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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By: RoseMarie Anderson

Welcome Home Big Benders! Hope everyone had a fun Airstream summer and are now looking forward to our Fall Rally Season AND cooler weather! Port St. Joe Rally is on the horizon and there will be more than enough activities to keep us busy. Look for details to be sent out soon..

Looks like our Summer Lunch get-togethers were a success with a great turnout at each location! Many thanks to our lunch organizers.... Amber & Daniel Brock at Santa Rosa Beach, Carol & Winston Montague at Tallahassee, and Dian & Vince Naman at Panama City Beach. It was nice to reconnect with all the smiling faces.

Big Benders were busy at the 2023 National Rally volunteering on the parking committee, checking members in, driving the shuttles, working at the craft & flea market, helping at special events, and doing caravan training. Thank you to all who gave your time and made this Rally so memorable for the 1100 attendees...700 of them first timers! The 2024 National Rally will be in Sedalia, MO on October 5 – 10. Let's caravan up together!

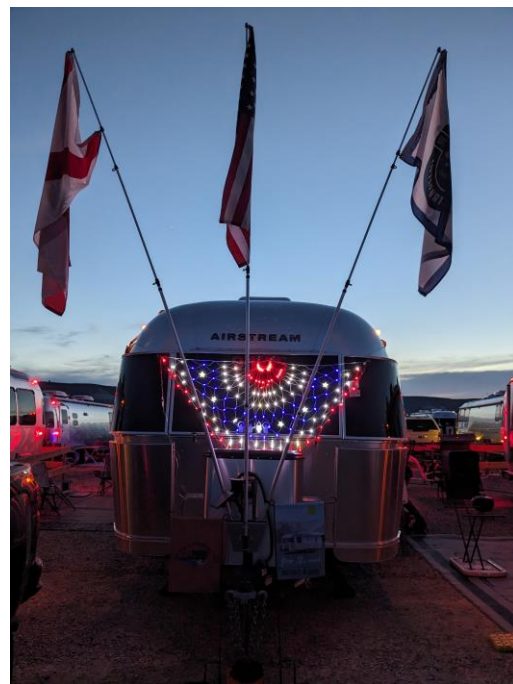
Watching for you down the road!  
RoseMarie



Reminder for all members new and old, when you make a reservation for a specific rally, register online at the WBCCI site, OR let the Host and Chris Stockstill know you are coming. List your site number, if known. stockcm1@gmail.com

## 2023 Rally Schedule

Date 2023	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Earliest Date to make reservation
September 15-18	Port St. Joe RV Resort <b>Beach Party</b>	Port St, Joe, FL	800-761-2857 Ask for Miles or Michell	1. Sammy and Chris Stockstill 2. Daniel and Amber Brock	<b>Reservation window is open now.</b> Request Big Bend Airstream Club 850-280-6177. Great park, fantastic staff!
October 13-15	Lake Pines RV Park and Campground <b>Go North!</b>	Columbus, GA	Tour of vintage Airstreams for our Club	1. Vince and Dian Naman 2. Lindsay and Randy Shropshire	<b>Reservations are open currently.</b> 706-561-9675 Campground has vintage Airstreams onsite!
November 10-12	Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort <b>Lazin on the River</b>  <b>Installation Rally</b>	Mayo, FL	386-294-2510	1. Carol and Winston Montague 2. Martina Pelley 3. Amy and Lamar Waymire	<b>Reservations are now open!</b> Call the resort directly and mention Big Bend Airstream Club. Check their website for discounts. All sites are new with 50-amp full hookups. Large pavilion with poo; and snack shop. <b>Register before Oct 10 for Discount!</b> - All sites open to the public after October 10.



**Just a reminder about our club Facebook page: look us up!** Big Bend Florida Airstream Club (Group)



## 2023 Rallies...

### **Beach Party!**

**Sept 15 - 17**

[Port St. Joe RV Resort](#)

153 Red Fish St  
Port St. Joe, FL  
800-761-2857

Pack the flip flops and your bathing suit, we're gonna have a beach party! There are 77 sites at this brand-new campground, full facilities, close to St. Joe beach or Cape San Blas for scalloping, boating, or beach walking. **Reservation window is open now.** Request Big Bend Airstream Club. Club price is \$70/night, which is our discounted price. Campground managers, Miles and Michell, have set aside 30 full-hookup sites for us. The pool is heated, and they usually have live entertainment on weekends! You don't want to miss this!

