



GOOD LIFE NEWS

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I can't believe 2023 is almost half over. Time flies when you're having fun! Four Rallies down and three to go. Unfortunately, our May Rally was cancelled because we could not find a host.

Hosting a rally is not that difficult. We would encourage those who have not hosted a rally to be a co-host in 2024. Contact our Second VP Steve Kane [stevekaneproductions@gmail.com] if

you are interested in being a co-host for next year. There will be plenty of opportunities, since he is planning over twelve rallies next year! More info to come.

Our next scheduled rally is *Midnight Train to Georgia, Last Stop Folkston* (arrive 9/14 and depart 9/18) hosted by Selena Smith. If you haven't been to one of her rallies, you are really missing a special time. Please check out our complete rally schedule on page <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events>

Wishing everyone a safe summer and see you in the Fall.

Larry & Linda Scovotto

Prayer Flags

The idea for flags with a message came to me while on a trip to Peru last year. I noticed the presence of prayer flags at train stations and city hubs while in and around this beautiful country. The flags were much like the ones in images seen of Everest base camps. The gesture and lively colors they radiated spoke to me, so I decided to incorporate the same idea into my camping life.

It occurred to us that perhaps we can fly a few around our Airstream and purchased some off of Etsy. This thought quickly turned into the idea of 'what if we have blank flags and ask other Airstreamers to add a kind word, prayer or picture to convey their own message'.

If you see us down the road please leave your own creative imprint on a flag. A table will be set outside our Airstream. Our plan is to fly them at each rally we attend and continue to add to the varied joys of our camping experiences.

Sharing the love with positive vibes. We will be flying them at International.

Mark & Susan Doris, Jacksonville. FC25RB #4527



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Road Trippin' in Our Airstream

By Judy Fish

We launched full-time in our 2023 Pottery Barn on Oct. 18 and are having the time of our lives. We are traveling west after wintering in Florida with the ultimate goal of reaching the International Airstream Rally in Wyoming in June. Along the way, I convinced my husband to do a bit of a "HGTV" (Home and Garden Television) tour. One of those stops was Waco, Texas, in early April.

Waco Tour Delivered A "Homey" Experience

We started our visit to Waco with a Waco City Tour, and we were glad we did. The 2.5-hour tour gave us a great overview of Waco and highlighted the city's history. Tony was relieved that the tour was so much more than a HGTV tour—although, there were enough "Fixer Upper" details to make me happy too! We did get to see Joanna's first store, the Castle (remember those shows?), the Gaines' first family home and a few of the renovated "Fixer Uppers." Who can forget the "Shotgun House"?

Our two tour guides (Dano & Leia) led a van of six tourists (including us!), shared highlights from "Fixer Upper," took us downtown (including a



We enjoyed touring the Dr Pepper Museum in Waco. We learned this was where Dr Pepper was born! Fun fact: The period was dropped from "Dr." in the 1950's to make it easier to read the smaller bottles at the time. The design of this sign must be from before 1950.



Living full-time in our Airstream leaves very little room for souvenirs, so we try to capture fun photos of our rig "Fish Camp" in cool places. Tony suggested taking this photo when we drove into the area on a Sunday while the Silos are closed. Smart man! We were able to go around the block a couple times.

quick curb stop by Harp Design) and showed us Cameron Park. They also gave us a great overview of how the city is laid out—nothing is far away, and several sights can be visited on foot from a central parking spot. The tour left us wanting to know more about Waco, which is so much more than an HGTV destination. We also stopped at a cute ice cream/coffee stop. The headquarters for Waco Tours is a Joanna-inspired space that we were encouraged to use as our "living room" while we were in Waco. The tour ended with a coupon book of deals to enjoy on the rest of our visit. We would highly recommend this tour and would love to take the evening boat tour on our next visit to Waco.

