



# GOOD LIFE NEWS

**Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27** July, 2024

## President's Points

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As we are loading up the trailer, leaving our home of 18 years to the realtor and open houses, just awaiting her call letting us know there's been an offer, we can't help but think about how wonderful it's been raising the kids and becoming a part of the community. However, after having just been to and hosting a wonderful rally at Walt Disney World, it's not sad, but instead, rather refreshing to know that there's more adventure around the corner and everything can change in a day.

We are headed up to see family near the Tennessee River for a grand get together four years in the making. As we do, I'm reminded of what the spirit of Wally should and could be: travel, explore, experience, and share the stories with others.



We're so excited for a few evenings with all of the family, sharing stories about all the places we've been and memories that have been made in the last few years. With a few generations and branches, a good time will certainly be had.

Some wonder if it is unnerving not knowing where our next home will be, while others tell us how excited they are for us. Laura and I are excited to spend the next few weeks or months just living, exploring, and seeing what the world has in store for us. Just as Wally would set out with a well packed vehicle and trailer and a sense of adventure, we will do the same in this next season.

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## President's Points (continued)

A big thanks to Mike McGinn, our First Vice President, for putting together a wonderful 2025 rally season. We look forward to many more rallies down the road and there usually are opportunities to co-host, so you can be more comfortable and confident in being a host in the next few seasons. There are some places we've never been before, with the mix of places that are near and dear to our hearts. As 2026 rolls around, the new first vice president will definitely want input in making the new rally season.

Speaking of rallies, there are a few coming up in the near future that still have no hosts. The good news is, we don't have to have a host, but you'll want to be proactive and introducing yourselves to each other when you get there, since there will be no set activities. I imagine you will find great places near you and will be able to have a fund weekend, even without a host designating the activities.

So, it is in that spirit I wish everyone a wonderful summer, full of excitement and pleasant surprises along the way. Don't forget your routine maintenance, walk arounds, and an atlas! Reach out to some old friends along the way, introduce yourself to new friends, and keep those wheels a turnin'!

Safe travels!  
Steve Kane

### Notice of Annual Meeting and Call for Executive Board Positions

#### Annual Meeting -

Wednesday 10/30/24 11:00 AM at Florida Sands Music Park, Brooksville, FL

[<https://floridasandmusicranch.com>].

#### Call for Executive Board Members!

It is now time for Club Regular Members who would like to serve on the Club's 2025 Executive Board to submit their request to the Nominating Committee prior to September 21, 2024. The committee will review each candidate's submission and present a slate of nominees to the membership for a vote by electronic ballot on October 15, 2024.

The vote will be finalized at the Annual Meeting on October 30th at the Florida Sands Music Park, Brooksville, FL. Positions open are President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and three trustees (a 1-year term and two 2-year terms). Our current First VP has agreed to serve as President for 2025. Our current treasurer has agreed to continue for 2025.

If you are interested in volunteering to serve, please email prior to September 21, 2024, the board position you would like to be considered for and a short bio to Mike McGinn

at [first\\_vp@floridaaireamclub.org](mailto:first_vp@floridaaireamclub.org)

with a copy to Geri Prisco at

[secretary@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:secretary@floridaairstreamclub.org).

# Long Point Park Rally, Sebastian Inlet, FL May 17-19, 2024

Twenty-four campers in 13 RVs gathered at Long Point Park in Melbourne Beach for the first of several Club weekend rallies planned during the year. We all enjoyed the seashore recreation, food, and camaraderie along with a Florida hair-raising moment when a passing thunderstorm caused a lightning strike very close to the picnic pavilion where we were setting up to cook dinner. Everyone was fine, but the park power grid was damaged and several of the campsites did not have power restored until the next day. The campers were undaunted and were still smiling the next morning.

Long Point Park proved to be an excellent place for FAC rallies as most of the campsites around the perimeter of the island have access to the water for kayak launching, fishing or viewing the beautiful sunsets.

Recreation was high on the list of activities. The “Paddlin Pooles” (David & Susan) led a group of kayakers on an exploration of the Indian River on Saturday morning. Others hiked Scout Island or visited nearby Sebastian Inlet to wander the beach, swim, or fish from the jetty pier. We even saw a rocket launch from Cape Canaveral.

The shortened weekend rally format of only 2 nights was designed for working couples and families with children who may not have the time to attend a full 4-night rally. The rally time went by quickly, but we shared an old-fashioned picnic dinner and a breakfast, and we all had great fun taking in the local activities and spending time with new and longtime Florida Airstream Club friends.