### **Go North!**

**Oct 13-15**

[Lake Pines RV Park & Campground](#)

6404 Garrett Road  
Columbus, GA  
706-561-9675

This campground offers something different! Owned by Airstreamers, there are several older Airstreams in various stages of refurbishing to be added to the list of rentals. The Owners will give us a personal tour of their grand plan. Columbus GA itself has a wealth of shops, breweries, and sightseeing for your weekend activities.

**Reservations are open at this time.** This is the jump off Rally for the Big Bend Club Caravan. Monica & Craig have a week of fun lined up in Alabama. Don't miss it! Register with Monica.

### **Lazin on the River (Installation Rally)**

**Nov 10 - 12**

[Suwanee River Rendezvous Resort](#)

828 N.E. Primrose Rd  
Mayo, Florida  
386-294-2510

The Suwanee River Rendezvous is a 40-acre campground that has much to offer campers including canoe and kayak rental, Chicken Poo Bingo, Pigeon Classic Race, Karaoke & Trivia, restaurant on the grounds, and numerous beautiful Springs in the surrounding area. It is also home to Convict Spring, a natural freshwater spring that feeds the Suwanee River.

Make your reservation for [Upper Rendezvous](#), (also known as the RV Resort) which has FHU 50-amp sites for larger campers which include cable and WI-FI. The [Lower Rendezvous](#) includes primitive tent sites, water and electric only sites, and FHU 30-amp sites for campers less than 25' in length. Reservations will open on March 1. **Register before Oct 10 for Discount - All sites open to the public after October 10** Call the resort directly and mention Big Bend Airstream Club. Check their website for discounts.



## 2024 Rally Schedule

Date 2024	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Earliest Date to make reservation
December 2023		TBA	Christmas Party/Luncheon		Arrangements are still being made. Stay tuned for further details for exact date and location..
January 4-7	Topsail State Park	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Canopener	Buddy Rally with SECU	SOLD OUT-join the FACEBOOK page to watch for cancellations.
February 15-18	Mystic Springs Airstream Park  "Let's Go Camping"	McDavid, FL	Let's do camping things. Dutch ovens/fires/smores/games		LIMITED AVAILABILITY (40)  Contact Lindsay Shropshire for reservations before Nov 1, 2023 <a href="mailto:lindsayshrop@gmail.com">lindsayshrop@gmail.com</a>
March 14-17	Apalachicola, "Silver in the City"	Apalachicola, FL	Boondocking Urban Rally		TBD
April 18-21	Cedar Key RV Resort  "Old Florida"	Cedar Key, FL			LIMITED—ON HOLD 30 SITES Reservation Window is NOW OPEN <a href="tel:13525435097">1(352)543-5097</a>
April 17-21	REGION 3 RALLY	Doswell, Virginia	The Meadow Event Park		Save the date, registration information coming soon
May 16-19	Georgia Veteran State Park  "Spring is in the Air"	Lake Blackshear, GA	Historic SAM Shortline Railroad		RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE 13 MONTHS IN ADVANCE (Sunday, April 16, 2023) <a href="https://www.lakeblackshearresort.com/ga-veterans-park/">https://www.lakeblackshearresort.com/ga-veterans-park/</a>
June	No rally				
July	No Rally				
August	No Rally				
September 12-15	Live Oak Landing  "Happy Birthday Big Bend"	Freeport, FL	Kayaking to Cypress Springs	Lindsay & Randy Shropshire	<b>CALL BY September 30, 2023 DEADLINE</b> Kim or Kendra (877) 436-5063 Pavilion screened by pool AC FREE First Come/First Serve Clubhouse AC 10 or more 10% off 20 or more 15% off 30 or more 20% off
October 5-12	Sedalia, Mo  "International"				TBD
October 24-27	St. Andrews State Park "Sunsets & Sunrises"	Panama City Beach, FL	Beach Rally		Reservations open Friday, November 24, 2023  (11 Months)
November 7-10	TBD	Dothan, Alabama	Installation Rally	Lindsay & Randy Shropshire	Installation Location TBD



## 2024 Rallies...

**“Christmas Luncheon”**  
**Saturday, December 9, 2023**  
TBD

**“Canopener Airstream Rally”**  
**January 4-7, 2024**  
Topsail Hill Preserve State Park  
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida

A Buddy Rally with Big Bend Florida Airstream Club and the Southeastern Camping Unit. Reservations must be made through the Florida State Parks website or by calling the Florida State Parks reservation number. This extremely popular rally is SOLD OUT, but there is always a chance to grab a cancelation. Join the “CANOPENER AIRSTREAM RALLY” Facebook page, to stay updated with tons of information and maybe a chance to catch a site. You are also welcome to stay off-site and still join in on activities, by registering through the Facebook page in the fall.

