



# GOOD LIFE NEWS

**Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27** | Sep. 2024

## President's Points

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A week or two before the Walt Disney rally in June, Laura and I moved into our Airstream full time and put our house on the real estate market. Since then, we've been reminded every day why we are so happy we joined the club almost 7 years ago. It's more than having a similar trailer -- it's having a similar mindset for friendship, adventure, and making the most of our adventures. At three months in, we are on one of our best, spur of the moment, adventures we've ever had, in our almost 27 years of marriage.

Since the Walt Disney rally, we've been back-and-forth to Tennessee a couple times to visit family and have work done at an airstream dealership in Mississippi. However, to make each trip a little more interesting, we took different routes up and back each time, staying



off the interstates and using state and U.S. highways. During our last run home, we barely missed meeting up some members in Mississippi, so we vowed on our next trip up, this one we're currently on, to try to purposely see more Airstream members along the way.

We went up to Virginia first, to visit the Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park and we were surprised that even more FAC members were there, other than who we were meeting, the Swegles! Instant jam session!!! We spent a few days up there enjoying a cool break from the Florida heat and started heading back towards our Tennessee pad at the family cabin. Along the way, we stopped to see Charlie and Geri Prisco, our awesome secretary. They've been hard at work on their new Tennessee property and were able to offer a campsite for the night on the long trip. We had a lovely dinner together and coffee the next morning as we plan the route.

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## President's Points (continued)

We also learned that more of our Airstreaming friends, Tom and Nan Joi Haynes, will be in the Memphis area when we are visiting family in Tennessee near there. Hopefully will be able to see them soon, catch up, and have one last Tennessee Hoo Rah before heading down to the Wickham Park weekend rally the first weekend in September!

Between meeting Airstream friends while on the road and stopping at a few fantastic courtesy parking friends, we have really learned what the Airstream community is about. We've met people from all walks of life and have never run out of interesting conversation. When we joined back in 2018, we had no idea that we would be so involved in the next few years to come.

It's vital that our new and existing members volunteer for our open board positions, committee member positions, and rally hosts to keep the heartbeat of the club going. If I'm not mistaken, we've all met at the rallies, worked towards common goals on the board, and bonded friendships along the way. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Everyone can be amazing, because anybody can volunteer." I look forward to seeing new faces and ones that have taken a break, step up and help keep this wonderful organization alive and thriving! We are one of the oldest, one of the biggest, and certainly one of the most fun, so let's see a new spark in volunteering.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming rallies, on the road, or even online!

As always, please let me know if I can do anything for you.  
Respectfully, Steve Kane

### Volunteer Needed –

A volunteer is needed to prepare and mail the official Club name badge to new members. Name badges, perforated card stock, envelopes, and stamps provided. Average mailing is three members per month. If interested, please contact Larry Scovotto at [larry.floridaairstreamclub@gmail.com](mailto:larry.floridaairstreamclub@gmail.com).

### 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 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).

# Scenic Overload 2024!

*with Adventurers Mike and Gina McGinn*

Hello from Alaska! We are presently co-leading the 2024 WBCCI North to Alaska Caravan. I am looking out over the **Homer Spit (1)** as I write this. It is mid-August, 55 degrees outside. Google Maps says we are 4863 miles from home. We have traveled 10K+ miles since we left home in late May. The map shows some of our stops before the caravan, minus Florida and the midwestern states because there were too many locations for Google maps to map!

When we left sunny HOT Florida, we wandered across the country visiting friends and family in Illinois and Iowa. We toured the **Nebraska State Capital (2)** with some Airstreamers we met last year on the Discovering Cascadia Caravan. Then we stayed for a couple days in **Fraser, Colorado (3)** where we mooch docked with some more caravan buddies and moose. Their “cabin” was at 9000 feet elevation, so our Florida lungs took a day or two to acclimate.

As we were heading west, we were in contact with some friends on the Springtime in the Rockies caravan. We managed to get a campsite with them at **Dinosaur National Monument Campground in Utah (4, 5)**. This makes two years in a row that we ran into that caravan on the road. We had a great time meeting more Airstreamers on the road. Some of the folks we knew from other caravans; another couple was heading to the North to Alaska Caravan after the Rockies.



Our adventure before the Alaska Caravan.

