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President's Message

By: RoseMarie Anderson

Big Benders love to gather. Doesn't matter if it's a rural area like Otter Springs or Mayo, Florida, big city lights of Columbus, Georgia, the shores of St. Joe Bay FL or Mobile Bay, AL, an Island in Georgia, or a wagon wheel on a spit on the edge of Apalachicola, FL. Big Benders gather for impromptu lunch in Tallahassee, Panama City Beach, and Santa Rosa or a 7-day wonderland tour through north Alabama. Doesn't matter where, or for how long, they come, they gather and are always rewarded with fun, friendship, and fellowship. If you haven't gathered with us yet, please do so, we want to put a face with your name.

This will be my last President's letter so it's time to reveal the real folks who kept the wind beneath our wings to help us gather each month. Rally Hosts met the challenge this year to schedule more rally activities by setting up boat rides, tours, games, a magician, restaurants, bike rides, heavy hors d'oeuvre nights and Breakfast for Dinner. They hosted with smiles on their faces while working diligently to present the best rallies ever. So thankful to all for making this year unfold the way I envisioned In November of 2022.

Behind the scenes, Treasurer Jan Pfaff was keeping up with club finances, Newsletter editor Christine Stockstill was coaxing the last memory out of her computer to produce the newsletter that kept members informed of past and future events, First and Second Vice Presidents Lindsay Shropshire and David Conrad were busy finding campsites for the next couple years while Amy and Lamar Waymire were welcoming the overwhelming influx of new members. Historian Jason Friedrich was busy scanning the Big Bend History while Randy Shropshire assumed Webmaster duties from Scott Pfaff. I can't forget Gary Anderson, Parliamentarian and life partner for keeping the meetings 'official' and being a solid voice when I needed feedback. And a special thank you to Carol Montague, whose Airstream knowledge and experience runs deep, and I dipped into that well many, many times. There are not enough thanks-yous to Christine Stockstill for her organization and clear vision of our monthly newsletter. Christine kept me on pace and on schedule with her steadiness, attention to detail and easy manner. For me she was the anchor that I depended on all year.

Endings always create new beginnings. This is our 50th year as a Club, with a whole new set of officers beginning at the November Rally. Support them by Hosting and attending club rallies. Ask how you can help, rather than waiting to be asked. Contact your Officers with Rally ideas or suggestions by phone, email, or text. Volunteer to help somewhere, no matter if it is on a limited basis.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your President this last year and to share the adventure of being a part of the Big Bend Club. – RoseMarie Anderson





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 know you are coming. List your site number, if known.

2023 Rally Schedule

Date 2023	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Earliest Date to make reservation
November 10-12	Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort <i>Lazin on the River</i> <i>Installation Rally</i>	Mayo, FL	386-294-2510	1. Carol and Winston Montague 2. Martina Pelley 3. Amy and Lamar Waymire	Reservations are still open! 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. All sites open to the public after October 10.

Lazin on the River (Installation Rally)

Nov 10 - 12

[Suwannee River Rendezvous Resort](#)

828 N.E. Primrose Rd

Mayo, Florida

386-294-2510

The Suwannee 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 Suwannee 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.

Don't forget to look up and post on our club Facebook page!


Big Bend Florida Airstream Club (Group)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1417888775051892>





2024 Rally Schedule

Date 2024	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Earliest Date to make reservation
December 9, 2023	Chanticleer Eatery	55 Clayton Lane Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Christmas Party/ Luncheon		Noon RSVP to Lindsay at 478 395 2847.. 
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 lindsayshrop@gmail.com
March 14-17	Apalachicola, "Silver in the City"	Apalachicola, FL	Boondocking Urban Rally		TBD: The location of this rally has been changed to Apalachicola.
April 18-21	Cedar Key RV Resort "Old Florida"	Cedar Key, FL			LIMITED—ON HOLD 30 SITES Reservation Window is NOW OPEN 1(352)543-5097
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) 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	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 Beach, FL	Beach Rally	RoseMarie and Gary, Sammy and Chris	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

See information on page 17 of this newsletter!

“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 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

Apalachicola, Florida
TBD

Boondocking Urban Rally in downtown Apalachicola, Florida. **This is a change from the original planned event in Bainbridge.**

“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

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.

