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Our Mission Statement
South Florida Airstream Club is a welcoming family of Airstream owners who invite and mentor others to experience the adventure and fun of Airstream travel.

President's Message

Submitted By: David Robshaw, President

Greetings, Unit 30 friends!

Reflecting upon the Disney Roundup Rally just concluded, Linda and I are still marveling at the fantastic feedback received from attendees. It's gratifying to know that we, along with our co-hosts Lewis and Judi Fogel and a multitude of enthusiastic volunteers, played a small role in the immense enjoyment of a lot of our Airstream friends. With some pride, we're happy to say it was a rousing success – and it was a tremendous amount of fun for us to be involved.

Now, I'd like you to think for a minute about why you joined our club. What did you hope to get from membership? Has it been a positive experience? Has it surprised you in a positive way?

For Linda and me, our Airstream Club provides us with a wonderful community that we regularly join in beautiful places all over the country to have fun together, to learn from one another, and to build and hone strong and lasting friendships that will carry us into the days when just can't Airstream anymore. What's been surprising is just how meaningful this has become for us. I hope that your experience is like ours.

We've found, too, that our involvement with the club in leadership roles has been extraordinarily rewarding. It's given us a platform to utilize the skillsets we practiced in our pre-retirement working lives. Whether working on an "Action Team," hosting or co-hosting rallies, helping coordinate our club's events with the Logistics Team, helping track expenses and plan our budgets, helping to improve and expand our club's communications on social media platforms, or helping our board members focus on our goals and how we get there – we are both feeling pretty "actualized." As leaders, we feel a deeper sense of belonging to the club, a stronger sense of camaraderie with every member, and a heightened sense of accomplishment when, working together with other volunteers in the unit, we pull off something great – like the Disney Rally – for the benefit of everyone.

Have you thought about becoming even more involved as a member of our Executive Board? If you haven't, I'd like you to consider it. A commitment to a leadership role in the club certainly entails some work. It includes giving your time, sharing your thoughts, and marketing your vision to others. Vital to our club's success are new ideas. To keep us vibrant, healthy, and strong, it's imperative that new leaders step in regularly with fresh viewpoints, opinions, and outlooks. New approaches, new methods, new priorities – these are the opportunities, and the challenges that new leaders are tasked with.

What's been your contribution to the club? Could you do more? Do you have some great ideas and a skillset that could improve the club's operations, communications, or business practices? Maybe you're sitting on a fantastic rally concept that you're looking to share with your club friends, but simply don't have a platform yet from which to launch it.

I challenge you all to step up and share your best ideas, your best vision, and of course, some of your valuable time to keep our club growing and strong. It simply can't happen without your involvement. I hope that you'll consider these words as a personal invitation to join the club's leadership team, as a board member or as a rally host. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about where you might fit in.

I hope to see you soon!
David



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Please WELCOME Our New
Unit 30 Members & Affiliates

Board of Directors

David Robshaw,
President

Lucy Comprosky,
1st Vice President

Tim McDow,
2nd Vice President

Linda Laviano,
Treasurer

Emilio Caragol,
Corresponding Secretary

Judi Fogel,
Recording Secretary

Lewis Fogel, Immediate
Past President,
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Beth Racavich, Membership

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Emilio Caragol, Newsletter Editor

Judi Fogel, Sunshine Committee

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Tim McDow, Webmaster

David Robshaw, Public Relations &
Social Media

New Members & Affiliates

Jose & Rachael Perez #09262, Deerfield Beach, FL

John & Lisa Haskell #31154, Osprey, FL

Anna Hale #21024, West Palm beach, FL

Ashley Stevens #21024, West Palm beach, FL

Mike & Debbie Bianchi #10481, Ocala, FL

Rosemarie & Richard Kistler #07484, Tequesta, FL

Jennifer Olsem #10113, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Alison & Chris Hay #01172, Brandon, FL