For more check out: <https://waco-tours.com/all-tours/classic-tour/>

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'Fixer Upper' Comes to Life at The Silos

Whether you call it "The Silos," "Magnolia Market" or a combination of the two names, this place is full of home and garden inspiration. The two 120' silos were built in 1950 as part of the Brazos Valley Cotton Company. The Brazos Cotton Oil Mill closed in 1958. Chip and Joanna Gaines of HGTV's "Fixer Upper" fame opened their first business on the site in 2015 and haven't stopped expanding and improving the area around the Silos.

While we think the Magnolia Market is very cool and obviously a huge gift to Waco, it only took us about 45 minutes to check everything out. This is not really a place for us to shop (we do live in an Airstream!), but it is a terrific location to enjoy beautiful grounds (the gardens are awesome). Don't hate me, but I think it is pricey and the items are similar to what can be found in Joanna's collection in Target. The antiques were super cool (but also pricey). Use this place for inspiration to go antique shopping somewhere else.

There is no mistaking what the Silos and their surrounding businesses mean to Waco and that's a terrific thing. We saw several armed security guards, housekeepers (the many bathrooms are impeccable), as well as shopkeepers, restaurant, and bakery employees. This place has created jobs and tourism,



We loved our stay at Airport Park (a Corps of Engineers' park). Our site was awesome (#63) and overlooked the water. The bathhouses were not great. We had to use pliers to turn the water on and off, but the beauty of this park and the quick access to the sights of Waco made it a favorite anyway. Cost \$20 -\$28 per night.



We started our day with a yummy breakfast at the Magnolia Table. Terrific staff, beautiful décor & delicious food. We would love to dine there again.



We didn't realize that this restaurant is not right at the Silos (there is a much smaller version there), but nothing is far away in downtown Waco.

which creates more jobs and tax revenue. It really is a lovely thing to see. Even the local church benefits by selling parking spaces for \$10 a day—a win, win, win!

Visit the Silos and buy cupcakes, cookies, T-shirts, and spoons, if that's your thing, but do visit all that Waco has to offer. It's a cool town. We enjoyed the Waco Tours Classic Waco Tour. I regret not signing up for a Silo Tour in advance. The tour of the grounds and back story would be awesome. That tour is \$25 per person, but was sold out when we got there. Our other pro tip is to visit on a weekday at 9 AM when it opens. We could enjoy everything and take photos without crowds. Although it would be fun to see this place hopping during a community event.

Judy and Tony Fish

Click on link to see more on Judy's Facebook page: ["Road Trippin' in Our Airstream"](#)

Spirit of the Suwannee Rolling Rally

March 3-9, 2023

The March 2023 Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Airstream Rally is in the history books. A quick look at the numbers. There were 37 rigs and close to 80 attendees.

The hosts (Mike & Gina McGinn) provided several meals. Friday's dinner consisted of lots and lots of chili with gobs and gobs of cornbread muffins. Dessert was home-made rice crispy treats.

Saturday morning started with breakfast burritos and bananas. Saturday's dinner was Hobo's. (foil pack dinners consisting of kielbasa sausage, potatoes, onions, green peppers, broccoli) cooked on the fire...a very long fire. Of course, there were s'mores for dessert.

Sunday Morning was coffee and donuts (provided by the Easy Start representatives) with a side of breakfast burritos.

So with all this food you hope we had some activity to burn it off. There were plenty of activities thru out the weekend. There were the nightly golf cart rides through the many trails in the park. Mike McGinn led the group all over the place in the dark. He said that he knew where he was almost all the time.

A game of Nine square was a common occurrence as well. A walk to the graffiti bridge, golf cart decorating, and of course who could forget the golf cart rodeo. The hostess with the mostest Gina McGinn organized some hilarious and scary challenges to be carried out while driving a golf cart. It was a test of listening, trust, and nerve as blindfolded drivers followed the directions of their navigators through a twisty turny course trying to be first across the finish line.

