



Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27 Sep. 2022

## President's Points

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### Editor's Note

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If you are like me, this year is just flying by. We are on our way home from the Airstream International rally in Fryeburg, Maine where there was a sea of silver. There were over 980 camping units and about 1600 smiling faces. There were 52 members from our club in attendance and at least 20 affiliates. We had a great time at Club happy hours held nearly every night and a potluck dinner in a park on the fairgrounds. The weather was great with cool nights and warm days with more activities and seminars than you could possibly attend not to mention the Maine hospitality and local attractions. New Airstreams were on display and vendors were there in force, and it was hard to escape without filling a bag with new camping paraphernalia.

There actually is WBCCI business that takes place at the International rally too. At the delegate meeting for instance, our club votes were tallied with the other clubs resulting in both International constitutional amendments being narrowly passed. That means that we will need to revise our Club constitution to comply with the changes. We will take the opportunity to make other changes to our constitution to improve how we conduct business as well. That means that in late September all Club members will be receiving a ballot to vote on our Club constitution amendment along with the yearly election of the 2023 Executive Board mem-

bers. Remember that it takes everyone's participation to assure our Club continues to be the best. I can assure you that your Executive Board, committee members and rally hosts have been working diligently (and having lots of fun along the way) taking care of business and providing all of us a great time at rallies and club events. Please show your support by spending a few minutes to complete your ballot. We need your opinion and votes.

Your open and welcoming nature has greatly contributed to making us the 4<sup>th</sup> largest club in the WBCCI, moving up one slot from last year. We have three rallies remaining this year: Sarasota Silver which includes our annual membership meeting, Mary's Fish Camp, and Cracker Christmas at Fort Christmas, which is our community service rally. The Mary's Fish Camp rally park is full but there is still room at the Sarasota fairgrounds and the Fort Christmas County Park. It's a great time of year to rally. As always, it is an honor and pleasure to be your President.

Bob Masters, President FAC

2023 Executive Board Nominees will be voted on by email ballot and at the annual meeting in October (Sarasota Rally).

President: Larry Scovotto  
 First Vice President: Steve Kane  
 Second Vice President: Mike McGinn  
 Treasurer: Brenna Loretta  
 Recording Secretary: Geri Prisco  
 Trustee: Steve Oppel  
 Trustee: Susan Poole  
 Trustee: John Walker  
 Past President: Bob Masters

## Gleaming Rigs in Glorious Places



Kathy and John Walker hosting social hour at their Airstream during the “Glow Night” at the International Rally, Fryeburg, Maine.



Stan and Helene White stayed at a Harvest Host site in Rhode Island

*Send your photo to the editor  
so it can be here next time!*



Reflection of sunset at Lake Wateree State Park in South Carolina on David and Susan Poole’s Airstream



Steve and Deb Oppel’s Airstream as they travel through the Continental Divide in Colorado during the “Springtime in the Rockies” Caravan.



Rainbow and sunset at Vedauwoo Campground in Buford Wyoming by Karen and Jim Creighton



Karen and Jim Creighton’s Airstream at Alcova Reservoir Black Beach Campground, Alcova Wyoming

# Starlink for RVs – End All Internet Solution?

Elon Musk formed SpaceX to support the US space program and to have humans populate other planets, initially Mars, to assure the perpetuation of the human species. He additionally saw the opportunity to provide rapid internet connectivity worldwide especially for areas of the world that did not have high speed internet connectivity options. In January 2015 Elon announced the plan to develop a constellation of low orbit satellites for global communication using SpaceX rockets as the launch platform. In 2017 the first test satellites were launched and by 2019 the first operational Starlink satellites were in orbit. By July of this year over 3,000 Starlink satellites were orbiting the earth with many more planned.

So now that we have them, are they the solution to our internet needs? Yes and No. Clearly not the answer you were looking for. Let me explain by first giving you a bit of background on how the system works and then some real-life experience. Starlink not only relies on the satellites in orbit, but earth-bound base stations located in what is known as a cell to tie the satellite communications to the internet. Of course, SpaceX is a for profit business. It works by having subscribers, who are provided a small rectangular antenna and a transceiver with WIFI capability. When you connect to the Starlink WIFI and send a command to open an internet site, the signal is sent to a satellite in close proximity to your location that happens to be transiting your Starlink cell at the time. The satellite relays the command to a nearby ground station which makes the internet connection and transmits the data back to the satellite which in turn transmits it to your Starlink system and sends it to your computer or cell



phone via WIFI all at the speed of light. When communications are required over longer distances such as the Atlantic or Pacific oceans the satellites can talk to each other and transmit the data to a ground station in the distant land thereby not being dependent on other land-based transmission methods like trans-oceanic cables. That approach greatly improves the speed or, as it is called in communications speak, signal latency.