**“Let’s Go Camping”**  
**February 15-18, 2024**  
Mystic Springs Airstream Park  
591 Mystic Springs Road  
McDavid, Florida 32568  
(850) 256-3280

Mystic Springs Airstream Park is located in McDavid, Florida, 40 miles north of Pensacola, right on the Escambia River. The plan is to do camping things. Everything from s’mores to dutch ovens, to bonfires to playing card games. Camping stuff! RSVP to Lindsay by November 1, 2023. Limited to 40 rigs.

**“Silver on Main Street”**  
**March 14-17, 2023**  
Bainbridge, Georgia  
TBD

Boondocking Urban Rally in downtown Bainbridge, Georgia

**“Old Florida”**  
**April 18-21**  
Cedar Key RV Resort  
11980 SW Shiloh Road  
Cedar Key, Florida 32625  
(352) 543-5097

Cedar Key is commonly known as the Key West of NW Florida. Located where the Suwannee River meets the Gulf of Mexico; the town of Cedar Key is three miles from the mainland on an island called “Way Key.” Once a major shipping port of cedar, cypress pine, Rosen, and turpentine is Florida’s second oldest town, Cedar Key feels untouched in today’s world.



**“Choo-Choo”**

**May-16-19, 2024**

Georgia Veteran’s State Park  
2459 US-280 West  
Cordele, Georgia 31015  
(229) 276-2371

Located on Lake Blackshear, an 8,600-acre lake, known for Bass fishing, Georgia Veteran’s State Park has a lot to offer. The SAM line train begins inside the park, and travels to Plains, GA, and Archery and back. Explore Jimmy Carter’s hometown, go shopping, and sample some peanut butter treats. Then travel to Archery, GA, the location of Jimmy Carter’s boyhood home. Andersonville National Historic Site is located 30 miles from the park. A former Confederate prisoner-of-war camp during the Civil War, the NPS has done an excellent job preserving the location also known as Fort Sumter. Anderson National Cemetery is located on the 26-acre property. The famous Salt Lick Sausage (SL Sausage) is also from Cordele. If you like sausage, this is for YOU. Reservations can be made 13 months in advance, through Georgia State Parks. (Sunday, April 16, 2023).

**JUNE – No Rally**

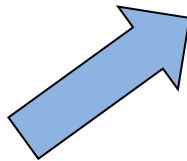
**JULY – No Rally**

**AUGUST – No Rally**

**“Happy Birthday, Big Bend Florida Airstream Club”**

**September 12-15, 2023**

Live Oak Landing  
229 Pitts Avenue  
Freeport, Florida 32439  
(855)891-9606



**Live Oak Landing Registration Deadline extended to September 30, 2023.**

The discount tiers we offer are 10 sites – 10%, 20 sites – 15%, and 30 sites – 20%.

On September 30 we will see how many sites have been booked and apply the earned discount to all reservations before charging everyone. After September 30 it will just be the set discount amount that was earned, and we would no longer increase the discount amount based on the increased number of bookings. This way all members of your group will get the same discount amount.

Let’s celebrate our 50th birthday by kayaking Holmes Creek to Cypress Springs. This is a huge spring located on private property with the only access by kayak or paddle boards. Kayak rentals will be available as the date nears. Stay tuned. We also have a couple special celebratory dinners planned. Reservations can be made once an email is sent the group with further instructions.

**“Airstream International - Sedalia Missouri”**

**October 5-12, 2024**

Reservations open July or August 2023

**“Sunsets and Sunrises”**

**October 24-27, 2024**

St. Andrews State Park  
4607 State Park Lane  
Panama City, Florida 32408

St. Andrews State Park is a beautiful waterfront park with lots of things to do inside the park, such as the beach, or the bay, hiking trails, bird watching and bike riding. A shuttle is also available to the famous Shell Island. Reservations open 11 months in advance on Friday, November 24, 2023, at 8AM EST, through the Florida State Parks website or by calling the FSP’s reservation line.