*** A note from Lindsay...

Just talked to Kim over at Live Oak Landing. She wanted me to let you all know your card will be charged on October 1, and she is giving us the discount even though we didn’t make it to 15 reservations. She also said anyone that calls to make a reservation will receive the same discount, even after Oct 1, but keep in mind the campsites are hitting the public before then. When you call, mention you’re with the Bid Bend Florida Airstream Club.

Sooooo, if you want to join us for this spectacular river adventure, birthday party, book now. If you are not a kayaker (kayaks will be available for rent) you don’t have to go on that trip, there is plenty to do in the area. Freeport now has TWO breweries, as well as 30A being just across the bridge, with hiking and shopping and beach sitting available.

Also—please remember to sign into the ACI page and register on the Jotform for all the upcoming rallies. If you need help with this, please feel free to reach out and I can walk you through it. Thanks, RoseMarie for getting the reservation dates extended.

~Lindsay

Lindsayshrop@gmail.com

478-284-2847



**“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



Lake Pines RV Park Rally October 13-15, 2023

by Barbara Olm

We went to a rally in Columbus, GA On October 13-15 with the Big Bend, FL Airstream club and had a great time.

Those who arrived early on Thursday were treated to dinner and fun at the home of Vince and Dian Naman. Even though Tony and I didn't arrive until the next day, those who attended would like to thank the Namans so much for their hospitality! Everything was delicious!

Friday night we had Brunch for Dinner and Lindsay and Randy did a great job with it. A table was spread with all the ingredients for Omelets in a bag. First you had to crack your eggs and then you added whatever you wanted to your bag which was then boiled in a huge pot of water. There were also waffles freshly made, bagels and cream cheeses, hashbrown casseroles and, of course, a Mimosa station. So much food! Lindsay also taught us all about "snackle boxes". A table was spread with charcuterie items and boxes to add whatever we wanted to them to either eat there or take to-go. What a cute idea! Great for a car snack on all our travels! We also heard a great presentation about all the exciting things to do in Columbus from Peter and Shelby.

Saturday was spent visiting Columbus. We visited an amazing military museum, ate lunch at one place, then crossed the street to hang out at a nice brewery. Nice city! We need to go back to see more! Several members of the group walked along the Riverwalk after dinner on Saturday. Thank you to Vince for all the great ideas for activities available in Columbus!

Sunday Tony and I went to the Riverwalk and had a nice peaceful walk. Columbus has done a beautiful job with it. We only walked a small portion and would like to see another section of it sometime. It's 22 miles long! We needed our bikes.

The campground was wonderful, with new owners who took over for their parents. And they are also Airstreamers and own 4 or 5 airstreams! So, they loved having us. They are doing a wonderful job fixing up the campground and had made an old horse barn into a wonderful event place. Thank you to Vince and Diann Naman and Lindsay and Randy Shropshire and Big Bend Florida Airstream Club for a great rally!

Those attending the rally included: Craig and Monica Brinkley, Jason Friedrich, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, Sammy and Chris Stockstill. Amy and Lamar Waymire, Dian and Vince Naman, Lindsay and Randy Shropshire, Scott and Jan Pfaff, Chad and Dolores Jones, Carol and Winston Montague, Barbara and Tony Olm, Brenda Ward, Martina Pelley, Chip and Tracy Leavine, Laurie and Pat Jones and Bill and Kathy Neider.



Thursday... Vince and Dian Naman's home



Fajitas, Fun, and Fellowship... thanks so much for hosting us, Vince and Dian!

Friday... Lake Pines RV Park / Campground





Brunch for Dinner and “Snackleboxes”... everyone had fun customizing their dinner and snacks! Shoutout to our hosts and cooks!



Saturday in Columbus...



National Infantry Museum, Scott on the virtual parachute ride, dinner at the Cannon Brew Pub, on the Riverwalk, and Monica found the Pedal Pub!



Sweet Home Alabama Unit Caravan: October 15-22, 2023

by: Chris Stockstill

Monica Brinkley organized a wonderful caravan! A group of ten trailers departed from Columbus on **Sunday**, October 15 on their way to the first stop of the Sweet Home Alabama caravan, DeSoto State Park in Fort Payne, Alabama. It is a beautiful park and we had to significantly adjust our wardrobes due to the fairly low temperatures while we were there. On Sunday evening, we had heavy appetizers, and the Solo Stove made its first appearance of the week. The darker and colder it got, the tighter our circle became!