Marilee & Michael Glover # 12219, Virginia B. VA

Vicki Frank # 30413, Fort pierce, FL

Patricia Baumann # 12123, Saint Cloud, FL

Douglas Dolan # 12123, Saint Cloud, FL

Renewals

Christy & Michael Kruklinski #31021, Bartow, FL

Gary & Karen Sands #16227, Pompano Beach, FL

Steven B. Souder #02785, Naples, FL

Gary Winer #08235, Coral Gables, FL

Hollye Davidson #08235, Coral Gables, FL

Keith Martin #29178, Vero Beach, FL

Derick & Yvonne Ferrao # 03669, Coconut Grove, FL

William & Jessica Wetmore #07168, Miami Springs, FL

Melia Jacobs #06901, Canton, GA

David Robshaw # 09602, St Augustine, FL

Linda Laviano # 09602. St Augustine, FL

Christopher & Jenice Beckett #03406, Punta Gorda, FL

Chad & Michelle Lasley #31710, Naples, FL

Lewis & Judi Fogel #04364, Delray Beach, FL

Seth & Mandi Cantrell #25742, Sarasota, FL

Jim & Julie Nicholas #12675, Boynton Beach, FL

**Florida State Parks: Pre-Registration for Florida Resident
Preference Program**

We are excited to share a new benefit for **Florida residents** about making reservations for overnight accommodations at Florida State Parks.

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, at noon Eastern time, only Florida residents may make reservations for cabins and RV, tent, boat and equestrian campsites 11 months in advance. Non-Florida residents will be able to make reservations 10 months in advance.

To take advantage of this new benefit, **Florida residents** will need to provide a valid Florida driver's license or ID card number at the time of booking. **Starting today**, Florida residents may update their profile associated with the [Florida State Parks Reservation System](#) to add their valid Florida driver's license or ID card number.

This information, which will be validated with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, will need to be verified annually.

SFAC Unit 30 Treasurer's Report, March 1, 2024

Submitted By: Linda Laviano, Treasurer

The club checking account balance is \$1,084.18.

The savings account balance is \$11,825.17 The total of both accounts is \$12,909.35.

Recent income reflects a profit of \$167.41 from the Disney Fort Wilderness Roundup Rally and monthly deposits from ACI for membership dues paid to International.

Debits include rally expenses, club operating expenses, yearly JotForm subscription, the annual executive board retreat in January, and the rescheduled end of the year Holiday Happy Hour social gatherings hosted in Cape Coral in February.

The Executive Board met during the Pumpkin Fest Rally in October and approved an expenditure from the general fund to spend no more than \$20 per member towards appetizers to be provided at end of the year social gatherings to be hosted in various geographic locations. Following is a financial summary of the Holiday Happy Hour Social Gatherings.

Appetizers at Rendezvous Bar and Grill, Ft. Lauderdale purchased for 25 members on 11/28/23 total \$368.79.

Appetizers at Mandeville Beer Garden, Sarasota purchased for 28 members on 11/30/23 total \$413.81.

Appetizers at Paddy Mac's Irish Pub, Palm Beach Gardens purchased for 18 members on 12/5/23 total \$286.07.

Appetizers at Wow Wings in Cape Coral purchased for 8 club members on 2/18/24 total \$128.27.

Travel Adventures and Photos Wanted

We are looking for your travel adventure stories and photos .

Do you have a great trip you want to write about for the newsletter?

Tell us about your travels and experiences on the road.

Thank you to those of you who have sent us stories and photos.

Send them to:

ec9332@verizon.net

"The views, opinions and advice, are solely of the author, and do not necessarily reflect those of the South Florida Airstream Club, it's Board, or Editor of the Fun Times"

"The Editor reserves the sole right to edit and publish your articles/pictures along with your name in one of the upcoming Fun Times"

Unit 30 at Canopener Airstream Rally 2024

Submitted by: Dave Robshaw and Linda Laviano

If you made it to Canopener 2024 (January 4 – 7, 2024) hosted by the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club and the Southeast Camping Unit, you know what a fantastic rally this has become. Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, located in Santa Rosa Beach near Destin in Florida's panhandle, is one of the gems of the Florida State Parks system.

The natural beauty, great amenities, and fantastic location make Topsail a must do, even if you don't attend Canopener. Unit 30 was very well represented this year, with 15 regular and 16 affiliate member rigs (that's right – 31 rigs!) attending. Being together with 120 other Airstreams is a wonderful way to kick off the new year!