**“Dothan, Alabama”**

**November 7-10, 2024**

TBA... more information coming soon



# International Rally, Rock Springs, Wyoming June 24-30, 2023

Beautiful scenery  
Beautiful weather  
Seeing old friends  
Making new friends

The International Rally at Rock Springs WY - from the opening ceremony, campfires at night, stargazing, vintage Airstream parade, maybe a little partying at Grapes and Grains, wild horses sightseeing, to the closing ceremony - was a great experience and a wonderful time.

We had a perfect evening for the Big Bend get together. Good food, good drinks, good cheer, and good friends.

See y'all down the road!

Chad and Dolores Jones





**LEFT:** You never know who you will run into at the rest area... it's like a little Big Bend reunion! Gary, Martina, Dolores, Chad, and RoseMarie happened to stop at the same rest area on the same day at the same time in Nebraska! What are the odds???

**BELOW:** Big Bend Get-Together at the International Rally...  
From the left: Mark and Patricia Hawkins, Dawn and Guy Neff, RoseMarie and Gary Anderson, Danny and Susanne Deaton, Martina Pelley, Helene and Stan White, the Neffs' grandson, Lindsay Shropshire, Dolores and Chad Jones, Josie and Tom Lewis, Randy Shropshire, Joe and Annette Conoly. I think most of us are envious of the fact that you needed jackets!









## Chasing History by RoseMarie and Gary Anderson

***“To open a whole world of new Experiences”  
Wally Byam***

Martina Pelley with RoseMarie and Gary Anderson decided to put those words into practice by following the Oregon Trail on our way West to the 2023 International Rally. We mixed the experiences of the past with new experiences of the present.

Before starting our two – rig Chasing History Caravan, we had a few stops to make in Alabama, Mississippi, and Missouri. We were humbled with visiting Helen Keller’s home, awed with the Alabama Music Museum, and we chowed down at the Rattlesnake Saloon, mingled with Elvis & Garth Brooks at Branson, and immersed ourselves with history at the Harry Truman Museum.

Our Oregon Trail discovery began in western Missouri at Pony Express RV...who doesn’t love a campground with a restaurant, bar, and pool table! Nebraska was a welcome surprise with its acres of green pasture and crops. Beatrice, Nebraska, scored high on the ‘best campsite on the trip’ with our stay at their city park called Chautauqua Park. Large sites for \$20 per night, full 50-amp hook-up, a beautiful, quiet park convenient to town. Our first stop in Beatrice was the Homestead National Historic Park, a museum showcasing the individuals who went West with the dream of owning their own 160 acres. (The Great Migration) Gary was rewarded to find the record of his great grandfather who homesteaded 160 acres in 1868 close to York, NE. After five years of working the land, the deed to the property was issued on Oct. 15, 1873. Gary remembers an old photo of his grandmother as a child standing outside a sod house. Another surprise in Beatrice was a private museum called Yesterday’s Lady...shown by appointment only. The lady who owns and runs the Museum works for the Cultural Center of the State of Nebraska and is most happy to show off her collection of vintage clothes at no charge. Original clothing from late 1800’s to mid 1960’s included original prairie clothing as well as a full 50’s kitchen with pink appliances! Well worth the two hours.

Like the pioneers before us, we followed the Platte River to Fort Kearny, the first stop for settlers after leaving Independence, Missouri. Fort Kearny was established in 1848 as a supply depot for the travelers as well as a defensive fort. During the Oregon Trail peak travel in mid-May, more than 2,000 settlers a day passed through the Fort. That means over 10,000 animals per day. It is understandable why it was necessary to follow the river for water and grazing. Today the original fort no longer exists, only a re-creation. There is a campground, however, so we settled our Silver Prairie Schooners for the night with our air conditioners humming and our appetites well satisfied, a marked difference from the pioneers before us.

By now the trail was made up of a collection of western-bound settlers, miners, Mormons heading to Utah, and a little later in time, the Pony Express. A great visual of the migration history of the Oregon Trail is at the Arch over I-80 in Nebraska. Interesting side information is that the town of Fort Kearney, NE is spelled with an e because of the Postmaster’s spelling error.