What would a camp out be without a campfire? There were always at least a couple campers sitting by the fire until the flames died and the embers quit glowing. I am sure all the problems of the world were discussed and solved by the time the fire went out.

All in all, fun was had by all. Speaking of all, this campground can accommodate a lot of rigs and has a lot to offer. So, if you see it on the calendar for next year SIGN UP!! Have fun us!

Monday morning a lot of us got on the road and headed west to Stinkweed.

Mike and Gina McGinn



Spirit of the Suwannee Rolling Rally

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Stink Weed Farm Rolling Rally March 3-9, 2023

A good time was had by the attendees at the Stink Weed Farm, which recently changed its name to Woodberry Farm. Thanks to our hosts Stan & Helene White and Steve & Laura Kane (pictured on right), who planned some fun activities and meals befitting a carnival theme, including a food truck, popcorn, cotton candy, mimosas and PJs contest, dog show, carnival games, campfires, and music. We look forward to repeating it again next year!



Silver Between the Lakes

Lake Kissimmee State Park, FL

April 13-17, 2023

Our hosts, Mike & MaryAnne Swegles and Bob & Lyn Masters, planned lots of fun things to see and do at Lake Kissimmee and Lake Wales, starting with “Name that Tune on Kazoo”, airboat rides, tour of Bok Tower Gardens, bike ride to Cow Camp and other trails, a ranch-hands denim sewing project, kayaking, hiking, “City Slickers” movie, and Sarsaparilla (Root Beer) Floats. Thank you!



Silver Between the Lakes *(continued)*



Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule 2023

MONTH	ARRIVE/ DEPART	RALLY NAME	LOCATION	HOST
June	6/24/2023 6/30/2023	ACI International Rally	Sweetwater Event Center, Rock Springs, WY	Airstream Club International
September	9/14/2023 9/18/2023	Midnight Train to Georgia - Last Stop, Folkston	* Traders Hill Campground 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 Steve & Deb Oppel
November	11/02/2023 11/06/2023	Florida Sand Music Ranch (formerly Sertoma Streaming)	* Florida Sand Music Ranch (formerly Sertoma Youth Ranch) Brooksville, FL	Jeff Krabel
December	11/30/2023 12/04/2023	Cracker Christmas	* Fort Christmas Historical Park, Christmas, FL	Steve & Laura Kane

* No need to contact campground. Register through Airstreamclub.org/Florida Rally hosts' emails are online.

Rock Springs ACI International Rally Go-ers:

If you are going to the ACI International Rally at Rock Springs WY, and want to park near other Florida Airstream Club members, contact Susan Poole at 904-608-8563 or susyqmeetup14@gmail.com We are camping before the rally at the Rock Springs/Green River KOA. Saturday morning is our expected day to drive into the Sweetwater Event Center. Note: RVs must arrive together in order to be parked together.

Would you like to help serve coffee one morning at the vendor building? Bill Shay has coordinated several club members to volunteer and would be happy to add a few others. Contact him at b3kps Shay@mindspring.com

The Club will host a Happy Hour on Sunday June 25th from 4pm - 5:30 pm in the Exhibit Hall - East. Bring a dish to share and your beverage of choice. Let Geri Prisco know at gcprisco@yahoo.com if you plan to attend. See you there!



Important: More information about rallies can be found on club website before you register. 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/rallies-and-events> 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 \$25 per adult 18 or over.*

Midnight Train to Georgia - Last Stop, Folkston! Traders Hill Campground, Folkston, GA September 14-18, 2023



Fellow Streamers!

I just returned from a 3-day reconnaissance trip at Trader's Hill in Folkston: mission accomplished in working out the weekend agenda! I am so excited about what Folkston has to offer for a weekend full of adventure!

