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Presidents Message:

Is it May already? Time flies when you're keeping busy!

Vince has sent out the schedule to the attendees for the Georgia Veterans State Park rally. If you are attending and you haven't filled out the Jotform, or have not received the schedule via email, it is printed below, and contact Vince and let him know you are attending. It is already looking to be an amazing rally with fantastic turnout. I know everyone will have so much fun, and we are always looking for photos! Randy and I are bummed we aren't going to make it.

HELP WANTED!!! We are looking for local hosts for some summer luncheons.....If you are willing to host a lunch, or maybe even a Happy Hour, please let us know. We have members all over Florida, and a get together this summer would be a great way to keep in touch and get to know other members in your area. This was a great success last summer, and we hope to have the same success this summer. Feel Free to Reach Out.

Stay Cool, and we will see ya down the road!

Lindsay





Cedar Key, Florida

April 18-21, 2024



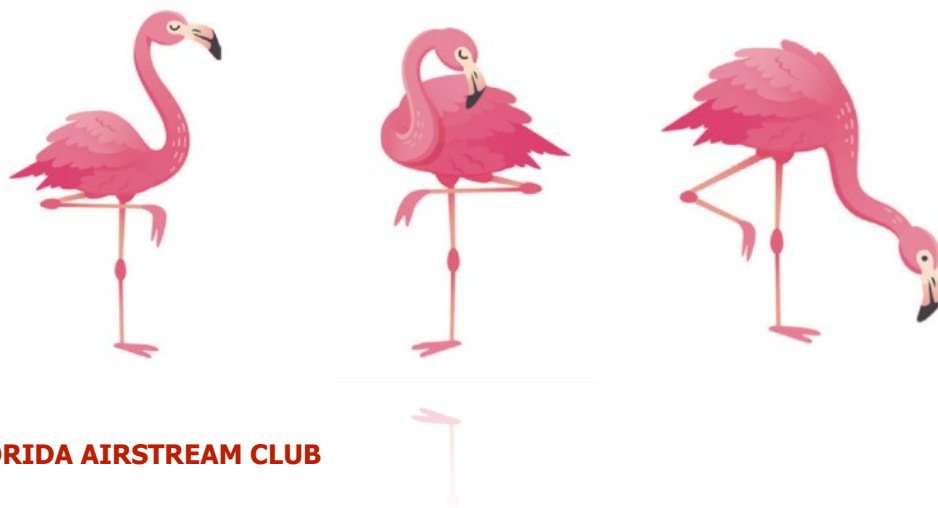
We Rally Together
 AirstreamClub.org

Date 2024	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Reservation Information
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 "BINGO!"	Hidden Hollow RV Park	Cottonwood, AL	Installation Rally		Reservation window is now open. (334) 452-4229
February 7-9 2025 "Campers and Caves"	Florida Caverns State Park	Marianna, FL		Host Needed	Reservation window now open. Non Res: April 7, 2025
March 20-23 2025 "Football and Fighters"	Chewacla State Park	Auburn, AL	Planning on tour of Auburn Football Facilities on Friday. Make reservations in the 2nd Loop (17-36)	Pat & Laurie	Reservation window is now open. alapark.com

<p>April 25-27 2025 "Rallyantic Atlantic"</p>	<p>Anastasia State Park</p>	<p>St. Augustine, Florida</p>	<p>Host Needed</p>	<p>Reservation window: Fl Res- 5/25/24 Non Res- 6/25/24</p> <p>https:// www.floridastate parks.org/</p>
<p>May 16-18 2025 "Race Ya!"</p>	<p>Champions Run RV Resort</p>	<p>Ocala, Florida</p>	<p>Bill & Kathy Neider</p>	<p>Request for Reservations starts 5/16/24</p>
<p>August 23-28 2025 "International Rally"</p>	<p>York Expo Center</p>	<p>York, Pennsylvania</p>		<p>Reservation window TBD</p>
<p>September 25-27 2025 "It's Very Nice!"</p>	<p>Rocky Bayou State Park</p>	<p>Niceville, Florida</p>	<p>Host Needed</p>	<p>Reservation window: Fl Res- 10/24/24 Non Res- 11/24/24</p> <p>https:// www.floridastate parks.org/</p>
<p>October 24-26 2025 "Relaxing Rally"</p>	<p>Travelers Rest</p>	<p>Dade City, Florida</p>	<p>Gary & RoseMarie Anderson</p>	<p>Request for reservations starts 10/24/24</p> <p>www.travelersres tresort.com</p>

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

Some 2025 rally Jotforms are not available quite yet





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

Choo Choo Rally Schedule

May 16 - May 19, 2024

- **Thursday, May 16th** - Welcome to Georgia Veterans Park!
 - 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour with Hors d'oeuvres
(Last Name A-M bring an Hors d'oeuvre)
 - We'll set up at "The Circle" (cul-de-sac for sites 78-82)*

- **Friday, May 17th**
 - 8am - Coffee with Jason 'The Circle'
 - 9am - Quiche and bagels 'The Circle'
 - 10am - 5pm - Free Time
 - Explore/Hike
 - Visit Military Exhibit near visitor center
 - Rent Pontoon Boat (See Attachment)
 - 5pm - Happy Hour - Shelter #2 (See Map below)
 - 6pm - Dinner - Burgers on the Grill and Sides - Shelter #2
(Last name N-Z - bring cobbler or pie for dessert)
 - 8pm - Midnight - Free Time
 - Visit Cypress Grill on site for live dance music with The Georgia Chryslers (small cover charge)

- **Saturday, May 18th**
 - 8am Coffee with Jason @ The Circle
 - 10am Presidential Flyer Historic S*A*M Shortline Railroad
 - Make sure you've purchased your tickets if you want to go!
 - 6pm - 8pm Dinner at Cypress Grill (on site)
 - 8pm - Midnight - Live music at the Cypress Grill with Dueling Pianos with David Butler (small cover charge)

- **Sunday, May 19th**
 - Departure date - "see ya' down the road"



Notes: Technically, there is to be no alcohol in the public areas (i.e. Shelter #2). Therefore, you may want to bring your libations in an unmarked container for Happy Hour.



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



**THE EPIC EVENT WHERE
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







**\$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




FOOTBALL AND FIGHTERS!

MARCH 20-23, 2025
CHEWACLA STATE PARK
AUBURN, ALABAMA

Hosted by Pat and Laurie Jones

PLAN ON COMING ON THURSDAY SO WE CAN
TOUR THE AUBURN FOOTBALL FACILITIES ON
FRIDAY.





Rallyantic Atlantic

Anastasia State Park
St. Augustine, Florida

April 25-27, 2025



Race Ya!

CHAMPIONS RUN

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LUXURY RV RESORT

MAY 16-18, 2025

HOSTED BY:
BILL AND KATHY
NEIDER

NOW TAKING
RESERVATIONS



It's Really Nice!

September 25-27, 2025

Niceville, Florida



***Relaxing at Travelers Rest Rally
Dade City, Florida***

October 24-26, 2025

Hosted By: Gary and RoseMarie Anderson

★ 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

★ More Important Stuff ★



Smiling Rally Hosts:

Open Positions include:

- Florida Caverns State Park
- Anastasia State Park
- Rocky Bayou State Park
- Local Summer Luncheons or Happy Hour

If you don't know what this entails, please feel free to reach out, and we can discuss. It's as easy as you decide to make it. AND, it is fun!

Lindsay (478) 284-2847 ★



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