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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By: RoseMarie Anderson

Big Bend Airstream Club is on the crest of a new year looking at new rally locations, welcoming new members, and promising new adventures. Get ready to travel! Our club is growing, with members from all parts of Florida and into Georgia, so monthly rallies are scheduled over a large area to offer a variety of venues and activities. Our Apalachicola Crawl in Apalachicola Florida in March will be a dry camping event which we hope to make a yearly happening. The four-day rally in Jekyll Island will be a highlight for history buffs, and for those who love the water, we have rallies scheduled on the Gulf of Mexico and the Suwanee River. A Club Caravan in Alabama, spearheaded by Monica Brinkley, is on the schedule for October, and Gary Anderson is working on a Club Caravan to Wyoming for the International Rally in June. As mentioned above, get ready to travel! Watch the club newsletter for more details on all these happenings as they unfold and remember to get registered for each event on the airstreamclub.org website. All rallies are listed under Big Bend Florida Club.

I am happy to announce that Jason Friedrich has accepted the committee position of Historian for the Big Bend Club. We have a 50-year history, and his goal is to digitize photos and documents from the Club's past.

Hope everyone is planning on our Christmas Party at Panama City in the Historic community of St. Andrews. Brunch at 11:00 (central time) to be followed with a guided historic walk of the area. The Saturday Farmers Market in St. Andrews will be in full swing from 9am – 1pm, so come early. Public parking is available at the marina and the surrounding area.

Our Christmas Giving Project this year highlights the Florida State Park Foundation and their efforts to re-populate Florida with Long Leaf Pine trees. Each \$1 donated is one more Long Leaf Pine tree that will be planted. John and Gayle Duncan, both past Presidents of the Big Bend Club, and attendees at the Installation Rally have donated \$50 toward our Christmas Giving Project this year. Thank you, John and Gayle!

Many thanks to Amy and Lamar Waymire for hosting the Installation and Tech Rally at their home in Chipley, Florida. Idyllic setting, delicious meals and many happy campers made it a memorable weekend.

Looking 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

2022 Rally Schedule

Date	Location	Where	Notes/Hosts	Earliest date to make reservations
December 3 Christmas Party	Alice's on Bayview	Panama City, FL	11:00 A.M. Central time	See note below

**Christmas Brunch at Alices on BAYVIEW @11:00am Standard Central Time.
Dec 3, 2022**

1000 Bayview Ave,
Panama City, FL.
(By the St. Andrews Marina)

Historic St. Andrews is a beautiful walking community on the Bay with multiple restaurants, shopping, and art venues. Start Saturday morning with Oaks by the Bay Market held 9am-1pm. Walk across the street to Alices on Bayview, choose your meal after seated with a wide variety of breakfast or lunch items. Check out the BRUNCH menu at Alicesatbayview.com. After Brunch join us around the corner at Little Village for coffee or drinks, music, and dessert in a casual atmosphere on the Lake.

For those who want to come for the weekend there are campgrounds on the beach or Hotels in Panama City.

Please notify Chris or register online at our club site at airstreamclub.org., or members can email gary.rosemarie@gmail.com. to reserve. Deadline is December 1.





Please join us for the 2022 Big Bend Christmas Brunch!



**Please register with Chris
or on line at airstreamclub.org – Big Bend Rallies**



Christmas Giving Project 2022:

Give a dollar - Plant a Longleaf Pine Tree



The Florida State Park System has been important to all Airstreamers who desire to unplug and enjoy nature. Helping to re-forest Florida with Longleaf Pine is one way we can give back to the Parks that have given us wonderful, lasting memories with our Airstreams.

Longleaf pine forests are essential for native wildlife and for protecting *the Real Florida*. The Florida State Parks Foundation plants a Longleaf Pine for every \$1 donated to the project. Every tree counts!

Plant a Pine is focused on Longleaf Pine which are native to the Southeast and now cover an estimated 3% of their original habitat. They have long been prized for their commercial use in building houses, ships, and railroads and their resin is used for making turpentine. Mature longleaf ecosystems support more than 30 endangered and threatened species, including red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, and indigo snakes. Regular burning to restore their natural rhythms enables longleaf pine to become rich, stable ecosystems. Longleaf pines are fire-adapted and dependent on burning which stabilizes and enriches the soil.

Envelopes will be available for cash or check donations at both the Installation Rally and the Christmas Party. All monies collected will be held by our Treasurer Jan Pfaff and after Dec 3 a check will be sent to the Florida State Parks Foundation from the Big Bend Airstream Club. If unable to attend either activity, think about sending a check to Jan before Dec 3. All checks should be made out to Big Bend Airstream Club. A minimum donation of \$15 is suggested.