Bob and Lyn Masters, Hosts



# Faces from Long Point Park Rally



# Schools Out for Summer Rally

Ft. Wilderness, FL 6/6/2024—6/10/2024



We had a wonderful turnout of 28 rigs at Walt Disney World this month! There were 52 Airstreamers and 7 mini Airstreamers made it out to Fort Wilderness for the Schools Out for Summer rally! We had more ice cream than we knew what to do with and axes to throw, so what could go wrong??!!

Because there was so much to do at Disney, we decided to only have two major events, a first and last night happy hour with a scavenger hunt preceding the Sunday happy hour. Then spontaneous happy hours popped up Friday and Saturday for the folks not at the parks or just hanging out. Several folks caught "The Disney Dreams that Soar" drone show, as well as the fireworks in the park later in the evenings.

Although we asked for 72 degrees temperatures that weekend, we were only gifted with a 99- and 100-degree heat wave. That turned our afternoon beach party into a later evening happy hour Sunday evening, and of course, with ax throwing.

Saturday and Sunday's happy hour attendees were welcomed with pink flamingos and pink lemonade with a splash of Sprite (and/or a splash of vodka or rum for the adults). Despite the heat, we were going

to have fun!

Sunday also contained a super fun scavenger hunt that cohost Joe Strand and Lisa Pannell came up with. Guests drove golf carts all around the fort and took pictures where the clues led them. Three couples tied for first place and won fabulous prizes!

The biggest excitement for me was seeing how many people were enjoying their first rally with us! There were eight or nine families who were welcomed with open arms as we always do, for their inaugural FAC rally. Overall, it was a huge, hot, success where we made lots of new friends, forged deeper relationships with folks we knew, and reunited with some old friends!

A super big thanks to the cohosts, Patricia Dovi, Joe Strand, and Lisa Pannell for making it such the huge success! We truly could not have done it without their help. Lastly, a big thank you to Scott and Patty Milliron for donating their awesome Traveling Gnome coffee to the gift bags!!

Steve Kane

# More from Fort Wilderness Rally



## 2024 Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule

MONTH	ARRIVE	DEPART	RALLY NAME	RALLY FEE	LOCATION	CAMPGROUND	HOST
Sep.	9/6/24	9/8/24	Wickham Park Weekend Rally	NC	Melbourne, FL	Wickham Park	<i>Need host</i>
Oct.	10/5/24	10/10/24	ACI International	See fee online	Sedalia, MO		Airstream Club International
Oct.	10/11/24	10/13/24	Silver Springs Weekend Rally	NC	Ocala, FL	Silver Springs State Park	<i>Need host</i>
Oct.	10/28/24	10/31/24	FL Sand Music Ranch & Annual Meeting Fall Rolling Rally (Part 1)	\$20	Sertoma, FL	Florida Sands Music Ranch	Jeff Krabel
Nov.	10/31/24	11/4/24	Mary's Fish Camp Fall Rolling Rally (Part 2)	\$20	Baypoint, FL	Mary's Fish Camp	Jeff and Mary Krabel, and Judy Barrett
Dec.	12/5/24	12/9/24	Ft Christmas & Installation Service Dec. Rolling Rally (Part 1)	NC	Christmas, FL	Fort Christmas Historical Park	Steve & Laura Kane
Dec.	12/9/24	12/11/24	Lights at Stephen Foster Dec. Rolling Rally (Part 2)	NC	White Springs, FL	Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park	David & Susan Poole



**Important: More information about rallies can be found on club website before you register.** Remember to RESERVE and REGISTER. Make your own RV reservations with the campground (unless otherwise instructed above) AND register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events> It really helps the Hosts to know who is coming so they can plan and send updates. If you need to cancel or make changes, then email the Hosts. ACI members from any club are welcome to attend. Rally fees should be paid online.

# Fall Rolling Rally

## 10/28/24 to 11/4/24

From the rolling hills of southern Hernando County to the banks of the Mud River, our fall rally has something for everyone. On the schedule we have the annual meeting, food trucks, happy hour at a brewery, fishing tournament, and lots of free time to relax with old and new friends.

### Florida Sands Music Ranch (FSMR) - Part 1

Arrive on Mon. 10/28, Annual Meeting on Wed. 10/30, and depart on Thu. 10/31.

Do not call the campground as ample sites have already been reserved for all who wish to attend. Campsites have 30amp electric and water hookups. Camping fee is \$30 per night and will be collected by ranch staff at one of our happy hours.

Do (Please) register on the FAC website to reserve a spot and pay the rally fee. <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events>



Highlights are a food truck on Tuesday night and the Annual Meeting and a breakfast on Thursday morning. The **Annual Meeting is scheduled for 11:00a.m. on Wednesday the 30th of October.** A luncheon will follow the meeting. Even if you are not camping you are encouraged to attend the meeting and have input for the future of our club.



