



Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club

Pirate FYI's Spring 2024



Leader Updates

Message From Our President Robin Keen

Happy Spring Everyone! Our club has had a fun-filled start to 2024 with a luncheon in January, travels by some to the Canopener Rally and the South Florida Disney Rally and our terrific Spring Rally at Phipps Park. A special thanks to Sharon and Joe Moura for hosting the Spring Rally. Thanks also to Sharon for volunteering to take over the responsibility for our club newsletter and to Joe for setting up our WhatsApp community. Thank you also to Joe Moura and Rosemarie Kistler for volunteering to be nominees for our upcoming slate of 2024-25 officers.

As many of you are preparing to leave soon for your summer travels, caravans, etc., wishing you great adventures and safe travels!! Thanks!
Robin



Member Updates

Welcome New Members!

New Members:

- Jim Brown & Karen Ventimiglia – Vero Beach, FL
- Barry Ennis – Sebastian, FL
- Adrienne & Michael Ferrentino – Sebastian, FL
- Martin Higgins – Cape Coral, FL
- Tom & Christina Kazazes – Palm Beach Gardens, FL
- Karen Nemson – Vero Beach, FL
- Robin Rhodes – Stuart, FL

New Affiliate Members:

- Mike & Debbie Bianchi – Ocala, FL
- Dan & Maria McAnulty – Kingwood, TX
- John McCray – Winter Garden, FL
- Jim & Julie Nicholas – Boynton Beach, FL
- Lori & John Turner – Dunnellon, FL



Ordering A New Airstream Club Nametag

The International Airstream Club sends new members nametags in their welcome packet when they initially join. If you need a new name tag (for you or your dog), go to <https://store.airstreamclub.org/collections/stuff-for-people/products/name-badge> and order one for \$3.00.





Stay
connected to
your club

How Do I Keep Updated with Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club (FTCAC)?

Your Club Mainstays	Update Frequency	Purpose	Who can update?
WhatsApp group – Florida Treasure Coast Airstream	As it happens	General communications about club activities.	Administrator: Joe Moura Club members & affiliates can participate (comment, like, etc.)
WhatsApp group – a new one will be created for each rally	As it happens	Each rally will have it's own WhatsApp group. This is for in the moment communications between rally participants. Before a rally starts, you will be invited to join this group.	Administrator: Joe Moura Rally participants can participate (comment, like, etc.)
Facebook (Private)	Approximately monthly	This is for us as a club to summarize key events and updates. Think about this as a companion to WhatsApp and the quarterly newsletter.	Administrator: Stephen Keen Club members can participate (comment, like, etc.) https://www.facebook.com/groups/210950781453021
Pirate FYIs - Quarterly Newsletter	Quarterly	A round-up of key events. Consider this a look back at last quarter and a look ahead.	Newsletter Editor: Sharon Moura Please send articles to shrnmoura@gmail.com with subject line – FTCAC Newsletter Content



**Communicating
Beyond Club
#162 Members**

Other	Update Frequency	Purpose	Who can update?
Facebook (Public)	Approx. quarterly	This is for general public awareness of our Airstream Club https://www.facebook.com/groups/6082269688546278	Administrator: Stephen Keen Anyone on Facebook can participate (comment, like, etc.)
 Website under construction	Approx. quarterly	FTCAC site is under construction! This is for our entire Airstream Community to know what is happening with our club.	Webmaster: Joe Moura Assistant Webmaster: Stephen Keen
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**Recent
Adventures**

"The miles may fade, but the memories gleam brighter than the Airstream ever did."

January – Club Luncheon



Club luncheon was at the New England Eatery in Melbourne Beach.



February - Disney Fort Wilderness

A cohort from Florida Treasure Coast joined Unit #30 for wonderful time at Disney Fort Wilderness. We had a great time at the Poker Walk, The Hoop Dee Doo Review, the golf cart parade, the scavenger hunt and the monorail crawl. And the best news is that we are doing it again in 2025. Following in the footsteps of Unit #30, Florida

Treasure Coast will be taking the lead. We will need a lot of amazing volunteers to make this another success. Stay tuned!



March - Leprechauns on the Locks

Phipps Park Campground in Stuart, FL was the home of our Leprechauns on the Locks rally. This was the first rally Joe & Sharon Moura had ever hosted so it was a great learning opportunity made a lot of fun with helpful volunteers and tips from the pros.

On Thursday night, everyone brought heavy appetizers and got to know each other. On Friday, we had a make-your-own yogurt parfait for breakfast and then a bike ride. Then Ranger Wiggins from the Army Core of Engineers gave us a tour and taught us how the lock system worked. Did you know manatees were regular users of the lock system and are better behaved than many boaters? On Friday night we enjoyed Joe's pulled pork & chicken with corn and coleslaw. Bob Barnes got to try out his new burner and a large pot to cook the corn, and it worked great! On Saturday, we had a build-your-own breakfast burrito, and for dinner, a build-your-own pizza. Stephen Keen got to try out his new solo pizza cooker which worked very well! During the day we enjoyed bike rides, a visit to lovely downtown Stuart and cornhole. And, of course, there was lots of green to go around for our St. Patrick's Day festivities. Caroline kept track of everyone with lots of action photography. Lastly, on Sunday, we said, 'See you down the road' over a continental breakfast. And following our tradition of giving, FTCAC donated funds to Stuart's Habitat for Humanity.



Here are just a few action shots of the Leprechauns

The whole "Leprechauns on the Locks" crew



Rick the leprechaun



Getting a tour of the lock system



Sharon, Rosemarie & Tammy playing corn hole



Sharon serving up Joe's pulled pork



Joe & Stephen. checking out the new solo pizza oven



Jill & Robin cooking corn.



