



FTCAC Pirate FYI's *November 2022*

Message from our President – Stephen Keen



I hope that you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving. Since we last saw many of you at our Fall Rally, Robin and I lost our furry son – Magic. Thank you to all of you who showed him such kindness since our joining FTCAC. Like many of you, our connection to Airstream is intertwined with our pets. Magic and Lil are the primary reason that we have remained Airstreamers for the last 14 years, because this

way of life makes it so easy for all of us to bring our furry friends with us. Looking forward to seeing all of you, furry and non-furry, at our future events. Thanks- Stephen

Member Updates

Welcome new affiliate members, **Bob and Ginger Ealy** from Morgantown, NC.

Renewal time for many of us! Members who joined WBCCI before the summer of 2021 have a renewal date of January 1st each year. Those who joined after that date, renew on the anniversary date of joining. You can check your renewal date by logging into your account at airstreamclub.org. All dues are paid directly to HQ, not to the local club Treasurer. You can pay online at airstreamclub.org or by calling HQ at 937-596-5211.

Members on the Move

Mary Ann McLaughlin has sent word that she is not renewing her membership for 2023. She fondly remembers and treasures the 14 years that she and Jack spent Airstreaming, and she misses the friends they made. She looks forward to seeing folks when we have an activity in her area.

FTCAC Fall 'Explorer' Rally

Our Fall Rally in St. Augustine was fantastic! **Barb Colson, Tammy and Joe Dinneen, Robin and Stephen Keen, Blair LittleJohn, Roxanne and Gerry Peebles, Sandy and Gene Poast, Alicia and Mike Rafter, Lori and Jeff Shivers, Sue and Joe Smedley, Lea and Rob Stanton, Diana and Ben Walton, Sue Wendt and Dick and Kit Wheatley** all had a great time catching up, exploring the area and crafting! We 'roughed-it' this rally and prepared and ate our meals at the Keen's campsite. Gene Poast ran circles around everyone as dinner prep assistant to Stephen and managed to entice lots of us into extra hot dogs. Ben Walton treated us to fantastic bagpipe music and Gerry Peebles exposed another hidden skill – ornament artist. Such a talented group! We had our general meeting on Saturday morning (minutes to be forwarded shortly) and ended Saturday evening with the induction of our new slate of officers. As the role of Treasurer transitions from Blair Littlejohn to Dick Wheatley, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Blair for decades of service to our club!!



Region 3 Rally 2023

Mark your calendars for the **2023 Region 3 Rally!** It will be held at **Ocean Lakes Campground** in **Myrtle Beach, SC** from **March 29th to April 3rd**. There are still some spots left. When calling, please identify that you are reserving a spot with Airstream Region 3.

International Rally

The **2023 International Rally** will be in **Rock Springs, Wyoming** from **June 24th to June 30th, 2023**. Registration is open and all sites are full hook-ups.

Tips, Tricks and Technology

From Stephen Keen: I spoke with many people at the fall rally, and we discussed several Airstream tips, tricks and technology updates in our Airstreams. I was hoping we could share some of these in our newsletter and I will kick it off with my experience on the recent addition of Starlink to our Airstream. Starlink started a service for people with RVs that is a month-to-month service that can be paused at any time if you are not using your Airstream. The cost for the equipment to get started is \$599 plus tax - shipping was free. The cost for the service is \$135 per month for unlimited data (currently there are no data caps). So far, I tested it at home on the balcony of our condo and it worked just fine. Please note that the dish needs to point to the northern sky but will adjust itself to get the signal. In addition, I tested the service on a weeklong trip at Disney's Fort Wildernesses. We were able to run all our devices (two iPads, two iPhones, and stream YouTube TV) with little to no service interruptions. Starlink gives you a 30-day trial and you can send it back if you are unhappy. We are keeping ours since we are very happy with the service so far. For the set up, we put the dish on the ground behind our Airstream and put the router on top of the battery storage area. It was plugged into the 110v outlet on the side of the camper with an extension cord. The router had a plastic container over it just in case it rained. Overall, we are very happy with the product and service. The only drawback is the cost, but the reliable service is worth it for us. I am looking forward to seeing what other tips and tricks others have to share! If there are any questions about Starlink, don't hesitate to contact me.

Summary of Upcoming Activities

- **November 30 – December 4th** – Annual Christmas Joint Rally in Sarasota, FL with the Florida Suncoast and South Florida Airstream Clubs
- **March 29-April 3rd 2023** – Region 3 Rally in Myrtle Beach, SC
- **April 13-16th 2023– FTCAC Spring Rally at Travelers Rest in Dade City, FL** Hold the date!! More details to come shortly.

The newly formed 'Rally team' of Tammy Dinneen, Robin Keen, Roxanne Peebles and Lea Stanton is busy scouting great locations for our Fall 2023 rally and beyond. Please reach out if you are interested in helping us!

Interesting Tidbit

Found this sign along the commercial area of downtown Melbourne, FL



What is happening in your world? Please send any updates or travel stories to Robin at rak225@gmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter.