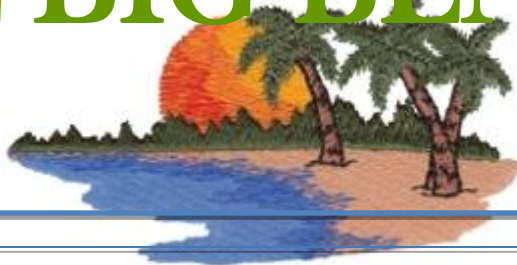


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By: RoseMarie Anderson

Hi Big Benders,

It's dawned on me again why I like being with Airstreamers and campers in general. They smile a lot and are always friendly. Has anyone else noticed that?

When arriving at a new campground, the camper dance sort of goes like this.... "Hi, where are you from? Where are you headed?" And if they are Airstreamers, the conversation can go on and on and on...

We're fortunate to have these beautiful Airstreams to identify each other instantly as part of the 'Silver Brigade.' It's easy to strike up a conversation and realize that somewhere down the road we have interacted or know some of the same folks they do. It's nice to live in a small but well-traveled and happy community.

We had a huge turnout (51) for the Otter Springs Rally, and our thanks to hosts Mary and David Conrad, Birdy and Jeff Gardner, and Katie and Shawn Montague who kept us fed and laughing the whole weekend.

See 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
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. Lisa & Phil Gentry	See updated information in this newsletter for all the details (Only a few slots left!)
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 The park is full! If your name needs to be removed from the Airstreamclub.org roster, please let RoseMarie or Chris know ASAP.
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. RoseMarie & Gary Anderson 3. Scott and Jan Pfaff	Participants should have received an email from the park with directions to complete their reservations. Questions? Contact RoseMarie at 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, Waitlist only available now
July	No Rally			-----	
August, date up to Host	Area Lunch We hope to have several groups meet for lunch in their respective areas. See contacts listed.	Tallahassee Panama City Alachua		Luncheons No Host	Contacts: Carol Montague - Tallahassee Dian Naman: - Panama City _____? – Alachua
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 800-761-2857. Great park, fantastic staff!
October 13-15	Lake Pines RV Park and Campground Go North!	Columbus, GA	Tour of vintage Airstreams for our Club	1. Vince and Dian Naman 2. _____	Reservations are open at this time. 706-561-9675 Campground has vintage Airstreams onsite!
November 10-12	Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort Lazin on the River Installation Rally	Mayo, FL	386-294-2510	1. Carol and Winston Montague 2. Martina Pelley 3. Amy and Lamar Waymire	Reservations will be open on MARCH 1. 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.



2023 Rallies...

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**
850-653-3922

Please see Registration Information for this rally later in this newsletter.

Mardi Gras After Party

April 21 - 23

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

At the Otter Springs rally, two members mentioned that they were having to cancel their Meaher State Park reservations. Please contact:
Carol Montague at wmontague@embarqmail.com or
David/Mary Conrad at marydavid2@aol.com if you are in search of a reservation for this rally,

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.

Our site allotment is full for this rally. Contact RoseMarie at Gary.rosemarie@gmail.com. to be placed on a wait list in case of a cancellation.



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





2024 Rally Schedule ... NEW!

Date 2024	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Earliest Date to make reservation
January 9-12	Topsail State Park	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Canopener	National Event Rally	
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 lindsayshrop@gmail.com
March 14-17	Bainbridge, Ga “Silver in the City”	Bainbridge, GA	Boondocking Urban Rally		TBD
April 18-21	Cedar Key RV Resort “Old Florida”	Cedar Key, FL			LIMITED—ON HOLD 30 SITES—Call Melissa to reserve before April 1, 2023 1(352)543-5097
May 16-19	Georgia Veteran State Park “Spring is in the Air”	Lake Blackshear, GA	Train Ride / Andersonville Tour / Little White House / Callaway Gardens		RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE 13 MONTHS IN ADVANCE (Sunday, April 16, 2023) https://www.lakeblackshearresort.com/ga-veterans-park/
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	CALL BY APRIL 1, 2023, Kim or Kendra (877) 436-5063 Pavilion screened by pool AC FREE First Come/First Serve Clubhouse AC 10 or more !0% 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, FL	Beach Rally		Reservations open Friday, November 24, 2023 (11 Months)
November 7-10	TBD “Installation Rally”	Dothan, Alabama		Lindsay & Randy Shropshire	TBD
December 14	The Colonial “Christmas Lunch”	ChIPLEY, FI	Falling Waters State Park		Reservations, opens Sunday, January 14, 2024 for those that want to camp. (11 Months)



Otter Springs Rally February 17-19, 2023

This was a very well-attended rally! Our hosts, the Conrads, the Gardeners, and the Montagues (Shawn and Katie) fed and entertained us all weekend! The menu was hot dogs and brats with all the fixings on Friday night, pancakes and sausage on Saturday morning, and soups and chili on Saturday night. No shortage of desserts either night!

Attending this rally: David and Mary Conrad, Birdy and Rick Gardener, Shawn and Katie Montague and their son, Nolan, John and Nancy Smith, Denis and Mary Jungblut, Pat and Laurie Jones, Craig and Monica Brinkley, Jay and Elna Thompson, Jason Friedrich, Winston and Carol Montague, Brenda Ward, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, David and Julie Ludlow, Sammy and Chris Stockstill, Mike and Judy Corbett, Amy and Lamar Waymire, Dian and Vince Naman and their grandchildren Aria and Paul, Debbie and Charlie Sykes, Martina Pelley, Scott and Jan Pfaff, Bill and Kathy Neider, Clifford Holensworth, Brian and Natalie Eaton, Joe and Sharon Moura, and Cindy and Herry Binnerdijk.