Attendees made the most of the Pre-Canopener Rally events (December 24, 2023 – January 4, 2024). Many campfires, a book club discussion, live music performances, crafting, and a little ax throwing for good measure equals great fun before the rally kicked into high gear. Most of our club members and affiliates broke out for a pizza party one afternoon at Grimaldi's. Thanks to Judy Harrison and Elwin who cooked and fed us all a good luck New Year's Day lunch of pork, greens, and black-eyed peas, to get 2024 off to a great start.

The rally started Thursday with the SkyMed sponsored breakfast in the morning, and the much-anticipated Beers and Root Beer exchanges and live music in the afternoon. The ever-popular chili-feed and corn hole tournament on Friday was a blast. Whoever thought of sampling chili using muffin tins is a true camping genius. Among some serious competition, Club President, Dave Robshaw made it to the semi-finals of the corn hole tournament this year!

Saturday kicked off with the Mardi Paws Pet Parade followed by a gathering in the parking lot to sample Bloody Mary's, king cake, southern tomato sandwiches, RC Cola, and moon pies. Club members Mark and Mary Beth Pyles and the lovely La Roux won first prize for their Mardi Gras themed outfits. Later that night, many braved the cold and engaged in the long-long-table outdoor dinner party. It was quite a scene to see all the tables lined up end to end in the parking lot, decorated and illuminated. It was the perfect way to end the rally.

All good things come to an end, but leaving the Canopener rally this year was bittersweet. Not fully knowing how the changes to the Florida State Park reservation system will affect the future of this very popular rally, we can only hope that there are more good times to come.

Since the reservation system has already opened for Florida residents many of us are already booked for next year. The dates are January 9 – 12, 2025. If you have already booked a site, be sure to complete the JotForm on the Canopener Airstream Rally Facebook page so the organizers know you are coming! You can also join the Unit 30 at Canopener 2025 WhatsApp chat to stay connected.



The Start of My World Trip

Submitted By: Barbara Colson

As many of you know, I'm traveling internationally this year. I started my trip in Bangkok, Thailand and for five weeks I took the OATs (Overseas Adventure Tours) on their Ancient Kingdoms Tour. Traveling through Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

I have been learning so much about these countries and the effect of the Vietnam War on them. Temples, palaces, pagodas, the Jade Buddha's, waterfalls, floating villages, an ox cart ride in Cambodia, Angkor Wat, a hosted dinner with a local family, trying fried tarantulas legs, riding in a sampan boat to a cave driven by a lady older than I who just uses her feet to steer the boat, and an assortment of delicious foods to name a few.

The added treat is getting massages for the body, feet and head. Life is good.



Preah Thong & Neang Neskie
Statues, Cambodia

Leg 2 of my trip took me to Singapore, where's the old meets the new. I became quite adept on the metro. The drone laser show was amazing. After 5 days in the city and doing my income tax, I was off on a fabulous tour with the Seabourn cruise line, Encore. Seabourn knows how to treat their travelers, first class all the way. We cruised back up to Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. It was nice to know something about these places already.

Leg 3 is about to start, yesterday I landed in Santiago, Chile by way of Amsterdam from Hong Kong. I wanted to go around the world. At least I'm flying in that direction. Today I travel to Easter Island.

I have been pretty good at posting pictures and commenting on them on Facebook. Check them out. If we are not friends of mine and you can not see my posts, just send me a note on messenger or an email at RVFLY48@GMAIL.COM. We'll become friends.

I have enjoyed seeing pictures all of your adventures as well.



Barbara in Hoi An, Vietnam



The Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand

Disney Fort Wilderness Roundup Rally, SFAC Unit 30

Thursday, February 22 -Monday, February 26, 2024

Submitted by: Linda Laviano



No doubt, Walt Disney was a man of vision, and like Walt, rally hosts Lewis and Judi Fogel, Dave Robshaw, and Linda Laviano had a vision to create a magical and unique rally at the Walt Disney World Resort Fort Wilderness Campground in Orlando, Florida. Months of planning resulted in 39 Airstreams and 80 happy campers rallying together for four fun-filled days. It was a magical site to see the 2100 loop of the campground nearly filled with shiny Airstreams.

There was even an Airstream couple from Virginia, not part of our rally who happened to get parked on our loop. Several other Airstreams were parked throughout the campground and one member, commuted in from a local resort.