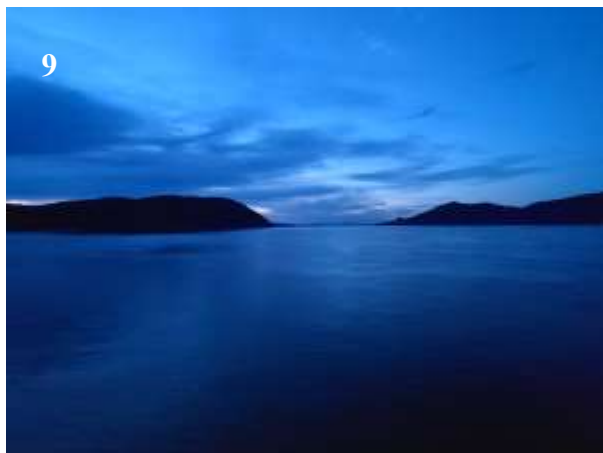


## Scenic Overload 2024! *(continued)*

Our first hard-to-get reservation was at **Vinnie's in Sacramento, CA (6)** for some necessary repairs. We had a Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> appointment to get our front-end separation dealt with. Vinnie met us, briefed us on the repair plan, and said it would be ready for pick up on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

We have a good friend that lives near **Joshua Tree National Park, (7)** southern CA, so we drove down there to hang out with him until the trailer was done. He has a jeep and a couple motorcycles so we had some adventures there.

We got up stupid early on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June in order to get back to Sacramento before close of business (about 500 miles). Vinnie had the Airstream ready to go, so off we went in search of a place to camp. Of course, we didn't have reservations anywhere so we wandered north. We tried to get into Lassen Volcanic National Park, CA but the road was closed due to snow. We ended up boondocking somewhere near there on some national forest property.



After that we found a spot near **Shasta Lake (8)** in northern California. We spent a couple nights there and managed to go hiking and kayaking around the lake.

***Beautiful!***

A few more miles north and we were in Oregon. We spent a couple days in Medford where we had the pages printed for the North to Alaska Caravan driver's book. From there we bee-lined it up to **Anacortes, Washington (9)** where we mooch docked with our dear friends Ed and Cheri. We spent nearly two weeks there enjoying the San Juan Island area.

While we were in Anacortes, we met up with two couples that are joining us on the North to Alaska Caravan. Mark and Connie & Jim and Suki were traveling together to the start in Dawson Creek, British Columbia (BC).

## Scenic Overload 2024! *(continued)*

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we finally crossed the border into Canada. My plan was to make our way up through Prince George, BC to get to Dawson Creek, BC. I was redirected by the “boss”, so we headed east-ish so that we could drive through **Glacier National Park in Canada (10)**. We found a few campsites on the way and enjoyed some nice hikes. **Roche Lake (11)** and **Revelstoke (12)** were two of our stops on the way.

We found ourselves on the **Ice Fields Parkway, Alberta (AB), Canada (13)**. OMG! I have seen some pretty spectacular views in my life but... OMG! We found a dry camping spot in the **Honeymoon Lake, AB, Canada (14)** area. We took advantage of the free firewood for a wonderful campfire after our lovely float around Honeymoon Lake. It was amazing to see how the glaciers carved the mountains over millennia. It took a good night's sleep to reset the scenic overload.

We continued our wandering northward until we found ourselves at a KOA in Hinton, Alberta, Canada. In this campground we met several other North to Alaska Caravan participants. We had an impromptu potluck dinner and started to get to know each other.

The next day we headed to the caravan starting point in Dawson Creek, BC. There were quite a few caravanners in Dawson Creek already. The caravan officially started on July 12<sup>th</sup>.



It's now the 1<sup>st</sup> of September and we are in Haines, Alaska. We spent the day whale watching on the way to and from Juneau. After the boat ride we went down the road a bit to Chilkoot Lake park and watched bears eating their fill of salmon.

This trip before the caravan has been a great adventure! I have many more stories to tell but I'm saving them for later. We'll be at Sedalia, MO for the ACI International Rally. Find us and we'll tell you all about it!

See you down the road!!  
Mike & Gina McGinn BRN 7226

# Hanna Park Rally

## July 4-8, Jacksonville, FL

The rally at the Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park in Jacksonville over the Independence Day weekend was a no-host event. The attendees were mostly from the Jacksonville area with two Airstreams traveling about 90 minutes each from Lake City and Ormond Beach.

The campground is just part of a much larger county park. There are miles of walking and biking trails as well as a both a freshwater inland lake and miles of beach on the Atlantic Ocean. There are kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and paddlewheel boats for rent at the lake as well as regular and e-bike rentals at the store – located just outside of the campground. Overall, it is a nice park, but the large daily attendance does leave upkeep of public facilities in need of a bit more attention.

The campground itself includes some 300 sites with water and electric, a number of bath houses, a laundry facility, and a nature center. Nearly all sites were surrounded by trees and foliage - so much so that it was easy to drive right past a campsite and not notice an Airstream tucked in with nature. The roads were a bit narrow and there were not many places to turn around – say if someone missed their turnoff on the first try.

The number of trees and foliage combined with this being a no-host event, did leave Florida Airstream Club members without an easy way to communicate and find each other (we will know better next time, now that we all realize what a great asset it is having a host). Several of us were out searching and our combined efforts located 8 Airstreams. Six of the Airstreams were affiliated with the Florida Airstream Club and those included some 15 occupants in total.