On **Monday**, we met up and decided to visit some waterfalls in the park. After many overlook stops to view the gorgeous scenery, we stopped for lunch at Don Chico, and had a good, quick meal. From there we decided to tour the Alabama (musical group) museum, which was really neat! At the campground we had yummy sloppy joes for supper, and another much-appreciated campfire. The Waymires and Andersons provided the meal.





Our last day at DeSoto was **Tuesday**, and we wished Brenda Ward well as she headed home early due to illness. The rest of us went to see the main waterfall... but there wasn't much water falling due to less rain than normal. But we did see some pretty fall colors! From there, we ventured off to the Unclaimed Baggage Store which was a unique experience! On the way back to the campground, most of us stopped at Little River Burgers and Brews for lunch or appetizers and drinks. Martina Pelley ordered barbeque for dinner for the group, and it was delicious! It was another night for a fire!



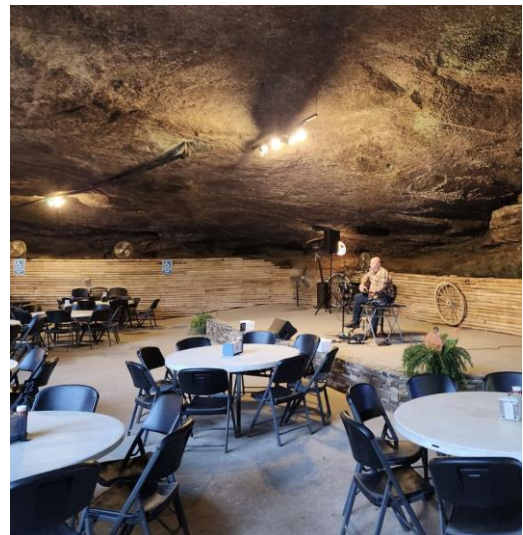


Wednesday, was a travel day, and we said goodbye to Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, who left the caravan to attend an Awards Ceremony for their son. We arrived at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, Alabama for a one-night stay. This park was very nice, and it has recently reopened after being closed for a long time due to tornado damage. The weather was warmer, and it was a great day to open trailer windows and get some fresh air. We gathered at the Brinkley's site, which had a gorgeous view of the lake! Our dinner was soups and chili provided by the Joneses, Namans, Brinkleys, and Stockstills. After dinner, we had a rousing game of LRC (Left, Right, Center), and Chad was the big winner! So much fun! And isn't this a gorgeous photo from Vince Naman?



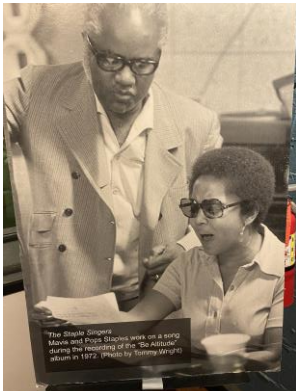


It was time to travel again on **Thursday**, and this was a short trip of less than 50 miles. We arrived at Seven Springs Lodge, which appears to cater mainly to campers with horses. Several people went to the Singing River Brewery during the day. Others stayed behind and did a little maintenance. There was a beautiful rainbow in the afternoon! We all met at 6:00 to go to the Rattlesnake Saloon, which is right on the property of Seven Springs Lodge. What a treat! There was a musician who was very entertaining, and we learned that we had all been missing an essential part of the refrain of the song "Sweet Home, Alabama"... **ROLL TIDE ROLL!**





Suddenly it was **Friday**, our second to the last day. Breakfast was prepared by Jason, Sammy, and Craig, who were all rocking their Big Bend aprons, and it was delicious. We were back to much warmer weather too. Most of the group decided to tour the Muscle Shoals Recording Studio, which was open between 1969-1978, and we weren't disappointed! So much history was packed into a rather tiny room. We learned that The Staple Singers, The Rolling Stones, Aretha Franklin, Bob Seger, and many other famous singers used this tiny studio to record some hugely popular records! After the tour, folks went to various places on their own. One of the most unique stops was a Coon Dog Cemetery. Dinner was on our own on Friday.





On **Saturday** we made our way south to Montgomery. We stayed at Gunter Hill Campground, and we had loaded baked potatoes for an early supper. Thank you to Winston and Carol Montague for picking up our yummy potatoes! The main pasttime of the day appeared to be cheering on our favorite football teams, and none of our teams lost, even though they were all nailbiter games at times! (Florida didn't play, but they won their own nailbiter the previous Saturday.)

