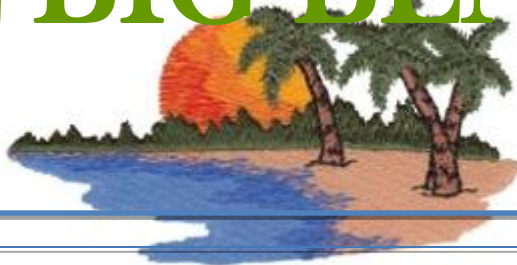


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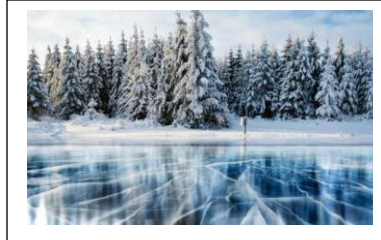
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

By: RoseMarie Anderson

Welcome to a New Year of making memories with Big Bend Club! For those of you who attended Can Opening or Can Opener at Top Sail CG in Santa Rosa Beach, it was an awesome start, thanks to coordinators Lindsay Shropshire and Annette Conoly. Let's keep the fun and activity going for the coming year with our scheduled Rallies and Club Caravan. Be sure to follow registration details for each Rally. Also think about how you can enrich our rallies with your own talents and interests. Introduce the club to your hobby or passion, share insights into locations where we rally, offer to help set up an activity or fun game or share a new tool or tech tip with the group.

Currently our club membership is 96 members and still growing each day...23 of those being affiliates. We are proud to have a full slate of officers, trustees and many willing volunteers to make this club work. Over the past couple weeks, the Executive Board has tweaked the Club Policies updated in November 2022 by Winston and Carol Montague, Gary Anderson and Lindsay Shropshire. It was important for the Executive committee to review, tweak and then vote on the new Policies for our club to move forward in 2023. The input and responsiveness of the five Officers and four Trustees was valuable, timely and appreciated. Thank you to all! The Club Policies are included in this issue.

As everyone knows, Airstreaming is growing. Our International Rally is now sold out...1200 sites! Dry camping spots will open, and of course cancellations will happen, so get on the wait list. Gary Anderson is building a caravan out to Wyoming visiting some the Oregon Trail sites. Join for all or part of the trip!

I'll be 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

2023 Rally Schedule

Date 2023	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Earliest Date to make reservation
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	See article in this newsletter as to how to register
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. RoseMarie & Gary Anderson 3. _____ 4. _____	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 800-761-2857
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. _____ 3. _____	Reservations now open Call the resort directly and mention Big Bend Airstream Club. Check their website for discounts



2023 Rallies...

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.

This park is full for the dates of our rally. Please be sure that you have registered on the WBCCI web site. A schedule for the weekend will be sent very soon to all those who are registered online. If you aren't sure how to register, please see the article later in this newsletter. Questions? Contact Chris at stockcm1@gmail.com

At this time, these people have registered online (after securing reservations through the park):
Stockstill, Gardener, J. Smith, W. Montague, S. Montague, G. Anderson, Brinkley, Pfaff, Thompson, P. Jones, Friedrich, Neff, Waymire, Naman, Sykes, Neider, Conrad, Binnendijk, Pelley, Jungblut, Ludlow, Rush, Ward, Warner, Stair. **If you have a site and are not listed above, please contact Chris ASAP at the email address above, or call 850 819 2472.**

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

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](#)

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



Christmas Party at Alice's on Bayview Panama City, Florida

Those who attended: Monica and Craig Brinkley, Amy and Lamar Waymire, Brenda Ward, Carol and Winston Montague, Brian and Barbara Robinson, Chris and Sammy Stockstill, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, Jay and Elna Thompson, Philip and Lisa Gentry, David and Mary Conrad, Martina Pelley, Lindsay and Randy Shropshire, and new members: David and Julie Ludlow, and Vince and Dian Naman.



