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Wally Byam Caravan Club International



Our Mission Statement
South Florida Airstream Club is a welcoming family of Airstream owners who invite and mentor others to experience the adventure and fun of Airstream travel.

President's Message

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Submitted By: Lewis Fogel, President

As winter leaves us and our snowbird friends head north, Spring is finally here.

Judi and I enjoyed being in the Holy Land during Easter/Passover. We had a great visit with our children and grandchildren, and friends. And as much fun as that was, I could not wait to return home to join our Caravan/Rally to the Top of Georgia.



I want to thank everyone who participated in making this event so unique. In particular, I want to thank our Caravan Leaders (Chuck & Vicki) and our Rally Hosts (Tim & Pam and David & Linda). When our Planning Team met last year, we asked our Logistics Team (headed by our 1st VP, David Robshaw) to plan one boondocking trip. Honestly, I was not sure how it would turn out.

I was unsure if we would have many people interested in dry camping or if it would be successful. I am happy to report that our members who went said it was a huge success. I attribute that to excellent planning (Wassons) and great members.

With "Georgia on my mind," Judi and I loaded up Silvie and headed to our first stop at Ride Baby Ranch (Harvest Host) in Live Oak, Florida. Although we have both camped at various Harvest Hosts, this one was truly unique. Upon arrival, we were met not only by our fellow caravan members but by horses roaming freely in the field that we camped on. On our first night of camping, we gathered around to listen to a presentation provided by our very own "Door Guy" (Phil Enoch), who spoke to us about maximizing the boondocking experience, best practices, tools, equipment, tips, and tricks.



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Like always, Phil was a hit! After breakfast, we broke camp and headed out to Lane Southern Orchards in Fort Valley Orchards. This Harvest Host had a great store, café, and pecan pie (don't ask me how I know). After everyone arrived, we left the staging area and moved onto a large grassy field.

There were two rows of Airstreams, one going in one direction and the other in the opposite direction.

So each row of camper's doors faced each other. The result was a midway; we all walked up and down, exchanging greetings and stories. (A special thank you to Matt Ponzio, who provided excellent aerial/drone photography.) The following day our caravan headed to the Top of Georgia (TOG).

TOG was amazing. We had the run of the place, and we took full advantage of it. If you are like me and have never been to TOG, I suggest you put it on your places to visit. Full hookups for only \$20 per night in a gorgeous setting (10 minutes from Helen, Georgia. The weather was cool but not too cold (even for a Floridian like me). I won't list all the fun things we did at this Rally, but here is a short list.

- Chili-Cook Off dinner (congratulations to our winners and fellow cooks).
- Hiking at Ruby Falls and visit to Unicoi State Park.
- Mini Golf and a group lunch at an authentic German restaurant.
- Pancake & Sausage breakfast at the clubhouse.
- Wine Tasting followed by a catered BBQ dinner at the clubhouse.
- Grab and go for breakfast.



All of this, in addition to fireside smores (thank you to our fire master Keith) and various other pop-up activities.

While we were at the TOG, your Board of Directors met and approved the slate of officers. When you receive your email (if you have not already) with the slate, please read it carefully and reply with your vote/write-ins.

I hope to see you at one of our subsequent Rallies. As our club continues to grow (we are nearing 100 members), I ask that you take the time to introduce yourself and help our new members to get acquainted with you and our great club. Because of all of you, our club is so successful.

Thank you for helping us become one of the best clubs in
Airstream Club International.

CULTURE CORNER - Embracing Our Differences



Airstream

A - Alive – living
I - Inclusive - including everyone
R - Radiance - great love, joy, or happiness
S - Savvy - well-informed, perceptive.
T - Tender- hearted - having sensibility, Kindness
R - Respectable - worthy of respect or high esteem
E - Enriching - something that improves value
A - Accommodating, friendly, and flexible
M - Mindful – attentive

Caravan

C - Cultural awareness
A - Alive, living
R - Radiance, able to be trusted
A - Accommodating, friendly, and flexible
V - Value, Integrity, Kindness, honesty
A - Acceptance- including everyone
N - Nice, having a pleasant or friendly nature

Recently I was approached by a fellow Airstreamer about a situation that made them feel extremely uncomfortable.

A fellow club member said something sarcastic, thinking that it was funny. Unfortunately, their attempt at humor was quite insulting and hurtful, so much so that they thought about leaving the club! To avoid that, please pay particular attention to how you speak to another member.