From Fort Kearny to the next supply stop at Fort Laramie along the North Platte River was 600 miles. Along the way were lofty challenges for the pioneers, namely Windlass Hill. The settlers blocked the wheels on the wagons to slow the decline down the hill to a manageable rate. Views from the top of Windlass Hill were incredible and also daunting. Think about driving an Airstream down a ski slope which has numerous hidden crevices and rocks.



Fort Laramie is a must-see if in the area. It is now a National Historic site with a number of original buildings remaining from the days the Fort was a major supply stop for the Oregon Trail. This is where the treaty of 1868 was signed which deeded the Black Hills to the Lakota Indians, plus an area west of the Black Hills that would allow the Lakota to live as they always have. Unfortunately, the treaty did not hold when gold was discovered in the Hills. Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse never signed the treaty which led to the last Sioux war and the Battle of Little Big Horn. After supplies were obtained at Fort Laramie, it was decision time for the settlers because the California, Mormon, Pony Express, and Oregon trails split. The first three headed southwest to Utah and California while the Oregon bound moved northwest.

Landmarks on the trail to Fort Laramie; Courthouse Rock, Chimney Rock, Jailhouse Rock, and Scotts Bluff were important landmarks for the immigrants on the journey west. It not only broke up the monotony of the flat prairie, but it also served as a calendar of their progress. Timing of the trip was important, as mountains needed to be crossed before winter or a wagon train would be stranded. (Think Donner's Pass) While exploring Scotts Bluff, we marveled at our first look at wagon wheel ruts created over 150 years ago and still visible, indicating the amount of traffic through this area. On top of the Bluff at 4600 feet elevation, we gazed over the empty prairie below and tried to envision 55,000 settlers passing through what was called Mitchell Pass in 1850. Quite an historic moment for us to realize at one time this area was a traffic jam for the 1850's wagon wheel set.

Leaving Fort Laramie, we were closing in on Rock Springs and noticing many Airstreams in Campgrounds and on the highways. Rally excitement was beginning to build. There was still one more unforgettable stop for us to complete our Chasing History portion of our caravan..... Guernsey, Wyoming. This was one of the most jaw- dropping stops on our History Caravan. To walk and stand in 3-foot-deep wagon wheel ruts created in the sandstone by the thousands of wagons taking settlers looking for a new life made history real.

We took a deep breath, thanked all those settlers for their courage to forge west, and decided it was time for some 21<sup>st</sup> century relaxation. Historic Casper gave us a chance to shop at Lou Talbert's Ranch Outfitters, in business since 1919, fuel up with local beer, and prepare for our next day's trip. Independence Rock, another important landmark for the settlers, was waiting for us the next day. Travelers knew they had to reach this point by July 4<sup>th</sup> to make passage through the mountains prior to the winter snow. We arrived the end of June and donned our winter jackets for the hike out to the rock to see the various signatures previous travelers left on the rocks. Humbling, beautiful, and very cold.

Our Chasing History Caravan to follow the Oregon Trail made all of us realize how tough the settlers were to make the trip. Six months of walking beside the wagons, over two hundred pounds of just the basic food items, water, tools, oxen, and horse supplies and who knows what else. Over 400,000 people passed over the trails before the transcontinental railroad was completed in 1869 covering the distance in 6-7 days for much less cost. Of the 400,000 immigrants, it is estimated that between 10,000 and 20,000 never finished the journey. How fortunate are we to have Silver 'wagons' to be able to visit these areas?

As the Chasing History portion of the Caravan was ending, it was now time to look toward the next leg of travel. The Calgary Stampede in Canada, camping at an Alpaca Farm in Montana, Black Hills of South Dakota, boating on St. Croix River in Minnesota, walking the corn field at Iowa's Field of Dreams, Lincoln's Museum and overnights at wineries were all on the horizon- Wally would be smiling at us.

PS. If interested in the Oregon Trail, sign up for the Airstream Club Oregon Trail Caravan at [www.airstreamclub.org](http://www.airstreamclub.org). The caravan leaders are extremely knowledgeable about the Trail and make all the reservations!