**True to Elon's original plan to deliver high speed internet to areas lacking viable internet access,** the east coast of the US has lagged behind many less populated areas of the country. Many of us early technology adopters have had Starlink systems on order for nearly two years waiting for the system to be available in their local cell with the hope that it could be used for mobile applications, i.e RV travel.

When SpaceX announced an RV version earlier this year, we quickly cancelled our original orders and ordered the RV version receiving them in about two weeks. The RV version subscription allowed Starlink to be used throughout most of the US and Canada. Of course, like most new technologies they tend to be somewhat expensive. A subscriber should expect to pay \$599 for their system which includes an antenna, antenna base mount, WIFI router and cabling.

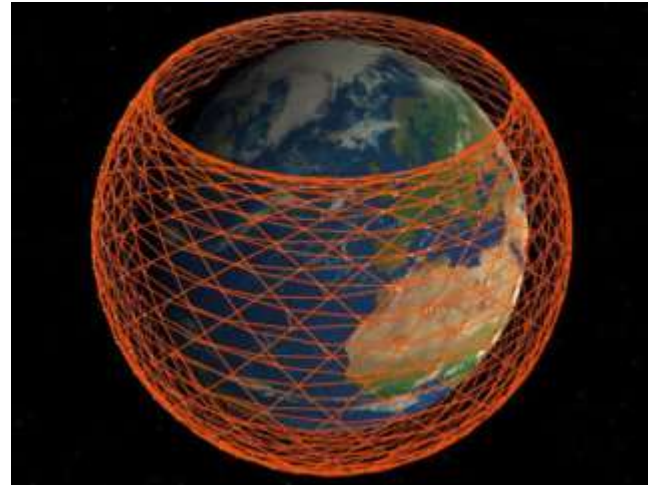
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## Starlink for RVs (cont. )

We enhanced our system with the addition of a 20' collapsible flag pole from Harbor Freight, \$32 and a 3D printed adapter from Etsy, \$24 which allowed us to conveniently extend the height of the antenna above the camper. Additionally, there is a \$139 per month subscription fee that can be paused and restarted on a monthly basis. Being able to pause the subscription is a good thing for us RVers. On the other hand, the RV version comes with a downside in that in populated areas when the Starlink system encounters high traffic levels the RV versions are the first to be slowed down.

The Starlink system is dependent on having a clear view of open sky in order to transmit and receive signals from the satellites. That is not always possible in many RV camping locations due to trees and other obstructions. When the field of view is obstructed, there is no service and if it is partially obstructed you can expect short periods where service is not available. We did encounter some signal loss in a very heavy downpour for a short period of time. In most instances weather was not a factor.



Satellites provide internet access to 40 countries and currently over 500,000 subscribers. The Starlink constellation when complete could have as many as 42,000 satellites in low orbit. [Wikipedia](#)

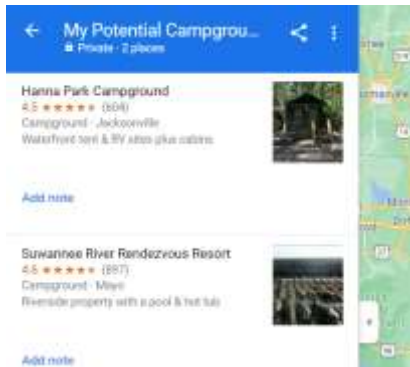
**I'm writing this article in Tennessee on our way back to our Florida home from the International rally in Maine. We have been using the Starlink system for 6 weeks on this trip and are now at our 17<sup>th</sup> campsite having stayed at RV parks, fairgrounds, harvest host locations, Cabela's, and state parks. Four of the 17 sites were obstructed by trees, and one was partially obstructed resulting in short periods of signal loss. As a result, nearly 25% of the stops on our trip Starlink has not been available. However, 75% of the stops it was functional with download speeds averaging around 45mb ranging from 16mb to nearly 150mb. Keep in mind that not all the satellites are in orbit yet. Speeds, weather, and obstruction tolerance should improve as more satellites are available. While using Starlink we could stream movies, surf the net, and make WIFI phone calls with no limits to the amount of data used. I'm sure in western locations where there are fewer trees the ability to use the system would improve.**

Are we ready to abandon other methods to access the internet? Doesn't look like that is going to happen. On the other hand, we are pretty happy with the Starlink system. It is simple and quick to set up and when it is up and running, it is hard to beat especially when cellular or local WIFI is not available.

Bob Masters

## Tip to Remember – Google Maps

One of the tips I have mentioned to other club members is using your Google Maps to create a folder called Airstream Potential Camping Spots. This way when you are talking to someone you can pull out your map, find it and save it. Then when you are traveling in an area you can look at this folder and it will show on the map all camp grounds you have saved in the past. I have utilized this when I find someone recommending a campground on Airstream Addicts or Favorite Airstream Camping Spots.