The group presented the Brinkleys with a fire poker (to Monica's delight) and some firestarters (Fritos) for Craig as well as some cash. Who knew that Fritos make good firestarters? All participants were very grateful for the hard work that went into planning the caravan and we all agreed it was a great success! Thank you, Monica and Craig!



W 34-20



Naman

W 38-20



Brinkley
Freidrich
Waymire
Montague
Stockstill

Did not play



Pelley

W 20-12



Jones

Sunday was here before we knew it, and we all headed our different directions as we made our way home. Everyone had a great time, and again, we appreciate all the work that went into organizing this trip! Until next time...

Attending the caravan: Craig and Monica Brinkley, Gary and RoseMarie Anderson, Jason Friedrich, Winston and Carol Montague, Martina Pelley, Brenda Ward, Lamar and Amy Waymire, Chad and Dolores Jones, Vince and Dian Naman, and Sammy and Chris Stockstill.



Big Bend Christmas Party... please RSVP!

It's a
Christmas Party
December 9 at Noon
Chanticleer Eatery
55 Clayton Lane
Santa Rosa Beach
RSVP: Lindsay (478) 284-2847



Election of 2024 Big Bend Officers

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Big Bend Florida Unit of WBCCI
General Meeting: October 13, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
Lake Pines RV Park, Midland (Columbus), GA

In attendance at the Lake Pines RV Park and Campground Rally:

- Craig and Monica Brinkley
- Jason Friedrich
- Gary and RoseMarie Anderson
- Sammy and Chris Stockstill
- Amy and Lamar Waymire
- Dian and Vince Naman
- Lindsay and Randy Shropshire
- Scott and Jan Pfaff
- Chad and Dolores Jones
- Carol and Winston Montague
- Barbara and Tony Olm
- Brenda Ward
- Martina Pelley
- Chip and Tracy Leavine
- Laurie and Pat Jones
- Bill and Kathy Neider

RoseMarie Anderson introduced the nominees for the 2024 officer positions. RoseMarie also mentioned that there is still an officer vacancy for the position of newsletter editor. A volunteer is still needed for this position.

Voting took place via email, with those attending the rally voting at the meeting (if they had not already voted). 31 yes votes and 1 abstention were received via email. 5 additional yes votes were added at the meeting. There was a total of 36 responses out of 81 members for a total percentage of 44% of club members who voted.

Nominations for officers:

- President: Lindsay Shropshire
- 1st Vice President: David Conrad
- 2nd Vice President: Amy Waymire
- Treasurer: Julie Ludlow
- Recording Secretary: Monica Brinkley
- Newsletter Editor/Communication Czar: open _____ *
- Webmaster: Randy Shropshire
- Historian: Jason Friedrich
- Membership: Pat and Laurie Jones
- Trustees: Gary Anderson and Dolores Jones (both 2nd year), Carol Montague and Chip Leavine (both 1st year)

***Note: Following the meeting, Randy Shropshire agreed to take the Newsletter Editor position.**



Lazin' on the River Installation Rally

Place: Suwannee River Rendezvous

828 NE Primrose Road Mayo, FL

Dates: Friday November 10 – Sunday November 12, 2023

Phone for reservations: (386) 294-2510

Those already registered are in sites 122 – 158. Be sure to tell them you are with the Airstream Club rally. Note: When you arrive and see the campers on your right, turn into the campground. Go directly to your site. Unhook and then drive down to the lodge to check in.

Schedule:

Looks like weather should be nice – we hope! The club has rented the pavilion from 4 – 8 on Saturday. We may be able to use it at other times on a first come, first served basis but site 127 is large and will be used when we cannot use the pavilion. The site is right across from the pavilion.

THURSDAY:

Arrival for some, especially those who would like to kayak/canoe the Suwannee River on Friday.
Supper – OYO

FRIDAY:

Campground provides kayak/canoe and transports about 6 miles above the campground - \$45 for 2 or \$40 for 1. Float trip goes past 5 or 6 springs on Suwannee River. Shuttle from campground between 9:00 – 2:00.

