 from Georgia, 2 out of South Carolina, 1 out of North Carolina, and one based in Texas but traveled in from South Carolina.

The weather was island perfect for outdoor enjoyment - including bicycle rides to Driftwood Beach to watch the sunrise, kayaking, and the lovely sunset dolphin cruise

Saturday evening. Let's not forget Friday evening's delicious meal catered by Sweet Georgia's Juke Joint along with the humorous antics of Larry Scovotto & Steve Kane during the auction in which we successfully raised \$706 for The Fisher House; as well as a \$100 contribution to the campground's bird sanctuary. And Sunday's brunch was a huge success thanks to Ron & Chris Allen's efforts in planning the menu and wrangling members as volunteers.

A huge 'shout out' to everyone with special thanks to my stand-in co-host, Stacy Daniel; and to Elizabeth Geiger, and Sherry Jones for their amazing photographs during the rally, as well as all the volunteers who stepped forward offering assistance ... before, during, and after ... as a collective force, you too deserve kudos for helping create a successful rally.

Until next time. Selena Smith smithselenaj@gmail.com



Meet and Greet Happy Hour



Airstream Row



Sunrise on Driftwood Beach



Sunset Dolphin Cruise



Breakfast bike ride to Torgua Jack's



Mike and Gina McGinn kayaking

Daytona Beach / Annual Meeting Rally Oct. 21-25, 2021

The 2021 Daytona Beach Rally and Annual Meeting is now in the history books and what a rally it was. Thirty-eight members enjoyed splendid weather, a trip to Cracker Creek, six delicious meals, two nights of games, contributing over \$800 for the Fisher House, electing a new board of directors and most importantly the special comradery that exists between members that have experienced the enjoyment of rallying together.

Speaking of delicious meals, special kudos goes to Marianne Swegles for her Pumpkin Chili! [picture], SkyMed for Saturday morning breakfast, and International RV Campground for Saturday night's Hawaiian themed dinner.

We would like to thank everyone who brought items for the Saturday night auction. As mentioned, over \$800 was raised for the Fisher House. I would be remised if I didn't mention the the item of the night – The Jeff Kabel Hand-Powered Washing Machine, aka seat, drum, toilet plunger and so many other uses I can't mention in print!

Linda and I had a wonderful time hosting this rally. The memories will last for ever.

See you done the road.
Linda and Larry Scovotto BRN #1021



*Highlights from the rally:
Pumpkin Chili, Spruce Creek
Eco-tour, and the comradery at the
annual meeting and shared meals.*



Jeff Kabel's Hand-Powered
Washing Machine



Mary's Fish Camp

Nov. 4-7, 2021

The 2021 edition of the Florida Airstream Club's rally at Mary's Fish Camp is rapidly approaching. We will once again have Sam's now famous smoked ribs and chicken dinner, the Golden Mullet fishing tournament, and kayaking on the Mud and Weeke Wachee Rivers. As an added bonus this year, Friday's happy hour will be at the airstream themed beer garden at Marker 48 Brewing.

The staff at Mary's Fish Camp has made many improvements over the past year. A new bathhouse has opened by the boat ramp, all new kayak and paddle board rentals, and they are working on new RV sites.

Agenda

Thursday 11/04

Arrive and make camp
4:30 pm Happy Hour at host site (#5)
Distribution of Rally Bags and Announcements
Supper on your own

Friday 11/05

Breakfast and morning activities on your own
11:30 am Presentation by SkyMed with lunch to follow
4:30 pm Happy Hour at Marker 48 Brewing in the Airstream Beer Garden
Supper on your own

Saturday 11/06

8:00 - 9:30 am Shrimp and Grits breakfast sponsored by rally
Free day to fish, boat, visit local attractions...
4:30 pm Happy Hour at host site (#5)
6:00 pm Sam's famous smoked ribs and chicken dinner

Sunday 11/07

Breakfast on your own
12:00 to 4:00 pm The annual ***GOLDEN MULLET*** fishing tournament
4:30 pm Happy Hour at the pavilion with presentation of the coveted Golden Mullet
6:30 pm Fish Fry at host site

Monday 11/08

Go home and get ready for the next exciting Florida Airstream Club Rally!

Rally notes:

Happy Hour: Bring your own refreshments if desired
Sponsored Meals: Bring your own plates, utensils, and drinks
Rally Fee: \$20 per person to be collected at rally



The rally is currently sold out, but if you are on the waiting list, all hope is not lost as sites have opened up every year as the rally date approaches. If you have a site and realize you cannot attend, PLEASE let the staff at Mary's as soon as you can so that they can connect the next person on the waiting list.

Hosts: Steve Oppel, Tim George, and Jeff Krabel

oppels@gmail.com [763-670-8771](tel:763-670-8771)



Mary's Fish Camp, 8092 Mary's Fish Camp Rd,
Weeki Wachee, FL 34607 (352) 597-3474

Cracker Christmas Rally

Dec. 2-6, 2021

Come join us for the Cracker Christmas Rally from December 2nd-6th, for the Cracker Christmas festival and crafts fair, 4th and 5th, at the historical Ft. Christmas, in Christmas, Florida. There will be food, music, crafts, demonstrations, and fun for all ages. Visit their historical homes dating back to the early 1800s and get an up close look at what Cracker Cattle life was like in central Florida during the early years.

