



THE BIG BENDER

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Presidents Message:

Happy March everyone!

Our camping rally at Mystic Springs Airstream Park was exactly what I had hoped it would be. Just sitting around doing camping things is sometimes a great reminder of why we camp. New friends, new hobbies, learned new skills, and lots of eating. We were even lucky enough to sleep under the raindrops. It was perfect. Thank You to each and every one of you that made this rally fun.

We are looking forward to the Apalachicola Rally. If we don't see you there, we will hope to see you in Cedar Key!

Lindsay

"You are beautiful when you are happy."
— Oscar Wilde



★ IMPORTANT NOTICE ★

Bend has come into the digital world!

Last year the executive board voted to move ahead with using either Venmo or Zelle to allow members to make digital payments for rally fees. Since Wells Fargo uses Zelle, an account has been set up as WBCCI Big Bend Florida club. The treasurer, as the registered agent, is also listed on the account. The club email address is **club153@airstreamclub.org**. Members with Zelle accounts can pay rally fees directly to the Big Bend club through the above email address, as well as the treasurer can reimburse members for rally expenses. Checks and cash payments will still be accepted, further details are below:

Instructions to send and receive Monies via Zelle - Big Bend Airstream Club

Many banks have Zelle capabilities, please check first before going to the Zelle APP. I went to upload the APP and it informed me that I should set up my Zelle account through my bank.

When setting up your account please include an email address in your contact information as funds will only be transferred to members email addresses.

To transfer funds to Big Bend please use the the following email address:

club153@airstreamclub.org

This email address has been set up for this purpose.

When sending funds please indicate on the memo line what the payment is for. If you are sending payment for multiple items please note the amount for each item.

Any questions please contact me: Julie Ludlow, Treasurer 352-213-3218



UNISEX RINGER TSHIRT



UNISEX HEATHER GREEN



WOMENS AQUA BLUE

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TSHIRT SALES ARE HERE!!!

MARCH 1- MARCH 31

\$25 Each

Zelle or send a check to Julie Ludlow. All orders must be placed by April 1.

Indicate Style and Size in separate email to:
Lindsayshrop@gmail.com

Julie Ludlow
10230 SW 38th Place, Gainesville, FL, 32608



2024-2026 Airstream Club International - Region 3 Leadership Team Officer Candidate Slate

2024-2026 Slate of Officer Candidates for Airstream Club International Region 3:

President: Robert Ealy (BRN 9919)
First Vice President: Robert Hoffman (BRN 22384)
Second Vice President: Burt Broadway (BRN 6718)

Do you accept the above 2024-2026 Slate of Officer Candidates for
Airstream Club International Region 3?

TO VOTE:

Email LindsayShrop@gmail.com with your YAY, NAY or ABSTAIN for each person listed under your BRN#

DEADLINE IS APRIL FIRST



MYSTIC SPRINGS AIRSTREAM PARK

February 15-18, 2024





We Rally Together
AirstreamClub.org

Date 2024	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Reservation Information
March 14-17 "Apalachicola Crawl"	Battery Park	Apalachicola, Florida	Boondocking Urban rally	lindsayshrop@gmail.com	Lottery has ended, FOUR SPOTS LEFT
April 17-21 "Region 3 Rally"	The Meadows Event Park	Doswell, VA		Region 3	Reservation window is now open on the ACI website.
April 18-21 "Old Florida"	Ceder Key RV Resort	Cedar Key, Florida		David&Julie Ludlow	Reservation window is now open. (352)543-5097
May 16-19 "Choo-Choo"	Georgia Veterans State Park	Lake Blackshear, Georgia	Historic SAM Shoreline Railroad	Vince&Dian	Reservation window is now open. https://www.lakeblackshearresort.com/ga-veterans-park/
September 12-15 "Happy Birthday Big Bend"	Live Oak Landing	Freeport, Florida	Kayaking to Cypress Springs	Lindsay&Randy Vince&Dian	Reservation window is now open. (877) 436-5063
October 5-12 "International Rally"	Missouri State Fairgrounds	Sedalia, Missouri	Camp with 1200 of your Airstream Friends		Reservation window is now open on the ACI website.
October 24-27 "Sunets and Sunrises"	St. Andrews State Park	Panama City, Florida	Beach Rally	RoseMarie &Gary Sammy&Chris	Reservation window is now open. https://www.floridastateparks.org/
November 7-10	Hidden Hollow RV Park	Cottonwood, AL	Installation Rally		Reservation window is now open. (334) 452-4393
February 7-9	Florida Caverns State Park	Marianna, FL			Reservation window: March 10/April 7, 2025



DON'T FORGETTO FILL OUT THE JOTFORM ON THE ACI WEBSITE TO LET THE HOSTS KNOW YOU ARE COMING!!!