A total of **\$440.00** was raised for the Christmas Giving Project, and it was presented to the Florida State Parks Foundation for the preservation of the Florida Long Leaf Pine. Well done, Big Bend Florida Airstream Club!



Touring Historic St Andrews in Panama City, Florida

Many of us went on a walking tour of St. Andrews following the luncheon at Alice's. We had a wonderful host, Nancy Hudson, who gave us a tour of several stops in the community, and told us about George, Lillian, and Buddy West, who were the visionaries who really started the expansion of St. Andrews. Thank you for the informative tour, Nancy!



Above, L-R:

A historic St. Andrews church, still in use today

The desk of Buddy West

Our guide, Nancy Hudson

Left:

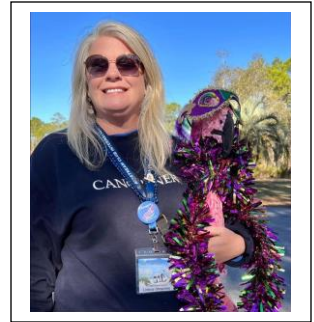
Our group, pictured in front of the Old Sentry Heritage Oak Tree, estimated to be 250-350 years old.



Canopener Roundup... by Lindsay Shropshire

It feels like forever ago when 20 of us early arrival folks gathered at Tommy Bahama's for Christmas Eve dinner.

The discussion that evening wasn't Christmas, it was discussing winterizing and the possibility of getting snow. Topsail State Park had informed us that we needed to unhook our water and run our furnace. Something some of us Floridians were not accustomed to, but were thankful for new friends from up north, showing us the ropes. We had Florida, Georgia, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin represented around the giant table, that night. We were all worried about friends getting stuck up north.



On Christmas Day, we all gathered in the clubhouse for what was the funniest Dirty Santa game I've ever been a part of. From bottles of wine to a Pottery Barn pillow and pop up emergency cones...one would think the Canopenians have never stepped foot inside a Home Depot, or shopped online. I won the prized set of screw drivers, included Allen wrenches, with magnetic tips, after stealing them three different times. So much fun, I'm still laughing. Of course, we didn't starve. It's an Airstream Rally, after all! We had lots of good food.

Taco Tuesday came in with a bang. Melia Jacobs, and Crew, from the Palmetto Unit, hosted over 60 people in the traditional Canopener Taco Tuesday.

The rest of the week was quiet as everyone pretty much did their own thing, gearing up for the RECORD-BREAKING largest attended Canopener Rally ever.

We did manage to get to the Destin Brewery, which was a first for all of us. It was nice sitting in a small group, getting to know each other, and discussing beer and the ever-present weather.

By New Year's Eve, we were up to 78 rigs in the park. What do you do with that many people, on New Year's Eve, you have a Dance Party, of course!

DJ's, Annette Conoly (SECU/BB Affiliate) and James Schaal (Palmetto Unit), rocked the pine needles off the trees! One could say they are famous for their International VAC Dance Parties, but I'm going to be a bit bias, because International doesn't supply Annette a picnic table to dance on. This was one for the books! We also had a photo booth, sparklers, and you guessed it, more fantastic food.

The other highlight of the night was UGA taking the College Football Playoffs. Some of us stuck around after Canopener Standard Time midnight, to watch the nail-biting game.

2023 came in with 93 rigs in the park. The weather was finally cooperating, many of us got our walks in, greeting all our First Timers, and chatting up with old friends. A few of us participated in the Polar Plunge at the pool.

Monday night Wes and Savannah Herndon (Big Bend) played on the porch of Kith & Kin. Savannah over shadowed Wes with her beautiful voice. Wes had his silly stories of going camping with friends, and we had many local Airstreamers show up and say hi. Fun was had by all.



Okay, by now you're wondering what's up? Is Canopener one weekend or 2 weeks? BOTH! It takes a week and a half to open the can, as they say!

Wednesday, we were up to 119 rigs. We were growing and definitely getting busier....