To do this follow the below steps.

- Locate the campground on your Google Maps
- Click the save button
- Click New List – Name it however you choose
- Click Create and it will automatically add it. (During this step Google also allows you to make notes so you can reference where you heard about it, maybe what the best spot is, is it only boondocking or does it have full hook ups, the website of the campground etc.)
- For your next campground you find you will click the save button then select that new folder you previously created.
- Continue to do this each time you hear about a campground.

Brenna Loretta

## Notes from Fryeburg International Rally

There were so many choices for workshops and entertainment at this year's international rally in Fryeburg, but a few of my favorites stand out.

One bit of learning we hope to never have to use was a workshop called Tire Changing Strategies for Airstream Trailers hosted by Mike Zimmermann and Carolyn Beardshear. Mike and Carolyn broke the process down into simple, easy steps – so easy in fact that he chose the smallest woman in the audience to actually change a tire! A few of his tips included using leverage to save your back – he built a 24" extension adapter out of threaded pipe that he called his "cheater bar" which could be used with both his bottle jack pump as well as his torque wrench handle. If you did not get a chance to attend, you can still find his slide show and all of his tips by clicking [HERE](#).

All the social events were great, especially coming out of two years of pandemic isolation. We enjoyed all of the music and band performances and were very impressed with the volunteer band of Airstreamers who put on a concert called "Music for Song and Stage", a collection of



### Now What? Tire Changing Tips

By Mike Zimmermann

stage and movie songs across the decades, along with some history about each number.

The cap to our week was dancing the night away with the Motor Booty Affair, a Disco party band, on July 28<sup>th</sup>. They put on a show straight out of the 70's, costumes and all, which brought my husband and I back to our teen years! Our Florida Airstream friends were boogying the night away, and it was super fun!

Gina and Bruce Fafard



# Scenes from 65th International Airstream Rally, Fryeburg, Maine



Have you thought about attending an International Rally, but hesitated because you weren't sure it was what you wanted to do? Try it! You'll like it!

There were 987 Airstreams parked at the Fryeburg fairgrounds, making it the largest international rally since 2007. About 52 members and 20 affiliates of Florida Airstream Club attended. Here are some pictures showing some of the activities they enjoyed. Also, here is a video overview of the rally (including the pet show!)

*"Airstreamers Having Fun in Fryeburg, Maine"*  
by Zephyr Travels

<https://youtu.be/PefwOBZDW38>

*"You never know who you'll park next to at a rally, but of this you can be sure: you'll park as strangers but leave as friends."*

<https://airstreamclub.org/>

See you next year at Rock Springs, WY!





## More scenes from Fryeburg, Mai ne



The Airstream Band and Choir Concert was enjoyed by all!



Susan Poole, Abby, and Riker won 2nd place in the Pet Tricks Contest.



Stan White won first place for this photo at Glacier National Park



Paddling and yoga at Lovewell Pond, Fryeburg, ME



And Lobster Rolls, of course!

*"It's not where you are, but who you are there with."* <https://airstreamclub.org/>

Boogie Time!! with the Motor Booty Affair, a Disco party band (below) and music from the 70's era (far right)





## Scenes from Rendezvous at Megunticook by the Sea

About 25 Airstream rigs met up at Megunticook by the Sea Campground in beautiful coastal Rockport/Rockland Maine, after the International Rally. Most were members or friends of members of Florida Airstream Club and a few were there by coincidence. Here are some scenes from their activities.



Lyn and Bob Masters on the Camden harbor cruise with John and Kathie Walker, Trish and Rob Parker, Larry and Linda Scovotto, and Paul and Kay Schrum



The guys have a laugh while Sabrina works waterside



David and Susan Poole enjoyed sailing.



Breakwater Lighthouse, Rockland ME



Everyone loved the Lobster Bake expertly prepared by the campground staff.





## Reed's 55th Anniversary



We celebrated our 55 anniversary with sunsets and crab dinner on Tybee Island, visited the Whistlestop Cafe in Juliette, Georgia where Fried Green Tomatoes was filmed, visited the flight museum near Macon, GA, and hiked at High Falls State Park in Georgia. We also met our grandchildren at an airBNB and kayaked in the lake at Locust Grove, GA.