WOW, can't wait for everyone to experience this breathtaking natural swamp/waterway of fascinating history at the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge! BTW, I did survive the gator attack, as well as no 'Montezuma's Revenge' from drinking swamp water! To wet your appetite click on this: <https://fernandinaobserver.com/nature/okefenokee-the-swamp-next-door-that-is-a-national-treasure/>

Rally Fee (per attendee): \$25

Campsite (per night): \$20

Special Instructions:

Do not call the campground. Hostess will make campsite reservations. An email will be sent from the rally hostess requesting specific information such as your contact information, camper type and length.

Rally Host: Name: Selena Smith

Email Address: smithselenaj@gmail.com



Weekend Activities

Thursday –

4:00-6:00 Happy Hour / Meet & Greet @ Hostess Site #37. Bring Your Own Chair / BYBO & Appetizer to Share
Guest Speaker from Two Rivers Gun Range
Dinner on Own

Friday –

10:00 am to 12:00 or 1:00 pm Two Rivers Gun Range. Sign up Required for Gun Range Excursion www.camdencountyga.gov/TwoRivers
On Your Own -- Explore Folkston / Junkin' & Lunch in Town
6:00 pm – Local Restaurant to be Determined OR Caravan to Capt. Stan's Smokehouse in Woodbine, GA <https://m.facebook.com/CaptainStansSmokehouse/>

Saturday –

Kayak the St. Mary's – Details in the Works for a Guided Tour
Catered Dinner at the Pavilion /Restaurant to be Determined
Details in the Works - Guest Speaker Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge
Movie Night – Details in the Works

Sunday –

9:00 am - Coffee Hour / Bakery Café / Mimosa Bar @ Hostess Site
11:00–4:00 Swamp Day @ Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge
Details in the Works for Guided Swamp Tour
Dinner on Your Own
8:00 pm – Shredder Pigs Campfire Sing-Along

Monday -

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

More on 2023 Rallies....

Silver on the Greens and Annual Meeting Clerbrook Golf and RV Resort, Clermont, FL October 12-16, 2023

Please join us at Clerbrook Golf and RV Resort. The Resort is located among the rolling hills of Clermont, Florida. Its amenities include heated swimming pools, BBQ and picnic Areas, clubhouses, billiard room, card rooms, fishing area, 18-hole golf course with pro shop, fitness center, horse-shoe pits, shuffleboard courts, library, nature walks, pets welcome, picnic pavilion, playground, hot tub, arts and craft classes, live entertainment. Our Club Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, October 14th.

Please contact the Resort directly to make your campsite reservation. **Campground Phone Number:** (844) 289-6234

Campground Website: [Clerbrook Golf and RV Resort](https://airstreamclub.org/florida)
Register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida>

Campsite (per night): \$40 + Tax

Rally Fee (per attendee): \$25

Rally Host's Name: Larry and Linda Scovotto

Email Address: larry.floridaairstreamclub@gmail.com



Florida Sand Music Ranch (Formerly Sertoma Youth Ranch) Brooksville, FL November 2-6, 2023

This is an 80 acre, wooded camping retreat located between Brooksville and Dade City, FL.

Yee Haw! Ready to kick-back and enjoy some bluegrass music? There will be bluegrass bands there to entertain us. Plus, we will have an area-wide yard sale to benefit the Fisher House. So, start saving your items that you will give to the Club that will be sold with the proceeds going to The Fisher House.

Do not call the campground. Host will make your campsite reservations. Sites are water and electric. Campsite fees will be collected upon arrival. Register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida>

Campsite (per night): \$30

Rally Fee (per attendee): \$25

Rally Host's Name: Jeff Krabel

Email Address: jk62gt@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. Please send your picture to be included in the next newsletter.

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!