We can improve our Club's Diversity and Inclusion by learning to accept and respect our differences. Acceptance is the ability to see that others have the right to be their own unique persons. That means having the right to their own feelings, thoughts, and opinions. When you accept people for who they are, you let go of your desire to change them.

**Lewis Fogel, President
South Florida Airstream Club**

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Treasurer's Report

Submitted By: Linda Laviano, Treasurer

SFAC Unit 30 Treasurers Report May 8, 2023

The current balance in the checking account is \$14,479.38.
The second and final remaining CD was cashed out at \$7,039.73 and deposited into the checking account on 4/26/23.

Additional income reflects rally fees from the Top of Georgia Rally and the Spring Rally in the Keys, in addition to monthly deposits from ACI for membership dues paid to International. Debits include rally expenses in addition to the annual and monthly expenses associated with the decision of the executive board to initiate a credit card payment system to allow for ease of members to pay rally fees online.

Renew Today!

Just a friendly reminder to renew your membership in our International Club and our South Florida Airstream Club Unit 30 online. International dues are \$75.00 and South Florida dues are \$10.00 for a grand total of \$85.00 per membership/year. Be sure to complete this soon. Affiliate members are \$10.00/year to be paid to **Linda Laviano**, Treasurer, via mail at 2880 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL 32084 or at a rally.

You will have to log in to the WBCCI Web site to have access to the membership page.

Go to member information under your name.

<https://airstreamclub.org/renew>

Breaking News!

State of Florida House Bill # 109 - State Park Campsite Reservations
This Bill goes into effect on January 1, 2024

Florida residents will have the opportunity to reserve state park cabins and campsites one month before nonresidents. Florida residents will be able to reserve state park cabins and campsites including sites for RV, tent, boat, and equestrian camping - up to 11 months in advance, and up to 10 months in advance for nonresidents.

Florida residents must provide proof of residency (a Florida drivers license or identification card) When making reservations more than 10 months in advance.
If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2024.

SFAC Slate of New Officers for 2023 — 2024.

Each year our unit elects new Executive Board Officers, consistent with our Constitution and Bylaws, and those of the Airstream Club International.

President Lewis Fogel requested a review and certification of Slate of Officers which was submitted by Past President Judy Harrison on April 27, 2023.

The review and certification of votes was conducted on May 21, 2023, during the Board Meeting at the Sun Outdoors RV Resort in Islamorada, Florida.

Voting electronically ended on May 19, 2023.

The Slate was read by Emilio Caragol, Corresponding Secretary.

President - David Robshaw
First Vice President - Lucy Comprosky
Second Vice President - Chuck Wasson
Treasurer - Linda Laviano Robshaw
Corresponding Secretary - Emilio Caragol
Recording Secretary - Vicki Wasson
One Year Trustee - Barbara Colson and Tim McDow
Two Year Trustee - Sandra Gonzalez and Judi Fogel

Seventy-One (71) votes were received out of One Hundred and Ten (110) eligible votes resulting in a 63.6% of positive votes. There were no negative or zero votes. Two (2) votes were disqualified due to members had voted twice.

President's Notes:

On behalf of the South Florida Airstream Club, I want to congratulate our incoming board, and I look forward to their installation at the Pumpkin Fest Rally

(October 26 - 30, 2023 at the Myakka State Park). If you have not already signed up, it is not too late!

Lewis Fogel, President

My Adventure to Japan Land of the Rising Sun

Submitted By: Barbara Colson



If you follow me on Facebook, you will already know I have been to Japan. It was something that I had been looking forward to for 3 years. Covid caused the delay, but in the end, it worked out very nicely as we were there for most of the month of April.

I got to see everything I have always wanted to see. Cherry blossoms blooming, riding bullet trains, and Mount Fuji in the sunshine to name a few.

Of course, this year the cherry blossoms were early. But we traveled around the country and got to see them several times along with many shrines and temples. Our Overland Adventure tour guide said "Do you know what OATS stands for?". In Japan it stands for Oh, Another Temple. We did see quite a few, even the biggest Buddha in the world.

Some of the highlights were going up the sky tower in Tokyo. When we looked out the window of our hotel it did not look like it was that far. However, a two-and-a-half-mile walk told us differently. We went to Hakone and met with some Modern-day Geisha ladies who taught us about Geishas.

While in Hakone we were blessed with a sunny day to see Mount Fuji from afar. We drove the bullet train to Kanazawa, later traveling to Kyoto and finally to Hiroshima.