Some of us went to Eden State Park for a hike, and others gathered in the clubhouse to make "Be Kind" signs with Amy Waymire (BB). Both activities are popular with the Canopenians. Thank you, Amy!

That evening 100 Canopenians gathered at "30A Axe Throwing" to take their stake at the First Ever Canopener Axe Throwing Tournament. Helene and Stan White (SECU/ BB Affiliate) hosted the event, and we hope they do it again next year. It was a blast.

And... then it was Jan 4. 119 rigs in the park. The Membership Committee sure had their hands full with this. We had a bunch leave and a bunch show up. We don't know exactly how many, but we estimate at least 10 left and 10 took their place. One will never know.

Happy Hour that night celebrated our First Timers. 71 First Timer rigs total. We popped champagne and had a toast. Everyone won a "History of Airstream" poster. Tana Flanagan (TOP/BB Affiliate) rolled out the pink carpet, leaving a flamingo pin wheel and ribbon on all the First Timer site number posts. We even had the grand welcome with a fly-over by the Air Force. All that silver is known to change weather patterns, so maybe they did plan it?

And.....FINALLY.... The Canopening!! 124 rigs in occupancy. Parlor Doughnuts arrived bright and early in their Airstream serving up doughnuts, which are actually cronuts. Or as I say, very fancy doughnuts. They sold out, went and got more, and then sold out of those. This was their first Airstream Rally, and they promised to come back next year. They had just as much fun as we did.

We were also selling tickets for Vinnie's NorthBay, who was celebrating their first birthday in Tallahassee. For \$10 a ticket, benefiting Friends of Topsail, everyone had a chance to win a ceramic coating for their Airstream. It was the great Canopener Mystery that took place in the fall via social media. Welcome to Big Bend Vinnie's NorthBay!

That evening Big Bend Opened the Can with the 3rd annual Beer Exchange and Dion Jones and friends took the stage. We only got the Ranger's called on us twice, which was a success in their books. Or at least that's what they told me. Good music, cold beer, old friends, new friends, and great weather.

It's FINALLY the Canopener Rally. Friday morning, we counted 129 rigs, and five cabins. Some cabins had several sets of Canopenians.

JJ kicked it off with his traditional Sky-med breakfast, then we all gathered in the streets or participated in the FIRST EVER Canopener Mardi Paw Parade, ending with a Mardi Gras celebration complete with King Cake shots, and beads.

And if you're not tired yet...we all then gathered in the clubhouse parking lot for the LARGEST Airstream Sporting Event in the whole USA, Corn Hole.



Simultaneously, we had the biggest Chili Feed EVER. This has been a Canopener tradition for well over 10 years. Wouldn't be the same without it.

Bloody Saturday was pajama day. By now, none of us had clean clothes anyway. Annette served up her famous Bloody Mary's and the Argosy Argonauts served up tomato sandwiches with moon pies and sweet tea. A match made in Heaven.

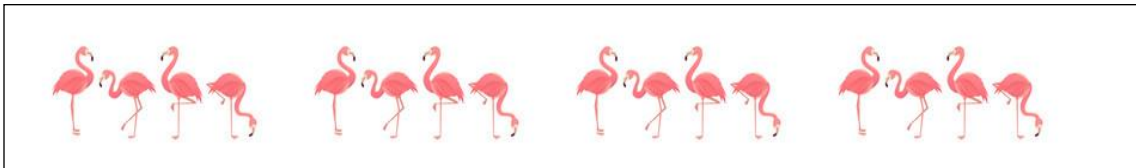
Some Canopenians rode bikes, some took naps, some did laundry, a few went out to eat, visited the beach, and some sat around their campfire.

Sunday came quick. I fully admit I watched the trailers leave and cried a bunch of tears.

The Canopenian Spirit sure has a way of making you look forward to packing that calendar full of rallies with hopes of running into fellow Canopenians.

See ya down the road!!

Pre-Canopener and New Year's Eve





Beer Swap, Axe Throwing, and more...