Our first event on Thursday was a Poker Walk comprised of five campsites hosted by four members at each site handing out drinks, snacks, and a playing card to each lucky streamer. At the end of the evening, prizes were awarded to Sharon Maura for the best hand, Keith Martin for the second-best hand, and Karen Kruer for the very competitive worst hand! Everyone said this was a favorite event.

The next day, Jeff and Valerie Boyd started the group off with a bike ride around the campground and several teams were formed to complete a Fort Wilderness Scavenger Hunt. The Tri-Circle-D Ranch and horse barn was a favorite stop, along with many wildlife sightings, and the remains of the train tracks that used to run around the campground. Team Argo-Nuts won the grand prize drawing.

A group of 60 Air streamers had special seating at the Hoop-Dee-Doo Musical review Friday evening and were treated to dinner and a show that included one of our members, Alan Rabb getting to take part in the performance. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for our nighttime beach outing, but our volunteers, Steven and Robin Keen stayed out for anyone who braved the rain to join them for the fireworks show.

Saturday was a day to explore the area. Some groups dined and shopped at Disney Springs while others completed the scavenger hunt or relaxed at the campground. Twenty-five decorated golf carts lined up for an evening parade led by Erin Jacobs and Zach Fasel. Erin and Zack led the group through several campground loops to end at the campfire area where S'mores, sing-a-longs, and a movie awaited. We attracted a lot of attention and may have picked up several new members and affiliates along the route.



On Sunday, several groups embarked on a monorail crawl using the Disney buses, boats, and monorails to visit resorts, sample drinks and food at each location, and get to know each other along the way. The leaders did a fantastic job selecting locations and organizing the crawls. These events and all the rally activities would not have been possible without a team of volunteers who stepped up to the challenge and created wonderful experiences for everyone. Thank you! We gathered once more Sunday evening for a farewell treat of hot chocolate and birthday cake for Robin Keen.

Monday morning, we were all a little bit sad to say goodbye, but we expect that we will be seeing our rally mates down the road. Our resident artist, Steven Souder generously provided everyone with an original watercolor drawing as a keepsake and a memory of this special time.

The Magic is in the Smiles

Submitted By: Lewis Fogel



When David, Linda, Judi, and I planned the Disney Rally, among the activities we put on the agenda was a Golf Cart Parade. And we encouraged members to decorate their carts. Some of you went all out on the decorations, which also added to the event.

I was sure it would be fun, but I had no idea how much fun and rewarding the parade would be.

We asked Erin Jacobs to be our Grand Marshal, and she and her partner Zack (he directed traffic) did a fantastic job taking us in and out of every loop in Fort Wilderness. As we drove through the loops, we beeped our horns, and some of us even decided to sing songs.

But the best part of all was the smiles on the faces of both the young and the old. People came out of the rigs to see and hear what all the noise was about. Some of us threw candies and other trinkets as well as bubbles to the delight of the parade observers, and every one of us waived to the crowds.

The next day, campers approached us (they saw our Airstream Club name tags) when we were on the monorail and told us how much they and their children enjoyed the show. Candidly, I am unsure who had a better time (them or us).

The old saying goes, "It's better to give than receive." My thanks to all who participated.

Why Host a Rally?

Submitted By: Judi Fogel

Besides the good feeling of helping your clubmates to enjoy a new campground and the surrounding area, hosting has some unexpected benefits for the hosts.

First and most importantly- friendship!! While, yes, planning rally activities takes work, please remember, you are not doing it alone! There is plenty of fun and laughter as you decide what should be done.

If you like, you and your co-hosts can visit sites to determine if they're what you want to include in your rally. If your rally is a long distance away, this might be best done online. Secondly, you gain the satisfaction of contributing your time and effort to a club that you enjoy! Helping others to have a good time is a great feeling.

Getting fellow Airstreamers together always makes for fun Thirdly, you will have the gratitude of the club for a job well done. I don't know about you, but this always makes me happy. After all, we are ALL volunteers.

NEWBIE RALLY
Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery , Fort Pierce, FL.
March 8-10, 2024
Submitted By: David Robshaw

The U30 Newbie Rally at Summer Crush concluded last Sunday, and we couldn't be happier with how it went! Informational seminars, lots of tech talk, and tons of fun were delivered to the 19 rigs in attendance.