The Peace Museum in Hiroshima was very nicely done. It is a sad place and time in history.



After returning at midnight Monday night, April 24th, I left to join my friend in New Jersey for the wedding of his grandson. I drove 1,066 miles in two and a half days in my B van. I found a wonderful little State Park in Walterboro, South Carolina called Colleton. It is right off I-95. The second night was at my first courtesy parking in Doswell, Virginia with Christine and Joe Baum. I met the Baum's at the Canopener rally in January. Such a nice visit.

If you want, you can keep track of me on Facebook. I am now in Auburn, New York, I am going to attend an uncle's Celebration of Life and then head west. I have a two-week Habitat build in Brookings, South Dakota to do in May. In June I have a wedding in Moab Utah for a bonus granddaughter. In September, I will be joining the Racavich's on their Made in America caravan. I am so excited.

Who knows what else I might try to do next. I am on a wait list for an Oregon caravan. Happy trails.

Region 3 Rally, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Submitted By: Linda Laviano



Dave and I attended our first Region 3 Rally along with 22 other SFAC members and affiliates. The rally was held at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC, March 29 – April 4, 2023.

The campground is located along a mile stretch of beautiful beach which provided stunning sunrise views along with some gusty winds. All 16 local clubs in region 3 were represented at the opening ceremonies where Dave got to carry our club flag.

In addition to the full schedule planned by the rally organizers, our group gathered for dinner at River City Café, and a few Happy Hours hosted at the Robshaw and McDow campsites.

We got to meet Lucy and Kevin Comprosky's new-to-them 30 ft. Classic, Gracie 2.0 and welcomed Members at Large, Bill and Barbara Burgner, Dennis McClain, and Kendace Madsen. Affiliate members Yvette and Neil MacMillan, Deb Sullivan, and Monte Barksdale also joined in on the fun.

Our regular members were well represented as popular presenters Phil Enoch and Judy Harrison educated those who attended on Airstream Maintenance (Phil) and Beekeeping (Judy).

Judy also presented a pop-up on Airstream Courtesy Parking and ReShelle Enoch and I presented a pop-up on Organizing Inside Your Airstream.

Many of us rented golf carts to zip around the massively large campground resort. Group meals in the Rec Center included BBQ meats with Potluck sides, Cast Iron Cobbler, Pancake Breakfast, Ice Cream and Oatmeal Breakfast, local favorite Chicken Bog, and we all screamed for Ice Cream! Entertainment included Music Bingo, Live Music and Trivia, Shag Dancing Lessons, a Flea Market and Craft Fair and the ever-popular musician jam session featuring our own Bill Clutter on guitar.

Dave and I volunteered to set up morning coffee services and met many wonderful Airstreams from across the region. In all there were 195 rigs and 372 people in attendance.

That is a lot of Silver on the Sand! The location for next year Region 3 Rally is Doswell, VA, April 17-21, 2024.



SFAC Top of Georgia (TOG) Caravan

April 22- 28, 2023

Submitted By: Tim McDow

Rally Hosts: Boondocking Hosts - Chuck and Vicki Wasson
TOG Hosts – David Robshaw / Linda Laviano and Tim / Pam McDow



After the successful two days of boondocking caravan, the 14 boondockers met up with the rest of the rally at TOG.

We all gathered in the community hall Saturday evening for the opening of the TOG rally with a pizza dinner and social GAM session by Lucy.

Linda continued the tradition of hearing from three club couples to learn about them and how they got into their Airstream.

Tony and Donna Laurie, Michael and Christy Krukliniski and Bill and Barbara Burgner were chosen on this night.

Sunday night was the traditional chili cook-off. Eight cooks spent the day making their own favorite chili to be judged by the hungry caravanners. After many sample tastings and voting, the results were tallied and certified by the firm of Enoch & Enoch. There was a tie for 2nd and 3rd place between Bill Clutter and Vicki Wasson with first place going to Judy Harrison. All were presented with custom cutting boards and ladles. Congratulations to our award winning chefs. Afterwards we learned about a few more members, Mary Beth and Mark Pyles, Keith Martin and Matt and Kim Ponzio.



Monday the group went to Anna Ruby Falls, a National Park just north of Helen, GA. This dog friendly park welcomed the group with a ranger talk from Parker Hollifield about the history of the park. The group walked the 0.4 mile paved path to the sight seeing platform to view the falls. Along the walk was the rocky river of running water from the falls providing spectacular scenery along the way giving anticipation to the sound of the falls just ahead.