Jason's rig at night



One of several adorable Argosys



Big Bend members and affiliates
(Not pictured: Barbara and Tony Olm, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, Sammy and Chris Stockstill)

Our club sponsored the Beer and Root Beer Exchange on Thursday evening! A fun time was had by all. We got lots of compliments on the aprons, so remember then for next year, because Big Bend is the official Beer and Root Beer exchange Committee for Canopener 2024!





Airstreams in every direction! 129 at one point!



Be Kind signs with Amy

Parlor Doughnuts



Chili and Desserts



Cornhole champions and sponsors (L-R)
 Bill McMullon, 2nd Place
 Mark Lemons, 1st place
 Ron Lester
 Rick Foley





Mardi Paws!



Pet parade, AKA "Mardi Paws" was great! Big Bend was well-represented by Nina, Heidi, Hugo, and Teddy., We missed you, Harley and Ginger!

At the end of the parade, we had king cake and shots... what fun!



Bloody Marys, Tomato Sandwiches, and Pajamas



Fun, Fun, Fun!





“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. There will be NO water, electric or dump facility. Be aware and Be prepared. Plan accordingly. Off-site dump options are still a work in progress. 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. See below for Payment procedure.

1. To register, **email the following information to Gary at ganderpc81@gmail.com by Feb 15.**

Name:

BRN:

Length of Rig:

Slide-outs (Y or N):

Primary Phone:

Primary E-mail:

Arrival Day (Th or F)

:

2. Members will be registered the day the above information is received. A confirmation will be returned to sender.

3. After confirmation, please send a check for camp fee made payable to Big Bend Airstream Club and mailed to Jan Pfaff by **March 01, 2023**. The check should be \$60 or \$90 depending on arrival day. In case of necessary cancellation please contact Gary asap so the site can be filled. The entire deposit will be refunded except in the case of a total no show, in which there will be a \$30 cancellation charge. **Mail checks to:**

Jan Pfaff

5423 NW 168th Street

Alachua, FL 32615

4. T-Shirts will be available at \$20 each and must be ordered by **Feb 12**. Indicate color (Mint or Blue, see picture above for colors and back of shirt design) and size: M, L, XL, XXL, 3XL. (XXL 3XL \$21). Big Bend Airstream Rally will be printed on the T-shirts. T-shirts are available to all members whether attending Rally. Be prepared to pick up shirts at other Rallies if not at Apalachicola Crawl.

If you wish to order a t-shirt, please **email your T-shirt orders to Monica Brinkley at sweetashoneyliberty@gmail.com**. Make your check for t-shirts payable to Big Bend Airstream Club and send to Jan Pfaff at the address above when order is placed.



5. While the campsite is within reasonable walking distance to downtown, Golf carts can be reserved at \$100 per day for a 4-person cart and \$150 for a 6 person. A day is a 24-hour cycle. Carts are gasoline powered. Contact Patrick or Bill at Gulf Coast Custom Carts 850-653-3922. I will keep all informed of new and updated information as it unfolds.
Gary Anderson – 850-896-0567

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.

*****Two exceptions!! Apalachicola Crawl Rally and Jekyll Island Rally!

To register for the **Apalachicola Crawl Rally**, please do the following: (see preceding page)

1) Contact Gary Anderson by **Feb 15** at **ganderpc81@gmail.com** to register. Include the following information:

- Your name
- Big Red Number
- Length of Airstream
- Slide-outs (Y or N)
- Primary Phone
- Primary E-mail
- Arrival Day (Thursday or Friday)



2) Members will have first choice, Affiliates next.

To register for the **Jekyll Island Rally**, please do the following:

1) Contact RoseMarie at **tango2020pc@gmail.com** to register. Include the following information:

- your names
- address
- email
- phone
- length of Airstream
- # of slide outs
- # of pets.



2) In March or April, either RoseMarie or Jekyll Island RV will notify members to call Jekyll Island RV to reserve and pay for a campsite.