Meriam and Gerald Reed



# Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2022

Date	Rally Location and Campground	Hosts and Rally Registration
Sep. 22-26, 2022	Jekyll Island Rally Jekyll Island Campground, GA Reservations: Do NOT contact campground. Initial reservations are made thru the rally hostess when you register online. 30 rally sites are set aside for us. Rally fee \$30 per adult.	Selena Smith <a href="mailto:smithselenaj@gmail.com">smithselenaj@gmail.com</a> 904.206.2688 Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/florida">https://airstreamclub.org/florida</a>
Oct. 13-17, 2022	Sarasota Silver Rally / Annual Meeting Sarasota Fairgrounds Sarasota, FL Reservations: Do not call the fairgrounds. Register online and contact host if changes. Rally fee \$20/adult plus camp site \$25/night" <b>Annual Meeting to elect 2023 Executive Board and vote on constitutional amendment</b>	Lyn & Bob Masters <a href="mailto:blmasters@icloud.com">blmasters@icloud.com</a> Bob Metzger and Pat Howe  Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/florida">https://airstreamclub.org/florida</a>
Nov. 3-7, 2022	<b>Mary's Fish Camp Rally</b> Bayport, FL Reservations: call (352) 597-3474 Rally fee \$25 <b>SOLD OUT! Call and ask to be put on the waiting list.</b>	Jeff Krabel <a href="mailto:jk62gt@gmail.com">jk62gt@gmail.com</a> Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/florida">https://airstreamclub.org/florida</a>
Dec. 1- 5, 2022	Cracker Christmas Festival Fort Christmas, Christmas FL Installation of 2023 Officers Reservations: Do not call the park. Register online and contact host if changes. Rally fee \$25	Steve & Laura Kane <a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a>  Register at <a href="https://airstreamclub.org/florida">https://airstreamclub.org/florida</a>



Important: Remember to RESERVE and REGISTER. Make your own RV reservations with the campground (unless otherwise instructed above) AND register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida>. 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. Club rally fees are typically \$20 per adult unless otherwise stated. (children under 18 free). More details are available in this newsletter or from Rally Hosts.



# Jekyll Island Rally

## Sep. 22-26, 2022

**Let's Shake, Rattle & Roll on over to**  
Jekyll Island and Turn Back the Time  
Clock to the 1950s !!

Hostess: Selena Smith ... [smithselenaj@gmail.com](mailto:smithselenaj@gmail.com) ... 904.206.2688  
Rally Fee: \$30.00  
Jekyll Island Campground  
1197 Riverview Drive, Jekyll Island, Georgia  
912.635.3021 or toll free 866.658.3021  
[campground@jekyllisland.com](mailto:campground@jekyllisland.com)

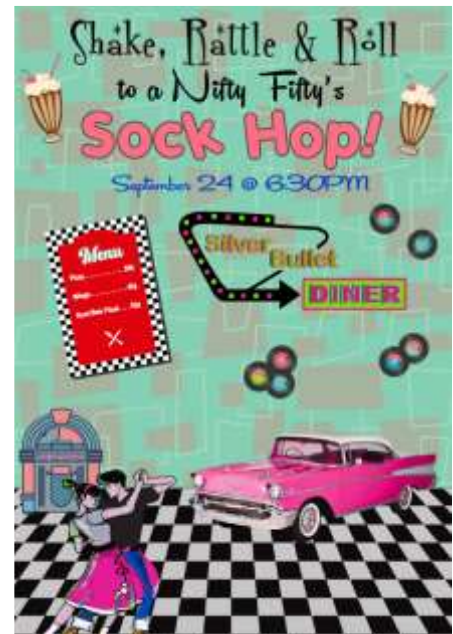


Rally Sites – 30 Sites in Sections C, B & F  
Reservation Process: Do not make an online reservation thru the campground website as the discount rally rate will not be honored nor will you be placed with other rally members. Official registration is required on the Club's website ... <https://airstreamclub.org/florida-airstream-club-2022-jekyll-island-rally>

An email will be sent from the rally hostess requesting specific information needed by the campground such as your contact information, camper type & length, # of slide-outs, and # of pets. This information is needed by campground in order to 'hand-pick' the site best suited for your camper.

Rate & Cost Information:  
\$48/Night less 10% ... Includes Full Hook-ups; Wi-Fi & Cable Inclusive  
*Pets Allowed: A pet fee of \$4.00 will be charged per reservation*  
*Jekyll Island is a 'State Park'; Oversized Vehicle Park Fee of \$12.00*

Reservation Deadline: August 1, 2022, to receive a 10% discount on Rally dates only – any additional nights require a separate reservation at



### Preliminary Weekend Activities

Thursday  
Meet & Greet @ Hostess Site  
Happy Hour & Campground Manager Talk  
Dinner on Own

Friday  
Sunrise Bicycle Ride to Driftwood Beach  
Breakfast @ Tortuga Jacks or other location  
Bicycle Guided Tour of Jekyll Island – Leader Randy Godfrey  
Craft Beer Exchange / Pot Luck Dinner  
'50s trivia – songs, movies & TV shows



Saturday  
Sunrise Bicycle Ride to Driftwood Beach  
Dinner & Sock Hop @ The Silver Bullet Diner  
Souvenir Photo w/'50s Car

Sunday  
Sunrise Bicycle Ride to the Pier  
Pot Luck Brunch / Mimosa Bar OR  
Picnic @ Beach w/Volleyball & Other Games  
Dinner on Own  
Campfire Sing-Along – 'special appearance' of band members of the soon-to-be famous Shredder Pigs! Bring an instrument & join in with the band ... Assured of a good time around the fire!!