The unit made a donation to the park to help maintain this beautiful park for others to enjoy. Many then adventured into Unicoi State Park for lunch at the Unicoi Lodge or picnicking overlooking the mountain range enjoying this picture perfect day. Tim McDow gave a popup talk on using a multimeter. This gave rally members the basic understanding of the dial settings and functions on the multimeter and how to use their multimeters to diagnose voltage issues in their rig. Further discussion followed on battery types, battery management and how to view and understand power loads in your rig.

Tuesday we spent the day in Helen enjoying the German themed town. We started the day early with an outing to Pirates Cove Adventure Golf where the group had a wonderful time showing off their putting skills as they wandered through the pirate themed course. Afterwards we indulged in a German lunch at Bodensee restaurant. We then had the rest of the day to explore the town on our own. Some of the more adventurous in the group headed to ride the 1-mile-long Georgia mountain coaster. A few were not sure about this adventure but with enough persuasion we got 13 to take the ride. We then spent the rest of the afternoon walking the town, eating ice cream, and taking in the German inspired town.



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Submitted By: Tim McDow



Wednesday started the day with a pancake breakfast with sausage, orange juice and coffee. There was plenty of food to get you started to do your own adventure of the area during the free day.

Thursday activities started later in the day with an outing to Habersham Vineyard and Winery for a wine tasting. This was a well-attended event with plenty of samples to be had by all.

That night the unit had a social dinner catered by Wild Hog BBQ. Everyone was encouraged to wear their southern attire for this last evening of the rally and thank you to Kendace for the wonderful table decorations. There was plenty of food and moon pies for everyone to enjoy.

We ended the evening with goodbyes, thanks for the attendees / helpers and a big thank you to the hosts and co-hosts for the TOG rally.

As we departed Friday everyone was encouraged to stop and get a grab-n-go bag of breakfast treats and juices to have in the trailer for the road to their next adventure.



South Florida Airstream Club Unit 30 Spring Rally in Islamorada, Florida.

May 18th – 22nd, 2023

Submitted By: Emilio Caragol



This was the first time in the last 5 years the South Florida Airstream Club, Unit 30 scheduled an event in the Florida Keys. It was the perfect setting for an event in the month of May. No worries about hurricanes or harsh weather. A total of 28 rigs and 52 people attended the event at the Sun Outdoors Resort in Islamorada, Florida. It was the largest participated event so far for our Airstream Club thanks to the event organizers and hosts Lucy and Kevin Comprosky, Linda Laviano, and David Robshaw and all the volunteers that helped make this event the great success that it was for all the attendees.

We had a wonderful pre-event consisting of a ½ day Party Boat Fishing Trip provided by Captain Michael of Robbie's Marina. Islamorada Florida is known worldwide for one of the best fishing destinations in the U.S. The fish were not very active during the trip but nevertheless it was a great time on the water.

Ron Mezza was the winner of the unit 30 fishing tournament. Captain Michael and his crew were great, they provided all the fishing license, equipment, and bait for the trip and all the help we needed.



That evening we had a Members Welcome Happy Hour that included several Hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided by the participating members. The next evening, we departed from Robbie's Marina on a 1 ½ hour sunset cruise aboard Blue, a 100-passenger catamaran offering complimentary

Champagne, with beer and wine available for purchase. We had a great time on the cruise singing and dancing. However, a thunderstorm appeared in the distance and blocked the view of the sunset from the boat, but we had a good time.



Other attractions in the area visited were The History of Diving Museum. This museum has over 4000 items collected by Drs. Joe and Sally Bauer as part of their private collection of historic diving equipment and research documents. The museum was dedicated to collecting, displaying, and interpreting artifacts, antiques, books, and photographs related to the history of diving.

On Saturday we had breakfast sponsored by SkyMed followed by a brief presentation. This event was well attended by our members.



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At 11:00 AM we departed for The Theater of the Sea attraction, a lagoon and lush tropical gardens home to dolphins, sea lions, sea turtles, fish, sharks, stingrays, alligators, and birds. Some members elected to experience swimming and feeding the sharks. This attraction is family owned and has been dedicated to loving and caring for animals since 1946.



On Saturday night our rally hosts and their team arranged for our club to experience a Tropical Night Themed Dinner where our members dressed in tropical attire and we all enjoyed a Cuban meal catered by Francisco and Danis, Owner of Habanos on The Creek Restaurant. After dinner we participated in Salsa Dancing and games of Dominos. Frank and Frances Diaz made and served Cuban coffee.