Registering on the WBCCI site:

Scott has added more dates to the web site, so you can now register for Otter Springs, Meagher 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 or that you have contacted the hosts or Chris directly.

Preliminary “Caravan to Wyoming” Info

The International Rally for 2023 is fast approaching. The official dates of the Rally are June 24 through closing ceremony on June 30. Over 1200 rigs are registered so our President Eric can be expected to put on quite an event. RoseMarie and I will be attending this Rally and have outlined the following route. We have included potential venues to visit while we are in route. Any Big Bend members who want to travel with us are more than welcome. As much or as little of the trip as you desire. While changes will be made, and campgrounds finalized, the intent of this is to provide an outline of our route. More information will be forthcoming in the next newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Gary at ganderpc81@gmail.com

Sunday 6/4: Leave PC – Arrive Gunter Hill COE Montgomery (Sunday to help with Reservations)

Mon/Tues 6/5 and 6/6: Arrive Tupelo MS

- Visit E. Presley Birthplace/museum.
- Visit National Battlefield in town/Find some good Elvis Era music

Wednesday 6/7: Arrive Mountain View AR- Town and music

Thursday/Friday 6/8 and 6/9: Arrive Springfield MO

- Wilson Battlefield
- Fantastic Caverns
- Bass Pro
- Blues Brothers show at Gillioz Center

Saturday/Sunday 6/10 and 6/11: Arrive Independence MO. The Start of Oregon/California Trail

- Harry Truman Presidential Library
- 1831 Temple Lot
- City History Tour

On Monday June 12: We will head West on the Oregon/California Trail. Included will be stops and visits to Fort Kearny (First real supply stop), Ash Hollow Complex (Windlass Hill), Courthouse and Jail Rocks, Chimney Rock, Scotts Bluff, Fort Laramie, Independence Rock, Devils Gate and South Pass.

Arrival Date at Rock Springs will be scheduled for June 22.



Hosting a Rally by Carol Montague

So, you signed up to host a Big Bend Florida Unit Rally. What have you gotten yourselves in for? First, it is only as hard as you make it! Usually there will be anywhere from 2 to 4 other hosts so you don't do it all by yourself!! Ideally an experienced host and a newer host will host together. Having more couples minimizes the workload and makes the experience more enjoyable. Don't forget, you can always ask a more experienced member for suggestions or help.

You probably signed up for a particular rally so you know the location. Now you are expected to plan the activities and the food for the rally.

Think of your activities first – Is there some activity already available such as a festival? Is there a good place to hike, swim, canoe, bike? Is there someone who could lead a tour of some particular part of the area? Is there a brewery to tour? Referring to past rallies - Do you want to plan some games – a corn hole tournament? Does someone want to teach a new card game? Do you want to have some Olympics, such as who can throw a straw the farthest? Do you want to have skits – a brown bag full of unusual stuff and groups figure out a play? At Easter time do you want to have a Easter hat contest? There are so many possibilities. You may want a storytelling event. Confer with your co-hosts and come up with a rally that people will want to attend.

Next, determine the food, what will be eaten – which meals you will plan and fix, which you will have as pot-luck, or which restaurant you will visit. If you go to a restaurant, it is dutch treat. Although often people arrive before the rally officially begins, normally the rally will be from Friday supper through Sunday morning. That means you should be thinking about 2 suppers, 1 lunch and 2 breakfasts at the most. Is there a good restaurant close by? Would you rather have a pot-luck dinner or a grill-your-own-meat meal? With a grill-your-own, you would need to plan what to have with the meat. Maybe you would like everyone to bring a can of non-cream type soup and throw it all in the pot. Saturday breakfast is often a little more with anywhere from pancakes, omelets in a bag, breakfast casseroles to cereal or muffins. The norm seems to be that Saturday lunch is on your own although that may depend on the activities you have planned. Saturday supper is up to you, just don't burn yourselves out. This is supposed to be fun! We had a member years ago who felt like everyone should have a job. He would arrive with lists of who was to do what. Working together made the members get to know each other. Sunday morning is your option – some do want to head home – so you may decide that nothing needs to be done for that meal.