*Text & Photos submitted by Gary & RoseMarie Anderson*



**Childhood home of  
Helen Keller**



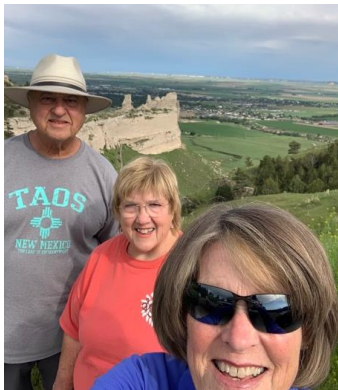
**Museum in Beatrice,  
Nebraska**



**Scotts Bluff, Nebraska**



**Overlooking Mitchell Pass  
from top of Scotts Bluff**



**Martina dressing the part at  
Fort Laramie**



**Wagon Ruts at  
Guernsey, Wyoming**



**Chimney Rock appears  
suddenly on the  
horizon**



## There and back with Harvest Hosts by Dolores and Chad Jones

On our trip to and from the International Rally we decided to take advantage of our Harvest Hosts membership. Chad researched our route to and from Wyoming and found 16 stays in 11 states for us (my contribution mostly consisted of "sounds good").

Farms, Town Halls, Missouri Veterans Museum, Arkansas St Joseph Orphanage Museum, a Sculpture Park on a hill in Southern Dakota (70 mph winds at 3am) Breweries, Wineries and Distilleries. Our hosts were very helpful and happy to accommodate us.

Going through Harvest Hosts, stays are either a donation (\$20 recommended) or you can purchase goods that the host produces or sells. So, we found it a relatively inexpensive way to travel - until we got to the breweries, wineries, and distilleries, then we were like kids in a candy store.

Chad and I agreed that this was a wonderful way to travel.





## Summer Lunches:

Summer luncheons were a big hit! Each of the three lunches in the panhandle were well-attended, and it was sure great to see everyone!

### *Santa Rosa:*

Saturday, July 15, North Beach Social, hosted by the Brocks



Photo Credits: Cana Brock

We had a beautiful view of the bay at North Beach Social. Those that attended this luncheon were Monica and Craig Brinkley, Chip and Mary Adams, Amy and Lamar Waymire, Chip and Traci Leavine, David and Mary Conrad, Amber and Daniel Brock, and Rita and Geoff Dean. Even though it was quite hot, we all had a great time, and we were treated to homemade strawberry shortcakes by our host, Amber Brock!



## Tallahassee:

Saturday, August 5, Woodville Seineyard, hosted by the Montagues



Photo Credits: Carol Montague

Those in the Tallahassee area met at the Seineyard Restaurant in Woodville (not Wildwood as some discovered) for a lunch get-together of current and former Big Bend members. Attendees included Craig and Monica Brinkley, Pat and Laurie Jones, Chip and Traci Leavine, Jay and Elna Thompson, Linda Coleman, Katherine Kamiya, Shawn Montague, Martina Pelley, Jason Friedrich, Brenda Ward, and Winston and Carol Montague. We all enjoyed being together so much, that even though we gathered at noon, we were still talking at 3:30!





## *Panama City:*

Saturday, August 5, American Charlie Grill and Tavern, hosted by Dian and Vince Naman



Photo Credits: Vince Naman, Sammy and Chris Stockstill

It was a rainy afternoon, but a perfect day to get together with our fellow Airstreamers at Panama City Beach. We ate lunch at American Charlie Grill and Tavern, and then several of us visited the Man in the Sea Museum... very interesting! Our hosts, Vince and Dian Naman, invited everyone to their condo on Panama City Beach for desserts after the museum. We even played a very entertaining game called Fishbowl. It was a great way to spend a stormy day with friends. Those attending included Vince and Dian Naman, Amy and Lamar Waymire, Lindsay and Randy Shropshire, Barbara and Tony Olm, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, Sammy and Chris Stockstill, and David and Mary Conrad.