On Sunday morning Brunch was at Lorelei Restaurant & Cabana Bar for members that still had room for more food after the Cuban dinner that night before.

At 2:00 PM the South Florida Airstream Club, Unit 30 conducted a Business Meeting and election of the 2023 – 2024 Executive Board. All members participating in the rally were welcome to attend the meeting. The election results were certified by Emilio Caragol, Corresponding Secretary, per our By-Laws. The new Executive Board will be installed at our Pumpkin Fest Rally at Myakka State Park October 26 -30, 2023.

At 7:00 PM a Sunset gathering, and final evening together took place where members had the opportunity to say farewell to our friends. The rally ended on Monday at 11:00 AM.

South Florida Airstream Club 2023 / 2024 Event Schedule

Please note that dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.
The club's social media posts and your email inbox should be reviewed for schedule changes prior to making reservations."

2023 Rally Schedule

Dates	Description	Venue	Location	Owner	Site fee	Notes	ShowRunner CoRunner
Jan 5-8	Canopener	Topsail Hill-Preserve SP	Santa Rosa-Beach, FL	NER	~\$42 per night	National Event-Rally	N/A
Jan 20-22	U30 EB Workshop	Hillcrest RV Resort	Zephyrhills, FL	Unit 30	~\$43 per night	Executive Board Only-Workshop at Traveler's Rest	Robshaw/ Fogel
Feb 8-12	Florida Flamingo-Rally	Sarasota-Fairgrounds	Sarasota, FL	FAC	~\$30 per night	FAC=Florida-Airstream Club	N/A
Mar 29- Apr 2	Region 3 Rally	Ocean Lakes-Family CG	Myrtle-Beach, SC	R03	~\$30 per night	Region 3 Rally	N/A
Apr 20-28	Top of Georgia-Caravan/Rally	Top of Georgia AS-Park	Helen, GA	Unit 30	~\$20 per night	Limited spots-available	McDow/ Robshaw
May 18-22	Spring Rally in the-FL Keys (ABM)	Sun-Outdoors-Islamorada	Islamorada, FL	Unit 30	~\$147 per-night	ABM=Annual-Business Meeting	Comprosky/ Robshaw
Jun 24 - Jul 1	66th International Rally	Sweetwater Events Complex	Rock Springs, WY	ACI	Site incl in rally fee \$625+	Event waitlisted	N/A
Sep 7-11	Rally on the First Coast	Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park	Jacksonville, FL	Unit 30	~\$34 per night		McDow/ Robshaw
Oct 26-30	Pumpkin Fest	Myakka River SP	Sarasota, FL	Unit 30	~\$26 per night	Installation Rally	Comprosky/ Fogel
Nov 29 - Dec 3	Unit 129 Holiday Rally	Sarasota Fairgrounds	Sarasota, FL	Unit 129	~\$35 per night	Host: Florida Suncoast	N/A

2024 Rally Schedule

Dates	Description	Venue	Location	Owner	Site fee	Notes	ShowRunner CoRunner
Jan 4-7	Canopener	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	NER	~\$42 per night	National Event Rally	N/A
Jan 19-21	U30 EB Workshop	Jonathan Dickinson SP	Hobe Sound, FL	Unit 30	~\$26 per night	Executive Board Only	McDow/ Wasson
Feb 22-26	Saddle Up Rally	River Ranch Resort	River Ranch, FL	Unit 30	~\$80 per night		Wasson/ ???
Apr 2-20	TX Eclipse Caravan	TBA	Texas	Unit 30	TBA	Event waitlisted	Robshaw/ ???
Apr 17-21	Region 3 Rally	Meadow Event Park	Doswell, VA	R03	UNK fee		N/A
May 16-20	Spring Rally & ABM	Traveler's Rest	Dade City, FL	Unit 30	~\$50 per night	ABM = Annual Business Meeting	Comprosky/ TBA
Sep 19-23	EsN2Fall Rally	Southern Leisure RV Park	Chiefland, FL	Unit 30	~\$50 per night	EsN2Fall = "Ease In To Fall"	TBA
Oct 5-11	International	Missouri State Fairgrounds	Sedalia, MO	ACI	UNK fee		N/A
Oct 30 - Nov 4	Pumpkin Fest	Grand Oaks RV Resort	Lady Lake, FL	Unit 30	~\$55 per night	Installation Rally	TBA
TBA	Unit Holiday Event TBA	TBA	TBA	Unit 30	TBA	TBA	TBA