We deeply appreciate the generosity of our sponsors - North Trail RV, NoLox Solution, Zip Dee Awnings, and Airboard Shop. They provided outstanding door prizes and giveaways! Thanks to Brett Howard from North Trail, who spent his Saturday morning with us answering questions and helping us learn.

Thanks to rally hosts Liana Meriggi - Mezza, Ron Mezza, and Harry and Sandra Gonzalez for making this event happen! And of course, thanks to our unit experts Lewis Fogel, Tim McDow, Greg Blue, and others who answered questions, conducted clinics, and supported our newbies.



Unit 30 Technical Discussions

Via WhatsApp

Submitted By: David Robshaw

David Robshaw's video: Electric Tongue Jack Basics

This short video discusses several issues that may cause an inoperable Tongue Jack.

[Electric Tongue Jack Basics - YouTube](#)

For those of you with Dometic propane absorption style refrigerators, this video provides a good look at some basic maintenance that should be performed regularly. Even though the rig in the video is not an Airstream, the fridge model is the same.

I cleaned mine out yesterday and it was dirtier than I expected.

[RV Fridge Maintenance - LP Gas Burner Cleanup \(youtube.com\)](#)

Good article explaining the basics of battery management. I've seen Mike Sokol present at several Airstream rallies. He's very good. His newsletter is a good source of information.

[Battery Bank Deposits and Withdrawals! - by Mike Sokol \(substack.com\)](#)



The 67th Annual International Rally will be at the Missouri Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri.

*It's the first time an International Rally will be held in the fall.
Registration August 2023*

*SFAC Tim McDow is planning a caravan from Florida to Sedalia, MO.
If you are interested in participating in this caravan please contact
Tim at: mcdow.tim@gmail.com*

THE SECRET BEHIND THE MAGIC OF OUR RALLIES

South Florida Airstream Club Planning Guidelines

January 21, 2023

PLANNING TEAM:

The planning team will consist of the President, 1st VP, 2nd VP and Past President. This team will plan the master calendar dates keeping in mind that we want to extend each rally through the weekend to encourage attendance by members who may still be working. This team will identify the region of Florida that will be targeted for each of the rallies. This team will identify areas for future rallies within a **2 year time frame**. This team will solicit new camping venues from the members.

LOGISTICS TEAM:

The Logistics Team will consist of the 1st VP, the 2 one year Trustees, and 2 club members from different families. This team will develop the schedule for each rally. This will include the day, time of day for each activity and will also include free time. The schedule may be adjusted as the Action Teams share their suggestions.

One or more members of this team will visit the campground to assess arrival information or campground information that must be shared with the members. This team will work with the Communications Team (Fun Times, Facebook, Website) to create enthusiasm and to promote attendance at the rallies.

The Logistics Team will contact individual members to be in charge of one small activity at the rally. The objective is to involve members in a variety of activities at future rallies. This team will provide the Action Team with specific written job descriptions. This team will work with the Member Outreach Team to recognize new members and invite them to share their interests with the club members at some time during this rally.

ACTION TEAM:

One member (family unit) will be responsible for one small activity during a rally. The person organizing an activity may ask other members to help if needed. The idea is to have many others helping. This team will be provided a specific written job description.

MEMBER OUTREACH TEAM:

Team leader chooses 2 additional members for the team. Here are some of the important activities of this team.

- Contacts new members
- Phone call/email welcome to new members
- Introduces new attendees at the rally
- Recognizes birthdays and anniversaries through a phone call and at the next rally.
- Informs new members of Facebook page and privileges

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

- **Fun Times Editor** email newsletter to all members
- **Directory Editor** keeps the membership list updated and sends a directory to new members.
- **Facebook Administrator** (chooses 2 members as manager assistants) to keep page updated with club information, monitors posts and enters new members to our page. Will keep the WBAC website up to date with club activities.

South Florida Airstream Club Event Schedule

Please note that dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

The club's social media posts and your email inbox should be reviewed for schedule changes prior to making reservations.