Monday  
Safe Travels to All – see ya down the road at the next rally!

# Sarasota Silver Rally/Annual Meeting

## October 13-17, 2022

### *Countdown to the Sarasota Silver Rally!*

It is less than a month until the October Sarasota Silver Rally. The rally is packed with activities, that are just waiting for you to enjoy:

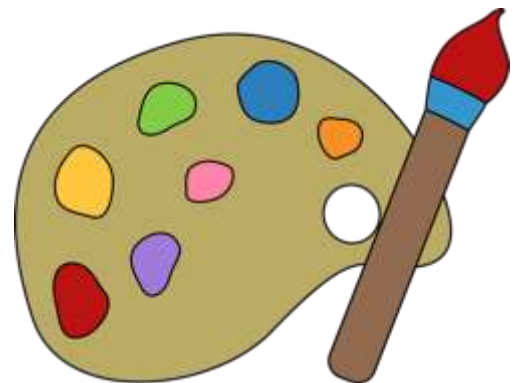
- The FAC 2022 Annual Membership Meeting will be Saturday Oct. 15 in the morning. During the meeting, elections will be held, and your Club leadership will report on activities and get your feedback and input.
- Two breakfasts and two dinners (one dinner is a potluck with the main course provided).
- An outing to Myakka River State Park with either a boat tour (alligators!) or a wildlife tram tour (history, wildlife, and alligators!). Did I mention alligators? (\$22/person tour ticket)
- A Hungarian Festival on the fairgrounds for those who love authentic food, wine, and cultures, live music, and dancing, sure to be a fun time.
- An Airstream operation and maintenance show & tell by Will (Curtis) Hargett. If you have a question about your Airstream Will can help you sort it out.
- An art experience guided by Maryanne Swegles (typically \$5 fee for supplies).
- An excursion to a honey farm owned by fellow Airstreamers who will provide a tour of hives and discuss the steps of honey production. Honey for purchase. (Nominal \$10 fee for person)
- Happy hours and nightly games to mix and mingle. You say you **don't know how to play Joker** – we'll teach you!
- A charity auction for Fisher House. Bring items to donate for the auction. Always a good time!

The Sarasota area has so much to see and do: beautiful beaches and gardens, excellent museums, great restaurants, shopping, an Amish settlement nearby – we could spend weeks there!

Please do not contact the fairgrounds to reserve a site. Let us know you are attending by registering for this rally at the FAC website . <https://airstreamclub.org/florida-airstream-club-2022-sarasota-silver-rally-annual-meeting> Your hosts have arranged for sites at the fair-ground, 30 amps, water and sewer for \$25 per night. If you would like to arrive a day early or stay a day after the rally, please let us know so we can advise the fairgrounds. The rally fee is \$20 per person.

**To date we have 30 units registered. It's not too late to sign up.** Our club warmly welcomes new ralliers. Come join us at the October Sarasota Silver Rally!

Hosts - Bob & Lyn Masters  
Co-hosts - Bob Metzger and Pat Howe





# Mary's Fish Camp Rally

Nov. 3-7, 2022

The sixth and last (for now) Mary's Fish Camp Rally is coming up on first weekend of November. Some past activities are scheduled, like the Golden Mullet Fishing tournament, Sam's famous BBQ, shrimp and grits breakfast, Marker 48 happy hour, fish fry, campfires, music and kayaking. There will also be new and entertaining activities. B-Movie night (with audience participation encouraged) will be Thursday night and Saturday's happy hour will be highlighted by the crowing of Mullet King and Mullet Queen. The royal couple will be based on the best fish or fishing themed outfit as determined by our totally unprofessional panel of judges. Come prepared to wow the judges. See you there.

Reservations: call (352) 597-3474 The park is full, but they started a wait list. The rally fee will be \$25.00 per person. Also register at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida> or email me if your plans change.

Jeff Krabel  
[jk62gt@gmail.com](mailto:jk62gt@gmail.com)



## AGENDA

### Thursday, 11/3 Arrival Day

4:30p.m. - Happy Hour (Note: All group activities will be at the common area near site #5 unless announced otherwise.)  
Dinner on your own (Bayport Inn has a prime rib special on Thursdays)

8:00p.m. - Campfire and B Movie night at pavilion (Note: Caution, this could be the worst movie ever made. Audience participation is encouraged.)