Lt. Gray = Unit 30 limited event
Green = Unit 30 hosted or co-hosted
Yellow = National Event Rally, ACI or Region Rally

THE SECRET BEHIND THE MAGIC OF OUR RALLIES

South Florida Airstream Club Planning Guidelines

January 21, 2023

PLANNING TEAM:

The planning team will consist of the President, 1st VP, 2nd VP and Past President. This team will plan the master calendar dates keeping in mind that we want to extend each rally through the weekend to encourage attendance by members who may still be working. This team will identify the region of Florida that will be targeted for each of the rallies. This team will identify areas for future rallies within a **2 year time frame**. This team will solicit new camping venues from the members.

LOGISTICS TEAM:

The Logistics Team will consist of the 1st VP, the 2 one year Trustees, and 2 club members from different families. This team will develop the schedule for each rally. This will include the day, time of day for each activity and will also include free time. The schedule may be adjusted as the Action Teams share their suggestions.

One or more members of this team will visit the campground to assess arrival information or campground information that must be shared with the members. This team will work with the Communications Team (Fun Times, Facebook, Website) to create enthusiasm and to promote attendance at the rallies.

The Logistics Team will contact individual members to be in charge of one small activity at the rally. The objective is to involve members in a variety of activities at future rallies. This team will provide the Action Team with specific written job descriptions. This team will work with the Member Outreach Team to recognize new members and invite them to share their interests with the club members at some time during this rally.

ACTION TEAM:

One member (family unit) will be responsible for one small activity during a rally. The person organizing an activity may ask other members to help if needed. The idea is to have many others helping. This team will be provided a specific written job description.

MEMBER OUTREACH TEAM:

Team leader chooses 2 additional members for the team. Here are some of the important activities of this team.

- Contacts new members
- Phone call/email welcome to new members
- Introduces new attendees at the rally
- Recognizes birthdays and anniversaries through a phone call and at the next rally.
- Informs new members of Facebook page and privileges

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

- **Fun Times Editor** email newsletter to all members
- **Directory Editor** keeps the membership list updated and sends a directory to new members.
- **Facebook Administrator** (chooses 2 members as manager assistants) to keep page updated with club information, monitors posts and enters new members to our page. Will keep the WBAC website up to date with club activities.



WhatsUp with WhatsApp?

Submitted By: David Robshaw

The South Florida Airstream Club recently adopted the WhatsApp messaging service as an intra-club communications platform, to simplify and unify our ability to share information quickly among our membership. This article seeks to explain WhatsApp in some detail and how it can and should be used.

WhatsApp is a messaging app that allows you to communicate with friends, family, and colleagues all over the world. It works on smartphones, tablets, and computers, so you can stay connected no matter where you are. With WhatsApp, you can send text messages, voice messages, photos, videos, and documents to other WhatsApp users for free.

One of the main advantages of WhatsApp is its end-to-end encryption, which means that only you and the person you're communicating with can read the messages you send. This ensures that your conversations are private and secure.

WhatsApp also offers group chats, which allow you to communicate with multiple people at once. You can create groups for family, friends, or work colleagues, and everyone in the group can see and respond to messages. There are also features such as the ability to make voice and video calls, share your location, and send stickers and emojis to express yourself.

To use WhatsApp, you need to download the app from the app store on your smartphone or tablet or access it through your web browser on your computer. Once you've downloaded the app, you can sign up using your phone number and start messaging right away.

WhatsApp works well for our club because it allows us to communicate a message broadly or to a smaller defined group. For instance, the Unit 30 Logistics Team has its own "chat" which allows members to communicate among themselves regarding rally planning and execution (task orientation). We've also utilized WhatsApp to communicate with each other at rallies (event orientation). An example is the Unit 30 contingent that attended the Region 3 Rally in Myrtle Beach recently. The group chat allowed us to limit communications to only those Unit 30 members in attendance. Region 3 also set up its own WhatsApp chat group for the entire rally group, which allowed them to communicate with everyone in attendance simultaneously.

Setting up a group chat couldn't be easier. As mentioned above, the only requirement for participation is that you download the free app and use your phone number to "sign in."

When you're ready to chat, it's important to keep a few things in mind. Are you sending a message to a large group, a small group, or another member individually? If you're a member of several chat groups, are you sending your message to the right group? If you're sending a message to a large group, is your message intended for EVERYONE in the group, or is it targeted to a smaller portion of the group or perhaps even just one individual? Before hitting the send button, make sure your message is appropriate for everyone in the group you're sending it to. If it isn't, send it instead to the correct group or individual. Most group members don't wish to read messages not intended for them.