2024 Rally Schedule							
Dates	Description	Venue	Location	Owner	Site fee	Notes	ShowRunner/CoRunner
Jan 4-7	Canopener	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Units 12 and 153	\$42 per night	Limited availability	N/A
Jan 19-21	U30 EB Workshop	Jonathan Dickinson SP	Hobe Sound, FL	Unit 30	\$26 per night	Executive Board Planning Meeting	McDew
Feb 22-26	Disney Round-Up	Disney Ft. Wilderness	Lake Buena Vista, FL	Unit 30	\$225 per night	Waitlisted	Robshaw/ Fogel
Mar 8-10	"Newbie" Rally	Summer Crush Vineyard and Winery	Fort Pierce, FL	Unit 30	\$50 per night	Registration open	Mezza/ Gonzalez
Apr 2-20	TX Eclipse Caravan	Various	Texas	Unit 30	Varies, around \$55 per night	Event waitlisted	Robshaw/ Ponzio
Apr 17-21	Region 3 Rally	Meadow Event Park	Doswell, VA	Region 3	TBA	Registration began Jan 2024	N/A
May 16-20	Spring Rally & ABM	Traveler's Rest	Dade City, FL	Unit 30	\$50 per night	CANCELLED	??/Furst
Sep 19-23	EsN2 Fall Rally	Strawberry Fields RV Park	Chiefland, FL	Unit 30	\$50 per night	Registration TBA	Henderson/ ???
Oct 5-11	67th International	Missouri State Fairgrounds	Sedalia, MO	ACI	\$125pp for rally	Register at airstreamclub.org. McDow heading caravan to Sedalia.	N/A
Oct 30 - Nov 4	Pumpkin Fest	Myakka River SP	Sarasota, FL	Unit 30	\$44 per night	Window open. Reserve now at FSP	Caragol/???
Nov 21-24	Airstreams and the Arts	Indian River Fairgrounds	Vero Beach, FL	Units 162, 30	\$35 per night	Joint rally with Treasure Coast; Registration TBA	TBA
Dec 4-8	Joint Holiday Rally	Sarasota Fairgrounds	Sarasota, FL	Units 129, 162, and 30	\$35 per night	Joint Rally with Suncoast and Treasure Coast	TBA

Lt Green = Unit 30 Executive Board event
Yellow = ACI, Region, or Special Event

Green = Unit 30 hosted or co-hosted
Orange = Pending cancellation, lack of interest

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2025 Rally Schedule								
Dates	Description	Venue	Location	Owner	Site fee	Notes	Reservation window opens	ShowRunner/CoRunner
Jan 9-12	Canopener	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Units 12 and 153	\$42 per night	PreCanopener begins 12/29/24	Jan 29, 2024	N/A
Jan 24-26	U30 EB Workshop	Jonathan Dickinson SP	Hobe Sound, FL	Unit 30	\$26 per night	Executive Board Planning Meeting	Feb 24, 2024	TBA
Feb 20-24	Take Me Out To The Rodeo	River Ranch Resort	River Ranch, FL	Unit 30	\$120 per night	Rodeo and Outdoor Fun	TBA	TBA
Mar 5-10	Take Me Out To The Ballpark	Jonathan Dickinson SP	Hobe Sound, FL	Unit 30	\$26 per night	Baseball Spring Training Tour	Apr 5, 2024	TBA
Apr 9-13	Region 3 Rally	Coastal Carolina Fairgrounds	Ladson, SC	Region 3	TBA	Registration begins Jan 2025	Jan 2025	N/A
Apr 23-May 4	Unit Caravan to Top of Georgia (w/boondocking)	Top of Georgia AS Park	Helen, GA	Unit 30	\$20 per night	3 nites HH BD, 8 nites TOG	TBA	TBA
May 15-19	Spring Rally & ABM	Larry and Penny Thompson CP	Miami, FL	Unit 30	\$45 per night	ABM = Annual Business Meeting	May 2024	TBA
Aug 23-28	68th International	York Expo Center	York, PA	ACI	TBA	Register at airstreamclub.org	Oct 2024	N/A
Sep 17-22	FL Keys Resort	TBA	FL Keys	Unit 30	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Oct 24-28	Pumpkin Fest	Myakka River SP	Sarasota, FL	Unit 30	\$44 per night	Installation Rally	Nov 24, 2024	TBA
Nov 12-18	Rolling the Coast	Gamble Rogers SP, Anastasia SP, Fort Clinch SP	Flagler Beach, St. Augustine, Fernandina Beach	Unit 30	\$35 per night	Three SP Rolling Rally	Dec 12, 2024	TBA
Dec 4-8	U30 Holiday Buddy Rally	Lake Louisa SP	Clermont, FL	Unit 30	\$24 per night	Non-Airstream units invited to join us!	Jan 4, 2025	TBA

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TEXAS ECLIPSE CARAVAN April 2-20, 2024 Exciting news, Texas Eclipse Caravanners!