### Mary's Fish Camp (MFC) -Part 2

Arrive on Thur. 10/31 and depart on Mon. 11/4

Do call the campground to reserve your site. Contact Christi at 352-597-3474. At this time there are still five full hookup sites available.

Do (please) register on the FAC website to reserve a spot for this rally and pay the rally fee. On tap for this part of the rolling rally is happy hour at Marker 48 Brewing and the mullet fishing tournament.

Watch for complete agendas in our September newsletter. Questions or concerns, contact Jeff Krabel, your rally host at 352-573-0489. Call or text. [jk62gt@gmail.com](mailto:jk62gt@gmail.com)



# December Rolling Rally

12/5/24 to 12/11/24

## Ft. Christmas & Installation of Officers — Part I 12/5 to 12/9



The first weekend of December is the Cracker Christmas Festival and Crafts Fair at the historical Ft. Christmas, in Christmas, Florida. There will be food, music, crafts, demonstrations, and fun for all ages.

Arrive Thu. 12/5 and Depart Mon. 12/9  
Installation Dinner Thu. 12/5 time TBA

The Florida Airstream Club has been volunteering at this festival for over 20 years, helping set up tables and chairs, freshening up their homes, and educating visitors about the historical homes dating back to the early 1800s during the festival. This is a volunteer, public service rally, so half of each day is volunteering for the fort and the other half is having fun with your friends. We also provide a nice dinner in a historical schoolhouse for the installation of next year's officers.

It is "semi-boondocking" with shared water and shared electricity (less than 10 amps per guest) so bring a long water hose with Y adaptor and 50 feet extension cord with 20 amp Edison plug.

No need to call the facility. To reserve your spot and register for the rally go to <https://airstreamclub.org/florida> and email me with "Cracker Christmas" in the subject so I can sort them easily. Please reach out to me for any questions or cancellations. I look forward to seeing you all and I wish everyone safe travels.

Steve Kane, [Steve@SteveKaneProductions.com](mailto:Steve@SteveKaneProductions.com)

## Lights at Stephen Foster

Part 2 12/9 to 12/11



The Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park is situated on the banks of the legendary Suwannee River near White Springs, FL. (NOTE: it is not the same park as the one in Georgia with a similar name).

Arrive Mon. 12/9 and depart Wed. 12/11.

The Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park features a holiday light display, museum about Foster's most famous songs, 97-bell carillon (under repairs), hiking, bicycling, canoeing and wildlife viewing.

Registration opens up for Florida residents 11 months in advance (non-Florida residents 10 months), so make your reservations early at <https://reserve.floridastateparks.org/> After you have secured your campsite, then register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events> . There is no rally fee for this 2 night event.

On Monday night we are planning on holding a happy hour to meet each other and then driving through the park's light tour. Tuesday is an activity day (paddling, biking, or exploring) with a potluck dinner that evening.

Questions: please contact your hosts Susan and David Poole  
[Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com](mailto:Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com)

## 2025 Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule

Ar- rive	De- part	Rally Name	Campground	City	Host/Co-Host	Rally Fee	Notes
1/9	1/12	Spirit of the Suwannee	<a href="#">Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park</a>	Live Oak, FL	Joe & Brenna Loretta	\$20	
2/24	2/27	Woodberry Farm	<a href="#">Woodberry Farm</a>	Havana, FL	Helene and Stan White; Steve and Laura Kane	\$25	Host will make Campsite Reservations
3/31	4/7	Devil's Den	<a href="#">Devils Den</a>	Williston, FL	Mike & Mar-yanne Swegles; Bob & Lynn Masters	\$25	Buddy Rally
5/1	5/5	Boyd's Campground	<a href="#">Boyd's Campground</a>	Key West, FL	Nancy Schoene; Gina and Mike McGinn	\$20	Reservations Deadline 10/1/24
9/17	9/21	Margaritaville Campground	<a href="#">Margaritaville Campground</a>	Auburndale, FL	Jason Wikman; David and Rachael Torres	\$20	
10/23	10/27	Kathry Abbey Hanna Park	<a href="#">Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park</a>	Jacksonville, FL	Jeannie & Tom Stietler; Gina & Mike McGinn	\$20	
10/25		Annual Meeting	<a href="#">Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park</a>	Jacksonville, FL		N/C	
11/13	11/17	Cypress Glenn Campground	<a href="#">Cypress Glenn Campground</a>	Brooksville, FL	Susan and David Pool	\$20	Reservations 11 months out with overflow at Silver Lake Campground
12/4	12/8	Cracker Christmas	Fort Christmas	Christmas, FL	Steve and Laura Kane	N/C	Host will make Campsite Reservations



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# Devil's Den Spring in Williston, Florida.