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Submitted By: David Robshaw

Notifications Settings

Once you've set up WhatsApp on your device, it's easy to modify the settings so that you can control the notifications you receive. Customizing notifications for WhatsApp is a great way to ensure that you don't miss important messages or calls, while also avoiding being interrupted by less important notifications.

Here are the steps to customize notifications for WhatsApp on an **Android** device:

1. Open the WhatsApp app on your phone.
2. Tap on the three dots in the top right corner of the screen and select **Settings** from the drop-down menu.
3. Tap on **Notifications** to access the notification settings.

Here, you can customize your notification settings for various types of messages, such as individual chats, group chats, and calls.

Custom notifications

You can customize notifications by choosing different options for tone, vibration, popup, and light:

1. Open an individual or group chat. Tap the name of the individual or group chat.
2. Tap **Custom notifications** > check **Use custom notifications**.

Note: Group calls use a default ringtone. This ringtone can't be customized.

Mute notifications

1. Open an individual or group chat.
2. Tap the name of the individual or group chat.
3. Tap **Mute notifications**.
4. Select the length of time you'd like to mute notifications and tap **OK**.

Alternatively, uncheck **Show notifications** to stop notifications from appearing.

On an **iPhone**, the steps to customize notifications for WhatsApp are similar:

1. Open the WhatsApp app on your phone.
2. Tap **Settings** (the "wheel" or "cog" icon) at the bottom right corner of the screen.
3. Tap on **Notifications** to access the notification settings.

Here, you can customize your notification settings for various types of messages, such as individual chats, group chats, and calls.

You can choose to turn off notifications for specific chats or groups or set different notification tones or vibration patterns for different chats or groups. You can also customize the notification sound, preview settings, and app icon badge settings.



WhatsUp with WhatsApp?

Submitted By: David Robshaw

Custom notifications

To modify the settings for a specific chat:

1. Open the chat by tapping the **Chats** icon at the bottom of the screen.
2. Select the chat you wish to modify notifications for.
3. Select the chat name at the top of the screen.
4. Scroll down to and tap **Mute**.
5. Tap the duration of the mute action (8 hours, 1 week, Always).

You're in control. Even though you've muted the messages, you'll still receive them. But you won't hear or feel the notification. You can check them whenever you wish.

By customizing your WhatsApp notifications, you can ensure that you stay on top of important messages and calls, while also avoiding unnecessary distractions.

WhatsApp is a safe, versatile, and powerful tool, enabling rapid communications among groups large and small, whether they are task or event oriented, or even between individuals. Unit 30 leaders hope that you will find it useful and comfortable as we continue to utilize it for club communications.

If you have questions, please contact David Robshaw to discuss.

Unit 30 WBCCI Airstream Club now has a Sunshine Committee!

Submitted By: Judi Fogel

Hello, I am Judi Fogel, chairperson of the newly created Sunshine Committee.

Our Sunshine Committee was developed to acknowledge major events in the lives of our members- births, deaths, major illnesses and surgeries, and any other pertinent milestones, usually acknowledged with a card from the club. However- I cannot do my job without your help!

Please notify me (Judifogel@gmail.com) when one of these occasions happen to you. If you cannot do so, please ask someone to let me know so that I can take appropriate action.

Thank you in advance for your help, and...
See you down the road!

Judi Fogel



TEXAS ECLIPSE CARAVAN
April 2-20, 2024
Exciting news, Texas Eclipse Caravanners!

Routing and RV parks for the trip out to the Texas Hill Country (the "DASH") for the nights of April 2 to April 6, 2024, have been identified.

Please contact me if you haven't already made your reservations at:

- 2-Apr Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center SP, 11016 Lillian Saunders Drive, White Springs, 32455
- 3-Apr Ponce de Leon RV Park, 2920 FL-81, Ponce De Leon, FL 32455
- 4-Apr Sun Outdoors NO, 43234 Highway 445, North Shore, Ponchatoula, LA 70454
- 5-Apr Gulf Coast RV Resort, 5175 Brooks Rd, Beaumont, TX 77705
- 6-Apr Greentree Village RV Park, 12015 O'Connor Road, San Antonio, TX 78233

We will arrive at Zuber's River Camp, 2429 Co Road 350, Concan TX 78838 on 7-Apr.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me ASAP to resolve them.