### Friday, 11/4

9:00 to 10:00a.m. - Shrimp and Grits Breakfast (Note: Bring your own service to all group meals)

Daily activities - Whatever makes you happy. Get together with friends for kayaking, shopping, local attractions or ?.

4:30p.m. - Happy Hour at Marker 48 Brewing's Beer Garden  
Dinner on your own (Note: There will be a food truck at the brewery or there are several restaurants nearby)

### Saturday, 11/5

Breakfast on your own

10:00a.m. - Mullet fishing seminar. (Note: Lots of free stuff to be given away) Daily activities - Do as you please

4:00p.m. - Happy Hour (Note: Crowning of the Mullet King and Mullet Queen! Come dressed in your best fish or fishing themed outfit/costume. Winner will be determined by our panel of nonprofessional judges)

6:00p.m. - Sam's famous BBQ Dinner Campfire and Music

### Sunday, 11/6

Mullet fishing tournament 12:01a.m. to 4:00p.m.

8:00 to 9:00a.m. Biscuit and Bacon Breakfast

Daily activities - Have fun

4:30p.m. - Happy Hour highlighted by presentation of the coveted GOLDEN MULLET.

6:30 approx. - Fish fry

### Monday 11/7

Safe travels

# Cracker Christmas Festival

## Dec. 1 – Dec. 5, 2022

Come join us for the Cracker Christmas Rally the first weekend of December for the Cracker Christmas Festival and Crafts Fair at the historical Ft. Christmas, in Christmas, Florida. There will be food, music, crafts, demonstrations, and fun for all ages. Visit the 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, a volunteer dinner on Thursday night, an Airstream breakfast, a volunteer breakfast, games, music circles, roasting marshmallows, a Sky Med presentation, isometric workouts and yoga, a possible ghost tour, and other great things for rally fun!! 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 number of hours we volunteer (usually 12 - 16 per person throughout the four-five days), we are the only group ever allowed to camp there! So, join us in this opportunity, have fun, meet new friends, and help make a difference in the community.



Space is limited to 25 spaces, so Unit 27 members and affiliates have priority. That being said, we usually have 5-10 spots for non/new members, so contact me quickly!! There is a \$25 rally fee, but no 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.

The best time to arrive is Thursday between 9 am and dusk. Please, no trailer traffic leaving on Sat. or Sun. 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/florida-airstream-club-2022-cracker-christmas-rally> and email me with "Cracker Christmas" in the subject so I can sort them easily. Thanks and let me know if you have any questions!

Steve Kane  
[Steve@SteveKaneProductions.com](mailto:Steve@SteveKaneProductions.com)



# Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2023

MONTH	ARRIVE/ DEPART	RALLY NAME	LOCATION	HOST
January	12/29/2022 1/02/2023	Ring It In Silver 2023 – New Year's Rally	Anastasia S.P. St. Augustine, FL	Joe & Brenna Loretta
February	2/08/2023 2/12/2023	Florida Flamingo Air- stream Rally	* Sarasota Fairgrounds Sarasota, FL	Larry & Linda Scovotto Steve and Deb Oppel
March	3/03/2023 3/06/2023	Spirit of the Suwannee-- a Rolling Rally	Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, Live Oak, FL	Gina & Mike McGinn / Gerald & Meriam Reed
March	3/06/2023 3/09/2023	Stink Weed Farm Rally-- a Rolling Rally	* Stinkweed Farm Ha- vana, FL	Steve & Laura Kane
March /April	3/29/2023 4/02/2023	ACI Region 3 Rally	Myrtle Beach, SC	Airstream Club Region 3
April	4/13/2023 4/17/2023	Silver Between the Lakes	Lake Kissimmee S.P. Lake Wales, FL	Bob & Lyn Masters / Mike & Maryanne Swegles
May	5/04/2023 5/08/2023	Peace River Rendezvous	Riverside RV Resort Arcadia, FL	Gerald & Meriam Reed
June	6/24/2023 6/30/2023	ACI International Rally	Sweetwater Event Cen- ter, Rock Springs, WY	Airstream Club International
Septem- ber	9/14/2023 9/18/2023	Midnight Train to Georgia - Last Stop, Folkston	* Traders Hill Campgrnd Folkston, GA	Selena Smith
October	10/12/2023 10/16/2023	Silver on the Greens and Annual Meeting	Clerbrook Golf and RV Resort, Clermont, FL	Larry & Linda Scovotto
November	11/02/2023 11/06/2023	Sertoma Streaming	Sertoma Youth Ranch Brooksville, FL	Jeff Krabel
December	11/30/2023 12/04/2023	Cracker Christmas	* Fort Christmas Histor- ical Park Christmas, FL	Steve & Laura Kane

\* No need to contact campground. Make reservations and register through [Airstreamclub.org/Florida](https://airstreamclub.org/Florida) (Rally hosts' emails are online if questions)



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# Ring It In Silver In 2023 - New Year's Rally

## Dec. 29, 2022 - Jan. 3, 2023

Once again Joe and I will be hosting the Ring It In Silver New Year's Rally at Anastasia State Park, FL. We will be keeping it pretty simple for organized activities because there is so much to see in do in St. Augustine especially during the holidays.