The other two Airstreams were occupied by singles. One was a campground host; and he was there for the season. The other was a woman with a new Bambi just getting started in camping.

Thanks to those that went out looking for other FAC members, we were able to have a get together as FAC member Diane Mahan and her niece Denise Milligan hosted a “Happy Hour” at their site for the group. The quotation marks around “Happy Hour” are due to alcohol being prohibited in the entire park and we had to “make do.”

FAC members present included the aforementioned Diane from Jacksonville in her 25’ Flying Cloud with her niece Denise. The Pitkat family made the short trip from Jacksonville with their 27’ Flying Cloud and included Erica & Frank as well as their daughters Sophia and Vivienne, plus their dog Maddox. Ray & Brenda McCuller were there from Jacksonville Beach in their 22’ Bambi Sport. Also arriving from Jacksonville were Karen & Jonathon Sandback in their 22’ Bambi FB as well as Cristie & Kyle Smith in their new Bambi 19. Traveling from Lake City with their 25’ Safari was Mike & Judy Corbett along with their daughter Meredith.

We all had a good time camping, exploring the park, and getting to know some other Airstream enthusiasts.  
Michael Corbett

# Hanna Park Rally

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## 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 Per person	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 Per person	Baypoint, FL	Mary's Fish Camp	Jeff and Mary Krabel, and Judy Barrett
Dec.	12/5/24	12/9/24	Cracker Christmas & Installation of Officers 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 are per person and should be paid online.



# ACI International Rally

## Oct. 5-10, Sedalia MO

We are looking forward to attending the 67th Airstream Club International (ACI) international rally at the Missouri State Fairgrounds in Sedalia, MO on Oct. 5-10, 2024. There are multiple activities planned for educating, entertaining, exhibiting, exercising, socializing, touring, volunteering, and more. The best part is meeting familiar friends and making new ones who share common interests with you. There are many ways to learn and have "Fun in the Fall!"

So far I know of two families arriving on Friday, Oct. 4. If you would like to coordinate entering and parking with us, please contact me (see below). If you are arriving on a different day, let me know after you get parked so we can locate you!

If you need places to stay on your drive to Missouri, check out the [ACI Member Benefits](#) of using ACI Courtesy Parking or Harvest Hosts. Watch for an email this month (Sept.) about a new website that will be launched to make reservations easier (ACI Courtesy Parking powered by Harvest Host).

If you are going, then be sure to download the [Whova app](#) on your cell phone or computer and sign in with the email on record with ACI. Through the app you will be able to view the agenda, plan your schedule, access documents, locate who else is attending, and receive updates. There are so many opportunities during the rally, you may be overwhelmed, but the app helps you to personalize your schedule and plan get-togethers with your friends.

I also encourage you to become involved by volunteering on a committee or community service project (see next page). Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and help make the international rally a success. Opportunities are listed on the website <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024/committees-volunteers>

More information about the event is available in the summer 2024 issue of the *Blue Beret* as well as on the website <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2024>

Susan and David Poole #03988  
susyqmeetup14@gmail.com  
904-608-8563



### Region 3 Luncheon - REMINDER

LAST CHANCE to register for the Region 3 Luncheon to be held at this year's International Rally on Tuesday, October 8, 11:30 AM, Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall, \$20 per person. Menu: Herbed Chicken Dinner, Sides, Dessert, Beverage

Deadline to [register](#) or [cancel](#) is **Monday, September 9, 2024.**

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

We still need a few more volunteers to help out at the Region 3 info table in the Commercial Building. These volunteers will help hand out the paid luncheon tickets. [Click Here](#) for volunteer sign up form.

# ACI International Rally

## Oct. 5-10, Sedalia MO

### Community Service Opportunity at the International Rally

Whether you are attending this year's International Rally or not, you can participate in our community service project for 2024. We are partnering with the [Bothwell Foundation](#) to support their Pinktober campaign. Airstream Club International members have two ways to make a difference:



1. [Buy a Pinktober T-shirt](#) in support of all people who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Missouri, in October, has a lot of autumn colors, but **PINK** is the color that will make a difference in a lot of people's lives. Non-rally attendees can purchase T-shirts and have them mailed for a small fee (\$5).

<https://secure.ggiv.com/for/bothwellregionalhealthcenterfoundation/event/rally2024/>

The broader Sedalia community will be out wearing "Blue Jeans for Bothwell" on Wednesday, October 9. Rally attendees can join in the fun on Wednesday, by wearing Pinktober T-shirts, along with blue jeans. During that evening's rally entertainment, a group picture will be taken at the Airstream Club International band and choral concert. (Please feel free to wear your Pinktober T-shirt and blue jeans all day!)