Linda, Bob & Rosemarie making pizza



Caroline, Bob, Sharon & Tammy bike ride



Adventure Awaits!

Upcoming Adventures

- **April 5-9, 2024 - Great American Eclipse Rally in Bartholomew County Fairgrounds in Columbus, IN.** For details, please contact Tammy Dinneen and/or Barb Liversedge.
- **April 17-21, 2024 – Region 3 Rally** at Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA. https://mailchi.mp/0ebef1b5df1e/region-3-rally-10284063?e=46361ade6a&fbclid=IwAR1KofTjWT2zTIEkv1oFi0GddFjCGXo2VhPSaI7HU7xlqFK4dxj_twLTO
- **October 5-10, 2024 – International Rally in Sedalia, MO**
- **November 21 -24, 2024—Airstream and the Arts Rally** (joint rally for Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club (FTCAC) and the South Florida Airstream Club (SFAC)). Location: Indian River County Fairgrounds, 7955 58th Ave., Vero Beach, FL 32967. Site costs will be \$40/night, including taxes and fees. The rally fee will be \$25/person. Hosts: Volunteers are needed! We have 45 full hook-up sites set aside and Robin Keen will book the sites. No need for individuals to call the fairgrounds. If you want to participate, send an email to Robin at rak225@gmail.com, and she will send you a registration form with payment instructions.
- **December 4-8, 2024 – Joint Holiday Rally** with South Florida Airstream Club and Florida Suncoast Airstream Club at Sarasota Fairgrounds.
- **February date TBD – Disney Fort Wilderness Rally**



Seeking Your Great Ideas & Industrious Spirit

Please reach out to the Rally team of Tammy Dinneen, Robin Keen, Roxanne Peebles and Lea Stanton with any ideas for **future rally locations** as well as any **interest in joining the team or hosting/co-hosting a future event**.



Should you host a rally?

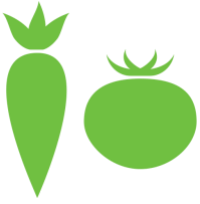
Thoughts From First Time Rally Hosts, Joe & Sharon Moura

Well, we just finished hosting our first rally, Leprechauns on the Locks, and this is what we think...of course, you should host a rally! It takes some work, but it is very rewarding to give back to this wonderful community. We made it a bit harder on ourselves than we needed to, and we have some lessons learned for sure. There are so many club members willing to help and they also have great tips and tricks (including Joe & me now). If you are new to rally hosting, you can get started with the Airstream and the Arts rally in November. This is co-hosted with the very experienced Unit #30, so you will not be on your own. Let Robin Keen know if you are willing to host or co-host an upcoming rally. Pay it forward!



Road-Tips

When backing up use the G.O.A.L method – Get Out And Look! And remember, back up as fast as you want to hit something.



Airstream Eats!

When it is a travel day, you want an easy meal where you can chillax (that is, chill out and relax) after a day on the road. Here is one idea. Have some chili or stew ready to go with some bread. And if you need your greens a bag of salad mix is an easy side.

This is our favorite – Indian Summer Turkey Chili.

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/rachael-ray/indian-summer-turkey-chili-recipe-2013826> . I add chickpeas or cannellini beans, serve with a side of nacho chips and any other toppers I have handy like grated cheese, sour cream, diced onions, etc.



Send in your favorite Airstream Eats recipes and tips to Sharon at shrnmoura@gmail.com for the next newsletter



Best Wishes to the New Florida Caravan!

Our very own Robin and Stephen Keen and Caroline and Bob Barnes has created and are taking the helm of a new Florida Caravan! Good luck and happy trails to you, and we look forward to hearing all about it!



*Camping at Bahia
Honda*

Silver Oasis

Authored by Google's AI, Gemini

A silver bullet breaches dawn's light,
My Airstream gleams, a Floridian's delight.
Palm trees whisper secrets in the breeze,
As I unhitch, anticipation appease.

Sun-dappled trails unfurl through emerald dreams,
Where gators doze and the blue heron screams.
The air is thick with the scent of pine,
A symphony of nature, truly divine.

Mosquitoes serenade as twilight descends,
Fireflies flicker, their light transcends.
Marshmallows roast, stories take flight,
Under a canopy of stars, ever so bright.

Days spent exploring, beaches pristine,
Shelling for treasures, a glistening sheen.
Kayaking through mangroves, a world unseen,
Florida's magic, a vibrant green.

Back to the Airstream, a haven so cool,
The day's adventures by a refreshing pool.
Nature's embrace, a soul's sweet release,
This Florida life, brings perfect peace.



The Preah Thong and Neang Neakii statue symbolizes the birth of Khmer land, culture, traditions and civilization of Cambodia



Kiri Sokharam Pagoda, very vivid, colorful pictures in the pagoda.

Barbara Colson – The Start of Her World Trip

As many of you know, I am 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 effects of the Vietnam War on them. Temples, palaces, pagodas, the Jade Buddha, waterfalls, floating villages, an ox cart ride in Cambodia, Angkor Wat, a hosted dinner with a local family, trying fried tarantula 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.

Leg 2 of my trip took me to Singapore, where 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 head 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 cannot 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 of all of your adventures as well. Happy Travels!



Ha Long Bay, also an UNESCO site. The Bay is dotted with 1,600 limestone islands and islets and covers an area of over 1,500 sq km. It was a very misty, rainy, foggy day.