March 14-17, 2024



APALACHICOLA CRAWL

FOUR SPOTS AVAILABLE!

EMAIL LINDSAY TODAY TO RESERVE!!

March 14: Arrival

- **Arrival no earlier than 1:00 p.m.**
- Decorate the rear of your trailer for St. Patrick's Day
- 5:00 p.m. Decorating Contest Judging
- Welcome by Apalachicola Chamber of Commerce
- FOOD TRUCK-MANGIA

MARCH 15:

- 9:00 a.m.-Coffee Social
- 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Apalachicola Historical Tour, With JUDY \$20 + tax,
- 4:00 p.m. Happy Hour, Oyster City Brewing

MARCH 16:

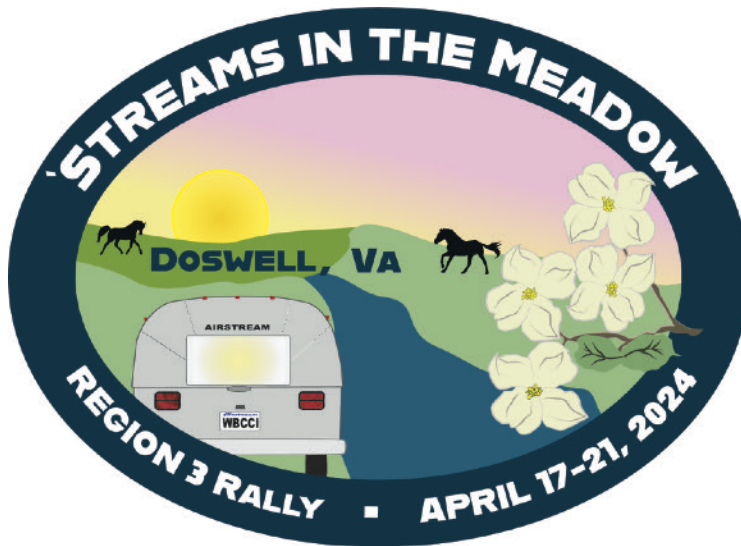
- 9:00 a.m.-Coffee Social
- 12:00 p.m - Wing Cook-off/Croquet Tournament/Whiskey Tasting
- 4:00 Happy Hour – High Five Dive Bar

MARCH 17:

- Depart by 11am

Event Contact-Lindsay Shropshire

lindsayshrop@gmail.com
 (478) 284-2847



From the Region 3 President

First Mate Joe Baum and I are excited about hosting our 2024 Region 3 Airstream Club rally at The Meadow Event Park at the State Fair of Virginia Fairgrounds in Doswell, Virginia. I am thrilled about our planned rally activities and enthusiastic to showcase and encourage visits to the nearby Richmond and Fredericksburg area historical sites. Above all, I'm ready for the fun of being together and enjoying each other's company.

The Region 3 Executive Leadership Team, including 1st VP Bob Ealy, 2nd VP Bob Hoffman and I, have been busy planning an exciting agenda of live entertainment, vendor booths, seminars, happy hours, and of course meals. You will find opportunities for day trips to explore the history within the broader Richmond area and much more. We are calling this year's Region 3 Airstream Club rally — **'Streams In The Meadow**. Registration for the rally will include your camping reservation and rally fee, and can be completed by clicking the link below. Our preferred payment method is electronic (via Square), but we will also provide instructions to snail mail a check, if requested by you.

We welcome your attendance and participation at the **'Streams In The Meadow** rally. And, we will need your volunteer help to make the rally successful. Many hands make light work! You will have an opportunity to sign up to assist by completing the separate volunteer signup form(s) that we will make available in the *next few weeks*.