David Robshaw
cirusaly@gmail.com



Preventive Maintenance Check List

(Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly)

Submitted By: Lewis Fogel

MONTHLY

- Inside Defrost RV style freezer.
- Inside Check smoke detectors and fire extinguishers.
- Inside Check windows and screens.
- Inside Look under mattress, in back of closets, bathroom and kitchen for condensation / mold.
- Inside Clean air conditioner filters.
- In & Outside Check water line and propane connections for leaks.
- Outside Check under the Airstream for leaks & anything loose or that looks out of the ordinary.
- Outside Check water in batteries (Distilled water only.)
- Outside Check all outside vents and make sure they are free of debris.
- Outside Check towing package. Hitch for cracks and loose bolts.
- Outside Inspect and grease truck electrical connection.
- Outside Inspect propane tanks for corrosion & damage. (Replace if doubt exists).
- Outside Inspect roof seals and seams.
- Outside Grease suspension.

Quarterly

(January, April, July, October)

- Inside Vacuum carbon monoxide and smoke detector covers, wash them with a lightly dampened cloth, dry and test. DO NOT spray the front panel with cleaning solutions and replace immediately if there is an issue.
- In & Outside Check batteries & electrical connections.
- In & Outside Lubricate hinges & locks.
- Outside Walk around and look for loose or missing rivets, screws, water leaks.
- Outside Sanitize the freshwater tank & lines.
- Outside Flush hot water heater 2-3 times annually & check anode rod (steel tanks).
- Outside Keep awnings clean & lubricated.
- Outside Check break lining, break drums, tires, wheel seals & wheels for cracks.
- Outside Check emergency gear (boost pack, road flares, safety vest, etc.)

YEARLY

- In & Outside Vacuum out all vents & mechanical components.
- Inside Clean sink drain traps.
- Inside Wash windows & screens (as necessary)
- Inside Change batteries on keyless door locks.
- Outside Clean & service roof air conditioner units.
- Outside Check holding tank roof vents for blockage.
- Outside Keep breaks maintained.
- Outside Inspect and pack wheel bearings (or every 12,000 miles if applicable)
- Outside Wash roof, underneath & body of trailer.
- Outside Wax unit.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January

Bill Racavich	5
Susan Quintana	9
Nai Carlson	13
Caraline Stone Zimmer	14
Barbara Colson	18
Julie Nicholas	26

February

Dave Perrucci	19
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March

Pat Jones	8
Jim Nicholas	18

April

Bob Konnagan	11
Beth Racavich	27

May

Jane May	2
Lucy Restrepo Comprosky	6
Tony Laurie	11
Max Joseph	14

June

Myra Joseph	1
Tim McDow	7
Lewis Fogel	19

July

Donna Laurie	5
Kevin Comprosky	19
Bob Richardson	20
Pam McDow	31

August

Harry Gonzalez	3
Sandra Gonzalez	16
Linda Laviano	21
John Frerking	25
Chuck Wasson	25
Charlie May	27

September

Tom Carlson	7
Judi Fogel	10
John Magnacca	18
David Robshaw	18

October

Fran Perrucci	4
Vicki Wasson	5
Bernice Richardson	10
Laurie Jones	18

November

Gay Konnagan	14
Betty Jean Glouner	24

December

Emilio Caragol	1
Eileen Frerking	8
Victoria Magnacca	10
Sissy Towsley	16



January

February

David Robshaw & Linda Laviano	14
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March

April

Jim & Julie Nicholas	24
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May

Emilio & Shirley Caragol	4
Fran & Dave Perrucci	4
Laurie & Pat Jones	5
John & Victoria Magnacca	25

June

Gay & Bob Konnagan	13
Harry & Sandra Gonzalez	18
Tony & Donna Laurie	21

July

Lewis & Judi Fogel	8
Bob & Bernice Richardson	25

August

Bill & Beth Racavich	5
John & Eileen Frerking	8
Tim & Pam McDow	18
Max & Myra Joseph	28

September

October

November

Charles & Jane May	12
Kevin & Lucy Comprosky	24

December

Tom & Nai Carlson	23
Chuck & Vicki Wasson	24

If you would like to be listed on this page, send an email to:

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We encourage you to volunteer and participate in any of the committees listed.

Volunteering is a great way to meet and establish friendships and, at the same time, enhance our club and services to the next level of excellence.



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Send photos by **email, not text**
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