- 5pm EST – fellowship half hour – bring your drink and socialize at site 127.
- 5:30pm - Fried Chicken provided, bring either a salad or dessert to share. Bring your drink, setups, and your chair to site 127.
- 7pm – Bingo with the campground at the lodge. \$3 per card, good for all 9 games. (We understand one person won \$650.) Be there early for a seat!

SATURDAY:

- 9am – Breakfast at site 127. Brings bowls, setups, and chairs. Oatmeal and ice cream with toppings, coffee
- 10am – John Palmer entertains us with his electrical/solar knowledge. Jason will help us understand weight and load distribution of our Airstreams. Following this will be a general question and answer session about our Airstreams. Bring your questions!!

Free Swap Meet Table – Bring any items – Airstream or otherwise – you don't need anymore. Someone else may get some good use out of your donated items.

- 4pm – Fellowship in the pavilion, beverages only.
- 4:30pm – Installation dinner in the pavilion: Salmon, Pork Tenderloin, green beans, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw. Bring your setups and drink. Chairs provided.
- Installation to follow. Congratulate your new officers with an ice cream float!
- Bring 6 quarters and we will play a couple of games of left, right, center.

SUNDAY:

Safe travels!!



A Note from our Incoming 1st Vice President

Greetings Big Benders!

I'm excited looking forward to our Club rally line-up for 2024. But as the incoming 1st Vice President, I'm asking for your help to keep our fun rolling right into 2025!

My wife and I are more familiar with spots west of Tallahassee. And we've found that hosting is easier when it's close to home. So, I'm looking for a few Benders (esp. east, south, and north of Tallahassee) to volunteer as lead hosts for awesome campground rallies near you!

Below is my start at our schedule for 2025. I'd love to add Tuskegee/Auburn AL in the spring, and plan to add Ft Pickens, FL in the fall. So, if you have a great idea for one of those or another vacancy, please reach out to me! E-mail me at mykidsdadof4@yahoo.com or give me a text/call at 850-714-4066. Then we'll get you some co-hosts lined up for our next great Big Bend Club rally!

Dec –	Christmas Party, Panama City Beach, FL
Jan –	Canopener, Santa Rosa Beach, FL
Feb –	
Mar –	Urban Rally, Apalachicola, FL
Apr –	Anastasia State Park, St. Augustine, FL
May –	
Summer –	Meet-up Luncheons/Dinners
Aug –	International, York, PA
Sep –	
Oct –	
Nov –	

Keep living the Airstreamin' dream!

~VR

David & Mary Conrad, BRN 3675





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

- Dale and Marilyn Coon of Crestview, Florida
- Brenda and Bart Schultz of Maple Grove, Minnesota (new affiliate members)
- Tony and Cheryl Land of Pace, Florida (new affiliate members)
- Paul Chelbo and Tracy Gifford of Pensacola, Florida (new affiliate members)
- Paul and Laurie Braun of Ocean City, New Jersey (new affiliate members)
- Lynda M Rozell of Green Cove Springs, Florida (new affiliate member)
- Topyy and Parniece Dawson of Hanahan, South Carolina (new affiliate members)

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

New Name Badges...

New name badges have shipped and should be available at the November rally. Thank you again to the hard work by the committee. They look great!



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 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.

Registering on the WBCCI site: 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 Randy at randall.shropshire@baesystems.com and we 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 Lindsay directly ONLY if you are unable to register online. On that same note, be sure to contact the hosts directly if you must cancel last minute so that food doesn't go to waste. Thank you!



It's Renewal Time if your membership expires at the end of 2023

Renewing your membership is easy, and it only takes a few minutes to complete. You can renew your membership online, by phone, or by mail. We encourage you to renew your membership today to continue enjoying the many benefits of being a member of Airstream Club International. Go to airstreamclub.org and log in. There is a tutorial available online to walk you through with directions if you if you don't remember the renewal process.

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A Note from our Outgoing Secretary

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the secretary for Big Bend Florida Airstream Club over the past four years! Thank you to all who have sent pictures, written articles, shared recipes, and communicated with me to ensure that the newsletter always served its purpose: to keep us informed and to help document the memories that we have all made through camping with this wonderful group of people!

Special thanks to the past four presidents: Jason, Scott, Sammy, and RoseMarie who answered my endless questions! I'd also like to thank Randy Shropshire for stepping up to take over as newsletter editor/communication czar. Time to pass the torch! – Chris Stockstill



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