Some hosts decide to divide up and each do a meal, or they may share in different meals. Just remember that it is up to you – nothing is wrong! Be sure to save all of your receipts and hand them to the treasurer!! You will be reimbursed for the expenses you incurred. Although there is no budget, it is expected you will be wise in your expenditures.





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

- Vince and Dian Naman of Fortson, Georgia
- Ed and Crystal Baker of Niceville, Florida (Home Club transfer members)
- Stephanie Farmer and Michael Fazio of Coral Springs, Florida (Affiliate members)
- Reid and Kathy Westmoreland of Bay City, Texas (Affiliate members)
- Tana Flanagan and David Russ of Lithia Springs, Georgia (Affiliate members)
- Melia Jacobs of Canton, Georgia (Affiliate members)
- Elizabeth and Stacy Kirvin of Apalachicola, Florida (Affiliate members)
- Kevin Staley and Barbara Cleland of Panama City Beach, Florida (Affiliate members)
- Peter and Nancy Cutler of Auburn, Alabama (Affiliate members)
- Jim and Julie Nicholas of Boynton Beach, Florida (Affiliate members)
- Chuck and Margaret Cook of St. Helena Island, South Carolina (Affiliate members)
- Amy and Chris Hanus of Ardmore, Oklahoma (Affiliate members)

In addition, we had several people attending their first Big Bend event at the Christmas party or Canopener



Vince and Dian Naman



David and Julie Ludlow



Eddie and Crystal Baker,
Pictured here with Joe Conoly.
The Bakers were the 1000th
members to join the Canopener
Facebook page!

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



Big Bend Florida Club Policies

These are the policies for the Big Bend Florida Club which pertain to the operation of this club:

Number 1: Annual Dues: The annual club dues of Regular members shall be ten (\$10) dollars per unit (BRN) per year. Affiliate members will be charged ten (\$10) dollar per year.

Number 2: Cost to Attend a Rally: The normal rally fee is \$10.00 per adult attendee. The cost to attend a portion of a rally shall be \$5.00 for dinner and/or \$5.00 for breakfast. Big Bend full members attending their first rally will have the rally fee waived.

Number 3: Eligibility to serve as a Big Bend Florida Club Officer: Any regular member may volunteer to serve as President only after having been a member of the club for at least two years AND after having served as a Vice President at least one year. Any regular member may volunteer for other positions only after being a club member for at least one year.

Number 4: Authorization of Expenditures: The Treasurer shall disburse payments based on the customary and reasonable operation of the club up to \$100 to include the rental of campground facilities for a rally. Expenditures over \$100 shall require Executive Board approval.

Number 5: Contribution upon Passing of a Member: A contribution of \$100 shall be made in November to the WBCCI Foundation or a charity of the Executive Board's choosing in memory of the members who passed during the year. A card of condolence will be sent by President or Secretary.

Number 6: Finance and Audit Committee: A Financial Review Committee shall consist of two or more members appointed by the President in office at the beginning of that President's term. The Committee shall review the finances of the club at the end of each presidential term year and submit a written summation to the Executive Board.

Number 7: Special Committees: The President may appoint special committees as desired. The special committees may include, but are not limited to, the following: Advertising, Advisory, Arts and Crafts, Awards and Prizes, Games and Contests, Parliamentarian, Property, Safety and Maintenance, Site Selection, and Sunshine.

Number 8: Standing Committees: Within the By-Laws certain Standing Committees are listed. These committees are to be formed as needed at the President's discretion.

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Miscellaneous...

- Meaher State Park is open for reservations for April. Be sure you mention that you are with the Big Bend Airstream group when making reservations.
- Port St. Joe RV Resort (September 2023), Lake Pines RV Resort (October 2023), and Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort (November 2023) are also open for reservations. Please see the 2023 Rally Schedule for more details.

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