As I write this update on March 11, 2024, the number of days grow short before we depart west for the Hill Country in Texas. The excitement is building, and we're less than a month away from the big event.

We've had some cancellations – life happens – and we've still got one open site in Concan for the big show. Let me know ASAP if you're interested. We're taking small bites of the route out each day and will try to make this an easy journey to Zuber's for the eclipse.

There are several reasons that the rally organizers chose Concan, TX, to view the eclipse:

- 1- The campground is very close to the center of the path of totality, meaning that in that spot, totality will last longer than if we were closer to the edge of the shadow.
- 2- The relatively low latitude of the campground location also contributes to the long duration of totality and to the relatively high position of the sun in the sky. At four minutes and 25 seconds, the length of totality cannot be matched by points north along the path. As an example, where the shadow exits the continental US in Maine, the duration of totality is more than a minute less than that at our location. At 68° elevation, the sun will be higher in the sky than anywhere north of the location we're at. This means visual obstructions on the horizon are less likely to impede the view.
- 3- The likelihood of good weather is much greater in Concan than in most other places in the US. Fingers crossed!

Once the eclipse is done, we'll head to San Antonio for five nights of sightseeing, great music, food, and fun and then on to Austin for five nights of the same.

Here's the plan:

- 4/2: Overnight at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park in White Springs, FL**
- 4/3: Overnight at Ponce de Leon RV Park in Ponce de Leon, FL (204 m/2:51 drive time)**
- 4/4: Overnight at Sun Outdoors North Shore New Orleans, Ponchatoula, LA (284 m/4:02 drive time)**
- 4/5: Overnight at Gulf Coast RV Resort, Beaumont, TX (242 m/3:34 drive time)**
- 4/6: Overnight at Greentree Village RV Park, San Antonio, TX (272 m/4:15 drive time)**
- 4/7: Arrive for three nights at Zuber's River Camp, Concan, TX (104 m/2:01 drive time)**
- 4/10: Arrive for five nights at Traveler's World RV Community in San Antonio, TX (90 m/1:45 drive time)**
- 4/15: Arrive for five nights at McKinney Falls SP in Austin, TX (90 m/1:40 drive time)**
- 4/20: Caravan ends; participants disperse from Austin.**

This may be a once in a lifetime event for some of us as the next total solar eclipse to occur over the continental US won't happen again until 2044! We're looking forward to a great caravan!

David Robshaw

Birthdays & Anniversaries



January

Bill Racavich	5
Susan Quintana	9
Nai Carlson	13
Caraline Stone Zimmer	14
Barbara Colson	18
Julie Nicholas	26

February

Dave Perrucci	19
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March

Pat Jones	8
Jim Nicholas	18
Bill Furst	18

April

Bob Konnagan	11
Beth Racavich	27

May

Jane May	2
Lucy Restrepo Comprosky	6
Tony Laurie	11
Max Joseph	14

June

Myra Joseph	1
Tim McDow	7
Tom Henderson	8
Lewis Fogel	19

July

Donna Laurie	5
Darla Furst	11
Kevin Comprosky	19
Bob Richardson	20
Pam McDow	31

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Harry Gonzalez	3
Sandra Gonzalez	16
Linda Laviano	21
Keith Martin	25
John Frerking	25
Chuck Wasson	25
Charlie May	27

September

Tom Carlson	7
Judi Fogel	10
John Magnacca	18
David Robshaw	18

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Fran Perrucci	4
Vicki Wasson	5
Bernice Richardson	10
Laurie Jones	18

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Gay Konnagan	14
Betty Jean Glouner	24

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Eileen Frerking	8
Victoria Magnacca	10
Sissy Towsley	16



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