Make your own reservations at [reserve.floridastateparks.org](https://reserve.floridastateparks.org). The sites at the state park are currently full unless there is a cancellation that comes up. We encourage anyone looking for a spot to sign up for WanderingLabs.com and give a donation so that they will text you as soon as one becomes available. Since it is a State Park we are unable to block out sites. There is also the KOA close by as another option.

Currently we have 11 rigs that have registered, but I believe there are some people that have a site that haven't registered online. If you have a site and haven't registered please go to - <https://airstreamclub.org/florida-airstream-club-ring-it-silver-2023-new-years-rally> and click on the register button. If you're wondering what there is to do check out the rally website for a list of activities.

The rally fee will be at most \$25 per adult.

The tentative schedule is:

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> Arrival Date for most rigs. (We will be there on the 28<sup>th</sup>.) We plan to have a welcome dinner/happy hour so for those of you that have traveled you won't have to worry about dinner. It will be at the group gathering site that we have reserved. (If raining or bad weather changes will be announced.)

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Guided lighthouse tour @ 9:30am \$14.95 for those that are under 60 and \$12.95 for those that are over 60. This will take about an 1 – 1 ¼ hrs. This depends on if you feel up to climbing the lighthouse after the interactive in depth exhibit tour about the lighthouse etc. After wards we plan on meeting up at the Conch House for an early lunch. You can ride your bike to the both of these places if you prefer to get exercise vs driving. We are looking to do a bonfire in the evening vs a happy hour at 4 this way you can maximize your sight-seeing within St. Augustine or if you want to drive further to site see you will have time to.

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Walk to the Farmer's Market right from the campground in the morning. 8:30 – 12pm (Some may need to bike but you will still bike w/in the campground to the gate that directly leads to the market.) Feel free to stroll through at your leisure then meet up with the group to have some drinks and listen to the music. People really enjoyed this last year.



St. Augustine's famous Nights of Lights

In the evening, there will be fireworks that you can see from the beach w/in the campground. This was a big hit with everyone. You can drive to the parking lot or bike (make sure others can see you). Last year people brought some snacks to have during the firework show. Also, bring a comfortable chair. Time will be announced later.

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Site seeing on your own after a light breakfast. Later in the evening we will have happy hour and a dinner.

Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Check out.

Hosts/Email: Brenna & Joe Loretta  
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# Florida Flamingo Airstream Rally

Feb. 8 -12, 2023 (Wed. -Sun.)  
Sarasota County Fairgrounds,

Join us at the Sarasota County Fairgrounds for an entertaining rally. We are planning several seminars that may interest you. There is also lot to see and do in the Sarasota area.

It is limited to 70 rigs due to the availability of meeting space. The rally is 4 nights with full hookups for the first 60 rigs registered and then water and electric. Dump station onsite.

Early arrival and late departure are available, but limited to one day at the beginning and one day at the end of the rally for an additional cost of \$35 per night. This fee will be collected onsite.

Campsite Reservations: Sites already reserved, do not call the Fairgrounds.

Rally Registration: To register click [\[HERE\]](#) or go to FAC website <https://airstreamclub.org/florida>

Rally Fee: The rally fee is \$275 per rig (2 attendees), \$230 (1 attendee), \$45 for each additional guest. Fee includes 4 nights, two continental breakfasts, one full breakfast, one dinner, seminars, and craft/flea market. Please note that cancellation after January 31, 2023 may result in a \$45 per person cancellation fee. This is to cover the cost of meals that were ordered and the amount the Club would have to pay for no-shows.