Along with volunteering for the festival, we will have an induction ceremony and dinner on Friday night at 6pm, games, music circles, roasting marshmallows, technical demonstrations, hiking, a possible ghost tour, and other great things for rally fun!! The Florida wetlands park has a wonderful trim tour early Friday morning. I'll give you more information about that at happy hour. As always, happy hours are at 4 PM!

The Florida Airstream Club has been volunteering at this festival for many years, helping set up tables and chairs, trash receptacles, stages, freshening up their homes with a broom and watching the historical homes during the festival. Due to our turnout and amount of hours we volunteer (usually 8 - 12 per person throughout the four days), we are the only group ever allowed to camp there! So join us in this unique opportunity, have fun, meet new friends, and help make a difference in the community.

Space is limited to 25 spaces and unit 27 members and affiliates have priority. That being said, we usually have 5-10 spots for buddies, so contact me quickly!! There is no rally fee or camping fee as long as your signed up for at least 1 shift every day to help. Sign ups will be the afternoon of the first happy hour.

Arrival is Thursday 9am to dusk (*before the induction dinner, please!*) and Friday 8am to dusk. Please no trailer traffic leav-



ing until AFTER the festival has ended each day and we encourage you to stay until Monday after breakfast. We've had a 34' Excella join us for years, so any size Airstream is welcome!

It is "semi-boondocking" with shared water (bring a Y adaptor) and shared electricity (less than 10 amps per guest) so plan on propane for fridges, heat, and cooking, please. Please be respectful if you need to use a silent model generator. There is a generator parking area, please let us know when you arrive.

To reserve a spot, please sign up online at <https://airstreamclub.org/2021-cracker-christmas-rally> and email Steve@SteveKaneProductions.com with "Cracker Christmas" in the subject so I can sort them easily.

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 previous rallies.

Hosted by Steve and Laura Kane
stevekaneproductions@gmail.com



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



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.

Brenna & Joe Loretta
brennaandjoe@gmail.com

Welcome New Members and Affiliates!



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.

NEW MEMBERS

Judy Barrett #12814
Dunedin, FL
transferred from Affiliate to Regular Member

Chris and Teresa Beidler #08098
Crawfordville, FL

Michael and Anne Blount #14123
Neptune Beach, FL

Lindy and James Carroll #26657
Satellite Beach, FL

John and Julie Cooke #8308
Indianapolis, FL

Tylin Smith and Marlene Downer #9149
Naples, FL

Jim and Lenore Dunmire # 5710
Belleair, FL

Tera and Will Foust #5379
Crestview, FL

Lawrence and Deborah Grayhills #10376
Palm City, FL

Donald Hildeshelm and
Casselberry, FL

Jeanne and Tom Scheitler #04890
Clayton, GA

Paul and Marte Singerman #4895
Miami Beach, FL

NEW AFFILIATES

Susan Cole #12016
Inlet Beach, FL

Daniel and Deborah Forney #06353
Fernandina Beach, FL

C. K. Martin #29178
Vero Beach, FL

Bill and Nancy Richwine #15429
Camp Hill, PA

George and Alice Roberts #4889
Pittsburgh, PA

Lila and Chuck Sleeper # 7922
Saint Augustine, FL

William & Jessica Welker #3015
Palm Coast, FL

Robert and Rosa Winkler #14333
Odessa, FL

Welcome New Members (cont.)

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.



If you would like your picture (with or without your Airstream) included in the next newsletter, please send it to the newsletter editor (susygmeeup14@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 are new members Jim and Karen Creighton. We became Airstream owners last November when we picked up our 2021 Bambi 20fb! We headed out on a nearly five-month journey from Florida to the Pacific Northwest and many places along the way. We just returned home after traveling 15,000 miles and visiting 24 states. We spent 7 weeks in Southern Utah this year. It is one of our favorite places so I am including a couple of photos from there.

Part of our trip included visiting the Airstream Park in Helen Georgia where we met three delightful couples that are members of this club and they convinced us to join! They were so welcoming that we were honored to be invited to be a part of this group. We also visited TCPC in Crossville, Tn and met another couple in this club during that time. We are looking forward to spending more time with them and meeting the rest of the group! Happy Travels and hope to see you soon!



FAC Merchandise Web



Check it out at <https://shop.spreadshirt.com/florida-airstream-club/>

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. 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



Lila and Chuck Sleeper
new affiliates from St. Augustine

Community Project: Fisher House Foundation

The Jewel of the South Jekyll Island Rally, hosted by Selena Smith in September was a perfect venue for continuing our Fundraising efforts for the Fisher House. At this fun filled Rally we collected \$706 for our community project. \$462.00 from the Friday night auction, \$174 from a 50/50 drawing that the winner, Hugh Geiger donated back to the Fisher House and \$70 from our beverage station at the Sunday brunch. This brings our total year to date donations to \$4,254.50. These kind of results only come from folks who care about others and the community. Thank you to everyone who opened their wallets and hearts for those in need, to those who brought auction items, purchased auction treasures and 50/50 tickets and everyone who participated in our beverage sta-

tion at our brunch. A special thank you also goes out to our Rally Host Selena Smith, Auctioneers Larry Scovotto and Steve Kane, our Auction administrators Laura Kane and Susan Poole (who tallied up the auction sales) and Steve Kane and assistants for coordinating and serving at our beverage station.

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, window opening tools donated by Bob Masters and the “never lock yourself out of your trailer” tool designed and donated by Curtis (Will) Hargett. See Chris Allen for de-

Total donations for the year so far are \$4,254.50, which already exceeds last year!



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



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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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