Here are the winners of LCR (Left-Center-Right). What a fun game! Congrats, Laurie and Paul!



This weekend's games included LCR, Bunco, and Texas Hold-Em Poker, So FUN!



Amy is getting ready for Apalachicola.



Where we all live...



Lots of beautiful trees in this park. Some are a little too close for comfort! This was a tricky site, but it did have a great view of all the live oaks by the pavilion!





Otter Springs Rally Recipes February 17-19, 2023

Listed below are two recipes for some of the great food we enjoyed at Otter Springs!

MIJA. (Toffee) submitted by Brenda Ward

1 cup sugar
1 Tb white syrup (Karo)
1 Tb water
2 cubes/sticks (1/2 lb.) butter (not frozen)
Dash of salt

Later will need 1 cup of salted almonds or pecans and 6 plain Hershey milk choc or dark.

Put first ingredients above in Teflon pan. Stir constantly over very hot fire until shade darker than brown sugar. Use a long wooden spoon and Teflon pan (The mixture gets very hot before ready to add nuts) .

Stir in 3/4 C of nuts
Pour into buttered pie pan
Place 6 Hershey bars over and let melt
Smooth with spatula
Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup nuts
Cool about 4 hours.
Chop and break into pieces.
ENJOY!

Chicken Tortilla Soup submitted by Shawn and Katie Montague

3x 15oz Cans of Corn
3x 15oz Cans of 14 oz Black Beans, drained and rinsed
3x 14oz Cans of Rotel tomatoes
2lbs+ Costco Rotisserie Chicken Breast Meat, 1" cubed
2x 32oz Boxes of Chicken Broth
2x 28oz Cans of Green Enchilada Sauce
2x Packets of Chicken Taco Seasoning

Mix together, heat, and serve. Suggested toppings include sour cream, shredded Mexican cheese, and tortilla strips. Yield: 8 quarts



“The Apalachicola Crawl” March 17-March 19, 2023

Location: Under the Bridge in Apalachicola Florida

It’s Happening! The first ever Apalachicola Crawl rally! Full time members have priority on the 25 available sites. Affiliate members next.

This will be a dry camping experience. Details about the itinerary and dumping locations have been emailed to all participants, Sites will be available for arrival on Thursday March 16 for those who desire to arrive one day early.

Cost: The City of Apalachicola will charge \$30 per night per rig.

There are just a few spots left. Please contact Gary at ganderpc81@gmail.com or 850-896-0567 by March 1 if interested. LOTS OF FUN ACTIVITIES ARE BEING PLANNED!

Jekyll Island Information:

Jekyll Island Rally – Island Time

The following names have been submitted to attend the Jekyll Island Rally May 10 -14. An email has been sent out from the campground with instructions on how to register and pay for your site. If someone has not been contacted yet, please email RoseMarie.

(gary.rosemarie@gmail.com)

Anderson, RoseMarie and Gary
Honeycutt, Brett and Jan Conley
Braun, Paul and Laurie
Shropshire, Lindsay and Randy
Trick, Tom and Brenda
Fleet, David and Becky Ferris
Bush, Cindy and Jim
Brinkley, Craig and Monica
Jones, Chad and Dolores
Eaton, Brian
Neider, Bill and Kathy
Pfaff, Scott and Jan
Neff, Guy and Dawn
Montague, Winston and Carol
Stockstill, Sammy and Chris
Waymire, Lamar and Amy
Gentry, Phil and Lisa
Pelley, Martina
Stair, David and Debbie
Jones, Pat and Laurie
Kelley, Chuck and Lori
Smith, John and; Nancy





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.
- 2) **THEN, register on the Big Bend website** to let us know you are attending. This helps with our planning for food and activities.

Registering on the WBCCI site: airstreamclub.org

Scott has added 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 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.

Long Leaf Pine Christmas Giving Project:

See below for a note from the Florida State Parks Foundation, thanking Big Bend Florida Airstream Club for their recent donation of \$440.00 to the Plant a Pine Campaign! Well-done, Big Bend members!





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

- Billy and Angeles Drennan of Miramar Beach, FL
- Thomas and Jeannie Hayes of Newnan, GA
- Donald and Gaye Baltz of Valparaiso, FL
- Jim and Bonnie Lewis of Pensacola, FL
- Jim Brown and Karen Ventimiglia of Apalachicola, FL

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



Bill and Kathy Neider



Debbie and David Stair

Garden Flags order and badge information:



Several members have mentioned an interest in purchasing garden flags. If you would like to purchase email Amy at

waymire_a@yahoo.com.

The cost of the flags is approximately \$10.00. If you would like personalization, I can do that for you an additional \$4.00. We need a minimum of 36 flags to order at this price.

Birdy, RoseMarie, Scott, and Dian will be working to find out more about ordering new member badges. More information to come...



Miscellaneous...

- Port St. Joe RV Resort (September 2023) and Lake Pines RV Resort (October 2023) and are also open for reservations. Please see the 2023 Rally Schedule for more details. Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort (November 2023) will be open for reservations beginning on March 1, 2023.
- There will be **several officer vacancies coming up in November...** please think about volunteering to help lead our club into the future! Contact RoseMarie for more information.

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Keep Streamin'!!!