New Members

Joe Barton & David Rinzler
#11986
Jacksonville, FL

Michael Fasano
#19574
Smithtown, NY

Lora Lee & Chuck Frazier
#02070
Ponte Vedra, FL

Alison & Chris Hay
#01172
Brandon, FL

Michael & Brenda Marr
#10420
Seminole, FL

Lane McCormick
#26807
Tallahassee, FL

David & Carol Monson
#09286
Ocala, FL

Robin Ogg
#21985
Gainesville, FL

Belkys & Roosevelt Stallings
#02363
Saint Johns, FL

Danielle Suddath
#03619
Jacksonville, FL 32205

Jason & Karrie Wikman
#03121
Lakeland, FL

Mark & Cori Williams
#02031
Winter Haven, FL

Doug Yates
#02877
Jacksonville, FL

New Affiliates

Melody & Mike Curtis
#22849
Ave Maria, FL

Darren Danos
#10171
Kissimmee, FL

Kathryn Rominski
#02701
Key Largo, FL

FACEBOOK

Connect with members on this club's Facebook page "[THE Florida Airstream Club 027](https://www.facebook.com/theFloridaAirstreamClub027/)" Look for the one with our logo.



INSTAGRAM PAGE

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

Farewell and Best Wishes

Dear Florida Airstream Club Members,
It's been a while since we decided to quit Airstreaming, but haven't quite been able to say goodbye officially in the hopes that we change our minds! Due to our age and waning confidence at pulling a 30ft trailer, we decided to quit before we get into trouble! We have now sold our truck and trailer so there's no going back.

After enjoying many years of Airstreaming with the now dissolved Florida Springs Airstream Club, we joined the Florida Airstream Club. We just want you to know how very much we enjoyed the great times and many adventures we had with you all. You are an awesome group of people and it was our pleasure and honor to know you. We will miss you and the good times we had (especially the auctions!)



Keep on rolling...

With love,
Sonja Meistrell and Lou Shinnamon



We are on yet another journey in our lives. Gerald's sickness last year with the bacteria C-Diff was one of the turning points in our lives. We have been members of Airstream Club for almost 10 years. We started our first rally in the Keys in Marathon. What a wonderful great spirited group of people. We started camping with Florida Airstream Club in Gerald's parent's 1994 Classic Excella for several years. We re-

modeled, repaired, and fixed it up then sold it. We then bought a 2001 Airstream Land Yacht 350XL motorhome with 2 slides, remodeled, fixed, and repaired it for 6 years.

Now we are ready to move on. We decided to sell our Airstream Motorhome for something new that did not need immediate repair or fixing up but had the space we needed. We are now the owners of a Keystone Cougar 29 RLS which we pull with Gerald's Ford F250 diesel. If you know of someone who would like a completely remodeled Airstream 35-foot motorhome give us a call 239.825.3620.

You can follow us on Facebook to further see our new journey and where we are going next. We will miss all of you but will follow your journeys on Facebook.

Meriam and Gerald Reed

Community Project: Fisher House Foundation

The Fisher House Community Project is moving forward with lots of fun creative fundraising activities for 2023. Including our March Rally donations, we have collected a total of \$3,526.47 so far this year.



In March we collected \$699 for the Fisher House at the Woodberry/Stinkweed Farm Rally hosted by Steve & Laura Kane. Activities included garage sale tables from donations received from the rally attendees that were organized by Deb Oppel and many volunteers, sale of cotton candy and breakfast drinks by Steve Kane and friends and happy hour beverages made available by Bob Masters who collected tips that were donated to our project. The saying that it takes a community to raise a child refers also to the fact that it takes generous, caring club members to raise funds for the Fisher House, which provides housing for military families when a veteran is hospitalized. Thank you to everyone that helped raise funds by donating items, purchasing items and supporting this club project.

We are still currently selling club stickers, RV stickers in white & silver, name tag magnets and lanyards, among other handcrafted items. Do you have an idea for a future fundraiser? Have you come up with a must have tool that would benefit other campers? Please let me know. We would love to incorporate your ideas in future initiatives to increase our donations.

Chris Allen, Charitable Project Chairperson: ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net

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:

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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.”

2023 Florida Airstream Club Executive Board and Committee Chairs

2023 Executive Board

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