# Other summer fun, or how some fellow Airstreamers spent their summer... Here is what was sent in for the newsletter:



Virginia Highland Haven, David and Julie Ludlow



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July from Wyoming!  
Helene and Stan White

Oysters from Indian Pass Raw Bar and homemade Sangria  
Jason Friedrich



Our campsite at Devil's Tower Monument, where other campers came to visit because we had such a great view! The Cody Night Rodeo in Cody, Wyoming, where cowgirls and cowboys come from all over the country to participate. A fabulous piece of Americana! Annette and Joe Conoly



Dignity of Earth and Sky Sculpture, Chamberlain, South Dakota  
Randy and Lindsay Shropshire



## A few more summer photos...



Harvest Host Alpaca Farm in Montana  
Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, with Martina Pelley



Gorgeous sunsets out west!  
Gary and RoseMarie Anderson



Sierra Nevada Brewing Company in Mills River (Asheville), North Carolina  
Sammy and Chris Stockstill

## Photo Credits for this newsletter:

Dolores and Chad Jones, Carol Montague, Cana Brock, Chris and Sammy Stockstill, RoseMarie and Gary Anderson, Helene and Stan White, Jason Friedrich, Lindsay and Randy Shropshire, Joe and Annette Conoly, David and Julie Ludlow



## Welcome to our new members in the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club

- Millie and August Thorsson of Tallahassee, Florida
- Jon and Fantasia Lyons of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida
- Emilio and Shirley Caragol of Tampa, Florida (new affiliate members)
- Ron and Renee Lester of Gulfport, Mississippi (new affiliate members)
- Steve and Laura McLaughlin of Cantonment, Florida
- Debra and Chuck Butler of Steinhatchee, Florida

We hope to see all of you at an upcoming rally soon!

## Still Desperately Needed: Club Secretary/Newsletter Editor for 2024

**Job Description:** Must be willing to hang with Big Benders at Rallies and know his/her way around a computer working with Word or Google Docs.

**Title:** Communication Czar.

**Benefits:** include exciting travel, photo opportunities, ability to spin yarns and tell stories. Only those who are good at playing with others will be considered for this opportunity

**Notify:** Chris or RoseMarie for further information.



## Rally Reminders for Reservations/Payments: 2023 Rally Schedule

**October 10, 2023** – Suwanee River Rendezvous Resort, Nov 10-12, 2023.  
(Installation Rally) Any of our designated sites not booked will be released to public.  
Call now.

## How Do I Register for a Big Bend Rally??

To register for any Big Bend Rally please do the following:

- 1) **Contact the campground FIRST** and secure your campsite. Mention Big Bend Airstream Club or RoseMarie Anderson for 2023 rallies, or Lindsay Shropshire for 2024 rallies..
- 2) **THEN, register on the Big Bend website** to let us know you are attending. This helps with our planning for food and activities.



## Welcome to our new Webmaster!

We would like to welcome Randy Shropshire as our new Webmaster. Randy met with other 'tech' heads at the International Rally, and with Scott's help, he is up and running. Thanks to Scott Pfaff who has been handling the website during the early years of WBCCI going digital, He put us on the launching pad.

## Registering on the WBCCI site: [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org)

Randy will be adding more dates to the web site, so you can now register for several upcoming rallies. If anyone needs to cancel their current reservations for any of the upcoming rallies, or if anyone really wants to attend one, and is unable to secure a reservation, please email me at [stockcm1@gmail.com](mailto:stockcm1@gmail.com) and I will try to contact those of our folks who are looking for a site. Just a reminder, **you must first secure campground reservations online or with the campground directly BEFORE registering on the WBCCI site.**

**PLEASE** be sure the hosts of any rally that you are attending know that you'll be there! No one wants to run out of food! It's always great to have big rallies, just be sure that you have registered on the WBCCI site or that you have contacted the hosts or Chris directly.

## Port St. Joe Information...

***This just in... there are still a FEW sites available for our upcoming rally at Port St. Joe RV Resort...*** The managers of this park, Miles, and Michell Roberts, are super fun folks! They are so excited that we have their park on our agenda this year, and they have lots of ideas already in the works! This rally will occur during scallop season, and your hosts are already hard at work, lining up activities and meals. You don't want to miss it! Please call Miles or Michell to book a site and be sure to mention that you are with the Airstream group. 850 280 6177

An itinerary will be emailed in a few weeks, and the park plans to have a printed copy for you when you check in as well. Included will be the details regarding the snorkeling and sunset cruises as well as what information we have regarding scalloping.

While this park has provided us with a list of those with reservations, that doesn't usually happen. **There are still many who have not registered on the Airstream Club International site for the September rally. Please do this for the September rally and each rally that you plan to attend to assist the hosts in preparing enough food.** The instructions are listed above.

## Keep streamin'... and we'll see you down the road!