Jan Pfaff
5423 NW 168th Street
Alachua, FL 32615



2023 Rallies... (Events highlighted in green are available for reservations now!)

Spring It!

February 17 - 19

Otter Springs Campground
Trenton, Florida
352-463-0800

Experience 636 acres of natural Florida at Otter Springs Park Campground. Otter Springs is a second magnitude natural spring with an average temperature of 73 degrees and a flow of 10 million gallons of sparkling pure water daily. The spring creates a large clear pool and stream which flows into the nearby Suwannee River. Rent or bring your kayaks and canoe, swim in the heated pool or walk the nature trails.

Apalachicola Crawl

March 16 – 19

Downtown Apalachicola, Florida
The Forgotten Coast

Save the date for this long-awaited Rally at Historic Apalachicola. We will be Dry camping near Battery Park under the Bridge where the Apalachicola Seafood Festival is held. There will be a limit of 30 sites, watch for the registration window coming soon. Regarding golf cart rentals: If you are planning to rent a golf cart during the Apalachicola Crawl, you may want to go ahead and reserve, due to the time of year we will be going. It is possible that they will run out.

Gulf Coast Custom Carts
owner, Bill Cummings
850-324-6201

Mardi Gras After Party

April 21 - 23

Meaher State Park
5200 Battleship Pkwy
Spanish Fort, Alabama
Alapark.com
251-626-5529

Beautiful setting on North Mobile Bay. See the bridge lights at night. Close to fresh seafood and incredible civil war history. Registration open right now. This is a state park which fills up fast.

Join us on the Delta Explorer river boat for a cruise with a historian to Old Mobile or simply cruise the Bay. Enjoy evening music at Blakeley Park.

Island Time

May 10 - 14

[Jekyll Island RV Park](http://JekyllIslandRVPark.com)
1197 Riverview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA
912-635-3021

Influential members of the Gilded Age used Jekyll Island as their playground. We can enjoy the results of their work by touring the beautiful Hotel and the mansions they left behind. Combine the colorful history of the island with the beautiful grounds, Georgia Sea Turtle Center, restaurants, beaches, and miles of biking and walking and it will be an amazing 4-day Rally! Bring your bikes/walking shoes for a beautiful time on Jekyll Island off the coast of Georgia.

Jekyll Island State campground requires a group registration submitted by one person.

To register, contact RoseMarie between Nov 1, 2022 & March 1, 2023. Gary.rosemarie@gmail.com. Registration during this window guarantees a 10% discount and placement with the Airstream group. Once registered with RoseMarie, members can call the Campground **after April 1** to pay for their sites. There is no limit to number attending. More details & reminders about registration will follow. Individual calls made to the campground to book a site will NOT include the discount or being placed with the group.



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 or RoseMarie Anderson. Club price is \$70/night, which is our discounted price.

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

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 Nov 10, 2022. Call the resort directly and mention Big Bend Airstream Club. Check their website for discounts.





2023 Rally Schedule

Date 2023	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Earliest Date to make reservation
Pre-Canopener Dec 25-Jan 4 Canopener Jan 5 - 8	Topsail Preserve	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Remember, if you are cancelling, contact Lindsay Shropshire first.	Can Opening No Host Can Opener No Host	January 25, 2022 (for reservations beginning on December 25) Feb 5, 2022
February 17-19	Otter Springs	Trenton, FL	352-463-0800 Good Sam's, 15% for vets \$26/night,	1. David & Mary Conrad 2. Shawn & Katie Montague 3. Birdy & Rick Gardner	Feb 17, 2022 Available Now... mention that you are with the Big Bend Airstream Group
March 17-19	Apalachicola Club Rally Apalachicola Crawl	Apalachicola, FL Under the bridge	Volunteers will be needed to help with all areas	1. Monica & Craig Brinkley 2. Chris & Sammy Stockstill 3. Jason Friedrich 4. Lisa & Phil Gentry	Registration window for our club TBA
March 29 – April 2	Region 3 Rally Silver on the Sands, Take #2	Myrtle Beach, South Carolina	877-510-1413	Regional Rally No Host	Register on the WBCCI site after January, 2023
April 21-23	Meaher S.P. Mardi Gras After Party	Spanish Fort, AL	Alapark.com 251-626-5529	1. Laurie & Pat Jones 2. RoseMarie & Gary Anderson	April 21, 2022 Don't delay..., this park fills up quickly!
May 10-14 (Wed - Sunday)	Jekyll Island RV Island Time	1197 Riverview Dr Jekyll Island, GA	10% discount for our club members	1. Lisa and Phil Gentry 2. _____	To register, contact RoseMarie between Nov 1, 2022 & March 1, 2023. Gary.rosemarie@gmail.com .
June 23 - 30	2023 International Rally	Rock Springs, WY	Register on the WBCCI site	International Rally No Host	Make Reservation Online, available now
July	No Rally			-----	
August, date up to Host	Area Lunch, will be explained soon	Tallahassee Panama City Alachua		Luncheons No Host	None needed
September 15-18	Port St. Joe RV Resort Beach Party	Port St, Joe, FL	800-761-2857 Ask for Miles or Michell	1. Sammy and Chris Stockstill 2. Daniel and Amber Brock	Reservation window is open now. Request Big Bend Airstream Club
October 13-15	Lake Pines RV Park and Campground Go North!	Columbus, GA	Tour of vintage Airstreams for our Club	1. _____ 2. _____	Reservations are open at this time 706-561-9675
November 10-12	Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort Lazin on the River	Mayo, FL	386-294-2510	1. _____ 2. _____	Reservations will open Nov 10, 2022. Call the resort directly and mention Big Bend Airstream Club. Check their website for discounts