Deadline is Monday, April 1, 2024.

NOTE: All electric power at the rally will be 30-AMP; please bring an adapter, if needed. Additionally you may want to bring extra water hoses, sewer hose extensions and water hose Y-adapters. Camping includes water and electric. Please plan on arriving to the rally with empty gray and black tank. The Meadow Event Park facility does provide access to multiple dump station locations for your "blue-boy" portable sewer container (should you own one) for emptying throughout the rally.





THE PRESIDENTIAL FLYER

MAY 18, 2024

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Riding in air-conditioned, 1949 vintage train cars, you will travel from Georgia Veterans State Park, across Lake Blackshear to Plains, GA and Archery. Explore President Jimmy Carter's hometown, go shopping and sample peanut butter treats. They you will travel to President Carters Boyhood home farm at Archery, GA.

Coach, Deluxe, and Premium available on all trains, with Chairman's Class area also available.

Schedule:

- 9:30 AM Boarding Begins
- 10:00 AM Depart Georgia Veterans State Park Depot
- 11:15 AM ****Flag Stop Americus, GA**** (South Jackson St)
- 11:45 AM Arrive Plains, GA (2 Hour Layover)
- 1:45 PM Depart Plains, GA
- 1:55 PM Arrive Archery (40 Minute Layover)
- 2:35 PM Depart Archery
- 3:15 PM ****Flag Stop Americus, GA**** (South Jackson St)
- 4:30 PM Arrive Georgia Veterans State Park Depot



BIG BEND FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB

Celebrating 50 Years!

September 12-15, 2024

LIVE OAK LANDING

229 Pitts Ave

Freeport, Florida 32439

877.436.5063

Event Hosts:

Lindsay & Randy

Vince & Dian



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AIRSTREAM OWNERS UNITE IN A
SHARED PASSION FOR
ADVENTURE, EXPLORATION AND
THE ICONIC AIRSTREAM
LIFESTYLE.**

**Join us for tons of Fun in the Fall at the 67th Annual Airstream
Club International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri:
October 5-10, 2024.**

**Get ready for all the treasured traditions of adventure and
friendship at ACI Rally2024, coupled with the fantastic tastes,
sights, smells and temperatures of fall in the Midwest**

Photos: Rock Springs, WY- International Rally 2023







BINGO
Installation Rally

YOU ARE INVITED

November 7-10
Hidden Hollow RV Park
11295 US-231
Cottonwood, AL 36320
(334) 316-9300

**\$55 a night, \$35 for 20+ Rigs.
25% off Military Discount**

National Peanut Festival
November 1-10, 2024
<https://www.nationalpeanutfestival.com/>

The Crossing at Big Creek
<https://thecrossingbigcreek.com/>



Florida Caverns

State Park

February 7-9, 2025

Reservations Available:
Residents: March 10, 2024
Non-Residents: April 7, 2024

3345 Caverns Road
Marianna, Florida 32446
FloridaStateParks.org

★ More Important Stuff ★

FROM THE YEAR 1974-



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GO AIRSTREAM

Hitch an Airstream travel trailer to the back of your car and turn your retirement into a brand new life! You've worked hard for it. Now, head for the seashore and under a friendly sun, unwind from all those years at the grindstone. Relax beside a bubbling trout stream and listen to the wind whisper to the pines while the big rainbow fight for your hook. Remember the promise you made to yourself when the children were growing up? ... that you would some day take time out to 'live a little.' Now it's your turn to live! Travel far and travel wide ... discover a whole world of new friends and interests. An Airstream offers you the ultimate in travel living luxury. Wherever you choose

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GO AIRSTREAM

Go Airstream and fulfill your dreams of travel adventure! Adventure is sifting through the ruins of the ancient Mayan civilization in Chichen Itza. Or to you, maybe it's exploring the Everglades of Florida. Some say adventure is looking into the mouth of a smoldering volcano in Costa Rica. Your idea may be to head for deer country and come back with an eight-point buck. When you go Airstream, you set your own schedule; your mood is your only itinerary. Go where you want, when you want. Enjoy comfortable beds, complete bathroom with toilet, tub and shower, hot and cold water, bright lights and a modern kitchen

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