## March 31, to April 7, 2025

We are planning a week-long buddy rally starting March 31-April 7 at Devil's Den in Williston, Florida. Located on the edge of Levy County, Marion County and nearby Alachua, there is a multitude of activities, from Cedar Key to Rainbow Springs and Paynes Prairie.

We recently spent a weekend snorkeling in the karst cavern and felt like a weekend was just not enough. Cedar Lake Woods and Gardens is next door, and if you enjoy gardens this is not to be missed. Another day might be spent at the most beautiful Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville. A visit to the University of Florida Natural History Museum is a must where you can see a fully intact fossil skeleton of a Tremarctos Floridanus, an extinct species of bear dating back 10,000 years geological evidence which dates Devil's Den to be between 10,000 and 75,000 years old. Hiking Paynes Prairie, Devil's Millhopper, Sweetwater Wetlands Park are some of the other activities we will be planning. Ichetucknee and Santa Fe Rivers are also nearby, with the Springs Institute in High Springs a worthy visit.

To lock into the weekly rate of \$225.00, book online soon because it is first come first serve and they will hold that rate until this year's end. When registering, be sure to put AIRSTREAM CLUB in the space that reads company name. There are 32 sites. We are looking for some co-hosts, love to have new club members that have not hosted before, to step up to lead an activity or host a meal.

[www.devilsden.com](http://www.devilsden.com) 352-528-3344

After you have secured your campsite, then register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events> .

Looking forward to rallying with you,  
Maryanne and Mike Swegles

[mswegles@icloud.com](mailto:mswegles@icloud.com)

*Don't miss out —  
Make your reservations early.*



# Welcome New Members and Affiliates



## FACEBOOK

Connect with members on this club's Facebook page "[Florida Airstream Club 027](#)" Look for the one with our logo.



## FAC Merchandise



Check it out at <https://florida-airstream-club.myspreadshop.com/>

T-shirts, hoodies, hats, bandanas, tote bags, etc. with the Florida Airstream logo (in a variety of materials, sizes and colors) are now available for ordering online. Now is the time to get ready for future rallies with your very own Florida Airstream Club logo apparel!

## New Members

**Holly & Brandon Bush**  
#28769 Lake Wales, FL

**Frank Canty**  
#31319 Orlando, FL

**April & Christopher Ellison**  
#05489 The Villages, FL

**Jennifer McMutrie & Amelia Marley**  
#31701 Bradenton, FL

**Brenda & Ray McCullers**  
#07935 Jacksonville Beach, FL

**John Thomson & Brenda Mills**  
#04575 West Palm Beach, FL

**Bruce & Rachel Nelson**  
#05539 Middleburg, FL

**Bill Dolinsky & Patricia Spivak**  
#05544 White Haven, PA

**Mike Waters & Connie Zeckendorf**  
#12159 Key Largo, FL

## New Affiliates

**Dodd & Alanda Bulger**  
#07319 Miami, FL

**Chad & Dolores Jones**  
#09145 Perry, FL

**Roger & Rebecca Nemeth**  
#03212 Havana, FL

**Karen Nemson**  
#31819 Vero Beach, FL

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## Community Project: Fisher House Foundation

The Florida Airstream Club members work together to hold fundraising activities throughout the year so that we can present the raised funds to a Fisher House facility in Florida chosen by our members.

We need a new Charitable Project Chairperson. If you are interested in chairing this important foundation, please contact Steve Kane at



## Sunshine Committee Report

This column is the place where we express praise for members' major life accomplishments or concern for those experiencing difficult times.

Please send notifications for Sunshine Committee to:  
Deb Oppel  
[sunshine@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:sunshine@floridaairstreamclub.org)  
763-670-8772



## Florida Airstream Club, ACI Region 3, Unit 27



Visit us on the web  
<https://airstreamclub.org/florida>

Inspired by the international caravans of Wally Byam, creator and founder of Airstream, the Wally Byam Caravan Club (WBCC) was initially chartered in 1955. Since then the name has been amended to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI), and Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC), and recently **Airstream Club International. (ACI)**

The Florida Airstream Club was originally chartered as The Southeastern Unit in 1956 making it one of the oldest units. We schedule rallies all over the state from September through June. Staying true to Airstream tradition we include lots of great food, activities, and opportunities to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere.

**New applicants and renewing members** apply online at <https://airstreamclub.org/> Contact Membership Chair below if questions.

**Affiliates:** If you are a member of another WBCCI/ACI club and want to become an affiliate of Florida Airstream Club, do it online anytime during the year by logging into the [ACI website](#) and pulling down the menu under your name in the upper right corner and click on “Join as an Affiliate.”

## 2024 Florida Airstream Club Executive Board and Committee Chairs

### 2024 Executive Board

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### Appointed Positions

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