Tech Rally at the Waymires' House November 11-13, 2022 Chipley, Florida

Those who attended: Monica and Craig Brinkley, Amy and Lamar Waymire, Brenda Ward, Jason Friedrich, Carol and Winston Montague, Katie and Shawn Montague and their son, Nolan, Brian and Barbara Robinson, Amber and Daniel Brock, Chad and Dolores Jones, Chris and Sammy Stockstill, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, Jay and Elna Thompson, Philip and Lisa Gentry, Lane and Pat Watkins, Geoffrey Dean, Michelle Waide, David and Mary Conrad, Pat and Laurie Jones, Scott and Jan Pfaff, John and Gayle Duncan and their son, Chris.

The rainy weather kept most away until Friday, when there was a steady “stream” of silver trailers pouring into Chipley... Friday, we had a delicious supper of soup and cornbread. Saturday, we had bagels and spreads for breakfast followed by our Tech demonstrations. For lunch we had spaghetti, salad, green beans, and some wonderful home-made cakes for dessert. The luncheon was followed by our Installation Rally and lots of great conversations as we spent the afternoon with one another. Saturday evening, we gathered again for heavy appetizers. We ate very well this weekend!

Friday







Saturday..





Master of Ceremonies
Gary Anderson

2023 Big Bend Officers:
 President: RoseMarie Anderson
 1st Vice President:Lindsay Shropshire
 2nd Vice President:David Conrad
 Treasurer:Jan Pfaff
 Secretary:Chris Stockstill
 Membership: .. Lamar and Amy Waymire
 Webmaster:Scott Pfaff
 Trustee:Monica Brinkley
 Trustee:Scott Pfaff
 Trustee:Gary Anderson
 Trustee:Dolores Jones



Our Club's 50th President
RoseMarie Anderson





Registering on the WBCCI site:

Scott has added more dates to the web site, so you can now register for the Christmas party, Otter Springs, Meaher State Park, and several other 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 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 (which Scott will be demonstrating at the upcoming tech rally) or that you have contacted the hosts or Chris directly. Many thanks!!

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

- Rebecca Sager and Mark Wingate from Tallahassee, Florida
- Tom and Brenda Trick from Richmond Hill, Virginia (Affiliate members)
- Mark and Susan Doris of Jacksonville, Florida (Affiliate members)
- Stephen Cook and Matty Garrett of Tucker, Georgia (Affiliate members)
- Judy Burton of Mount Olive, Alabama (Affiliate members)
- David and Debbie Stair of Knoxville, Tennessee (Affiliate members)

In addition, we had several people attending their first Big Bend Rally at the Tech Rally:



Philip and Lisa Gentry



Michelle Waide



Geoffrey Dean

The Big Bend Florida Airstream Club welcomes each of you to our club! Hope to see everyone at one of the upcoming rallies!



Miscellaneous...

- Next February's rally in Otter Springs and Meaher State Park are both open for reservations for next year. Be sure you mention that you are with the Big Bend Airstream group when making reservations.
- Port St. Joe (September 2023) and Lake Pines RV Resort (October 2023) are also open for reservations. Please see the 2023 Rally Schedule for more details.
- See the **highlighted** note earlier in this newsletter regarding reservations for Jekyll Island!
- **Sweet Home Alabama Unit Caravan
October 15 – 22, 2023
Registration Open**

The Sweet Home Alabama Unit Caravan registration is now open to members of the Big Bend Airstream Club! The caravan will be limited to the first 10 units to register. Currently, there are a few spots remaining. If you are interested, please contact Monica Brinkley **THIS WEEK** at the following email address:

sweetashoneyliberty@gmail.com

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Keep Streamin'!!!