2. This Community Service project with the Bothwell Foundation is also targeting the renovation of the Bothwell Regional Health Center patient rooms. The Bothwell Regional Health Center was built in 1985 and needs updates and modernization. With every \$10,000 donated to this effort, a patient room will be dedicated with naming rights in the donor's honor.

We plan to have a patient room at the Bothwell Regional Health Center dedicated to the 67<sup>th</sup> Airstream Club International Rally! Even if you are not attending this year's rally, you can contribute to this project by [clicking this link](#).

If you haven't read the article in the Blue Beret, Spring issue, page 44-46, about the 2024 community service project, [please check it out now](#).

If you have questions, or if you want to volunteer to help distribute the Pinktober T-shirts at the rally, please contact Rose Garland (BRN #6566) at 314-484-1272.

And, P.S., please continue to collect aluminum tabs for the Future Streamers Intra-Club's effort to support the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to everyone who has made even the smallest contribution to the success of the 67<sup>th</sup> Airstream Club International Rally in 2024 in Sedalia, Missouri!

# 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. Please register for one or both of these rallies on the FAC website to reserve a spot for this rally and pay the rally fee. . <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events>



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

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.

### Mon. Oct. 28

Arrive and set up your campsite on. We have reserved the 6000 row on the north side of the park. Follow the signs and someone will be there to assist you.

4:00 p.m. - Happy Hour at the Youth Pavilion

Dinner on your own

### Tue. Oct. 29

The day is open for you to explore the local area.

5:00 p.m. Happy hour and the Authentic So Cal food Truck will be at the Youth Pavilion.

Each camper will receive a voucher for you to order what you wish from there menu.

### Wed. Oct. 30

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting with a lunch to follow.

4:00 p.m. Happy Hour

Dinner on your own

### Thu. Oct. 31

The day will feature a full breakfast to get you ready to head down the road to Mary's Fish Camp. The trip is 30 miles, so there is no need to rush as check-in at Mary's is at 2 p.m.

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

Do call the campground to reserve your site. Contact Christi at 352-597-3474. Sites maybe limited.

### Thu. Oct. 31

Arrive and set up. Check in at the office as all sites are reserved in your name. The campground has gone through a massive upgrade. All sites now have gravel pads and sod as well as improved utilities.

4:00p.m. - Happy Hour at host campsite(#5)

Dinner on your own

### Fri. Nov. 1

A day to fish and relax.

5:00p.m. - Meet at Marker 48 Brewing. We have reserved seating in the beer garden.

There will be live music on the new stage and a food truck.

### Sat. Nov. 2

9:00a.m. - Breakfast at host campsite

4:00p.m. - Happy Hour

Dinner on your own

### Sun. Nov. 3

12:01 p.m. The Golden Mullet Fishing Tournament begins.

4:00 p.m. - Happy hour and awards presentation.

6:00 p.m. Fish Fry

### Mon. Nov. 4 - Safe Travels

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

## Cracker 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

**Registration for 2025 Rallies is now open.**

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?from=&to=&type=-1&state=-1&club=45864&list=1>  
 Be sure to make your reservation with campground first (unless otherwise instructed).

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	Mike and Gina McGinn	\$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="#">Devl's 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 Ab- bey Hanna Park</a>	Jacksonville, FL	Jeanne & Tom Scheitler Gina & Mike McGinn	\$20	
10/25		Annual Meet- ing	<a href="#">Kathryn Ab- bey 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 & Installation of Officers	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

**Christof Brenner**  
#08831  
Fort Myers, FL

**Gene & Natalie Gullickson**  
#12380  
Estero, FL

**Roy Mason**  
#28413  
Staines-upon-Thames,  
Berkshire, United Kingdom

**John & Teri Metzger**  
#05958  
Zephyrhills, FL

**Carol Whitacre & Ken Mills**  
#30136  
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Pinellas Park, FL

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Orlando, FL

**Tom & Tanya Yoesle**  
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## New Affiliates

**Christine & Marco Bickenbach**  
#04649  
Naples, FL

**Amy & Derek Coutant**  
#08784  
Orange Park, FL

**Tracy Hirsch**  
#09449  
Colden, NY

**Jodi & Anthony Ordoqui**  
#12774  
Geneva, IL

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



## Sunshine Committee Report

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

Our sympathies are extended to Kathy Wesp, whose husband, John Wesp passed away this summer. We were fortunate to meet them at our club's rally in Salt Springs this past March. Kathy's member number is #2475 if you wish to contact her.

Please send notifications for Sunshine Committee to:  
Deb Oppel  
[sunshine@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:sunshine@floridaairstreamclub.org)  
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**Airstream Club International. (ACI)** 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 South-eastern 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 relaxed atmospheres.

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

**Want to be an Affiliate?** If you are a member of another 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

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### Appointed Positions

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