Make check payable to *Florida Airstream Club* and mail it to:  
Brenna Loretta  
1887 Green Heron Rd  
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For more information, contact Larry Scovotto at [larry.floridaairstreamclub@gmail.com](mailto:larry.floridaairstreamclub@gmail.com)



## Preliminary Program

Wednesday 2/8/2023 Arrival  
4:00 pm – Registration & Happy Hour

Thursday 2/9/2023  
8:00 am – Registration and Continental Breakfast  
10:00 am – Seminar – Instant Pot Cooking, Michelle Odiorne  
10:00 am – Seminar – Tire Roundtable, Bob Masters  
Open Afternoon  
4:00 pm – Happy Hour  
6:00 pm – Pot Luck Dinner followed by Ice Cream Social sponsored by SkyMed

Friday 2/10/2023  
8:00 – Breakfast and Presentation by SkyMed  
11:00 – Seminar  
Open Afternoon  
5:00 pm – Happy Hour  
Open Evening

Saturday 2/11/2023  
8:00 am – Continental Breakfast  
10:00 am – Craft/Flea Market  
Open Afternoon  
4:00 pm – Happy Hour  
6:00 pm – Closing Banquet

Sunday 2/12/2023 - Departure

## More on 2023 Rallies...

### Spirit of the Stink Weed, a Rolling Rally March 2023

The Stink Weed Rally near Havana, FL, has been rescheduled from December 5-8, 2022 to March 6-9, 2023. This change was made due to the number of rallies in the month of December (Cracker Christmas and Anastasia State Park) and the weather should be more favorable for dry camping and outdoor activities in North Florida.

The rescheduled rally will be a two park rolling rally, starting with 3 nights at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park near Live Oak, FL, March 3-5, then moving to Stink Weed on Monday morning, March 6, departing Thursday, March 9. You may choose to attend either or both rally sites. Currently thirty sites have been set aside for us at Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, you can call the park to register at (386) 364-1683. Make sure you mention you are part of the Airstream rally so you will be parked with the group. There is no need to contact Stink Weed for a site since they are pre-reserved by Steve and Laura Kane, the rally hosts. **Don't forget to register for the rallies on the Florida Airstream Club website** (each requires a separate registration) so we know you are coming and can plan accordingly. More details to follow on the website, FaceBook and in the newsletter. Rally fees pending.

Steve Kane [SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com](mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com)



### Sneak Peek at the Silver Between the Lakes

Apr. 13-17, 2023,  
Lake Kissimmee State Park, FL

Lake Kissimmee State Park has a lot of recreational opportunities: endless bicycle and hiking trails, three lakes to fish or paddle, Segway tours and an 1870s Cow Camp with volunteers to describe the life of cow catchers in early Florida cattle history. Make sure you bring your fishing poles, bicycles, and hiking shoes. Bok Tower is a half hour away from the campground so an outing to the gardens is in the works, should be spectacular in the spring.

Come join us as we explore this beautiful historic park. There will be an art class, bike tour and games along with other activities and group meals. Secure your campsite (<https://reserve.floridastateparks.org>) and then register online at the FAC website ([airstreamclub.org/florida](http://airstreamclub.org/florida)). Wanderinglabs.com is a great resource to snag a campsite if all the sites are full, it has worked for us several times!

Rally fee \$20 per adult. More details to follow.

Hosts: Bob & Lyn Masters, [blmasters@icloud.com](mailto:blmasters@icloud.com)

Mike & Maryanne Swegles [maryanneswegles7@gmail.com](mailto:maryanneswegles7@gmail.com)



# Welcome New Members



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.

Please send your picture to be included in the next newsletter.

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# Welcome New Affiliates!



## FACEBOOK

Connect with members on this club's Facebook page ["THE Florida Airstream Club 027"](#) Look for the one with our logo.



## INSTAGRAM PAGE

<https://www.instagram.com/thefloridaairstreamclub027/>

## FAC Merchandise



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!

## Affiliates

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## Community Project: Fisher House Foundation



Below is a thank you letter from the Fisher House for our 2021 donation.  
Chris Allen, Charitable Project Chair



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System  
Malcom Randall VA Medical Center  
1601 SW Archer Road  
Gainesville, FL 32608-1135

May 16, 2022

Florida Airstream Club  
1869 Riveredge Drive  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Dear Patriots:

I wish to extend my personal thanks to you on behalf of the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System patients and staff for your recent donation of \$6,152.50 (check number 1734). The loyalty you have shown to our patients demonstrates your commitment to provide the smaller niceties that make hospitalization more bearable.

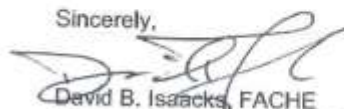
As requested, this donation has been deposited in the following General Post Fund account:

8137 - Fisher House	\$6,152.50
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A receipt is enclosed for your records. Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern and compassion that our community feels for our Veterans.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

  
David B. Isaacks, FACHE  
Executive Health System Director

## Sunshine Committee Report

This column is the place where we express praise for members' major life accomplishments or concern for those experiencing difficult times. Please send notifications for Sunshine Committee to: Deb Oppel  
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# 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 September through June. 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, do it online anytime during the year by logging into the [ACI website](#) and pulling down the menu under your name in the upper right corner and click on Join as an Affiliate.”

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