



Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club

Pirate FYI's

Summer 2024



Message From Our Club President

Happy Summer Everyone! We had beautiful weather throughout Florida in April and May for the Florida Coastal Caravan, and I hope that those of you that were still here enjoyed it as well. I also hope that those of you that traveled to see the Solar Eclipse had a great time. Stephen and I are now in preparation mode for our upcoming journey up to Dawsons Creek, BC for the start of the North to Alaska Caravan that runs from July 12th to September 12th with stops at 26 campgrounds. We received lots of good advice from some of the participants on our Florida Coastal Caravan that have done the Alaska Caravan in the last few years. I think that is one of my favorite parts about Airstreaming – the camaraderie and the helpfulness of fellow Airstreamers – ranging from info to offer or hands on help with events, repairs, etc. Once we return from our Alaska journey, we have a fun-filled fall agenda with our November Airstream and the Arts Rally in Vero and the Holiday Rally in December in Sarasota.

As all of you head out on your own adventures this summer, please remember to send a blurb and some photos to Sharon Moura so she can add them to our next newsletter. We want to know all about your travels so we can all plan where we want to go next!!

Safe travels all!

Robin



Welcome New Members!

New Members:

- Andrew & Carolyn Fitzgerald – Vero Beach, FL
- Patrick Smith – St. Petersburg, FL
- Bruce & Terry Stephenson - Port Orange, FL
- Penny & Michael Williams - Daytona Beach, FL

New Affiliate Members:

- John & Caroline Carnuccio – Naples, FL
- Brenda Mills & John Thomson – West Palm Beach, FL



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.



Adventure Awaits!

- **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** along with South Florida Airstream Club and Florida Suncoast Airstream Club at Sarasota Fairgrounds. **Hosts: Volunteers are needed!**
- **February date TBD – Disney Fort Wilderness Rally**
- **August 23-28, 2025: International Rally, York, PA**



Road-Tips




With the heat wave that we are experiencing your air conditioners are working harder than ever to keep you cool. With the demand of amperage from your air conditioning units, your connectors, plugs, breakers, and power polls are working harder than ever. Maintaining your connectors and cables will help to prevent any overheating issues.

Follow this link to learn more. <https://rvelectricity.substack.com/p/baby-its-hot-outside>



Airstream Eats!

Easy meal for cleaning out fridge on a HOT summer night

Just mix shrimp with vegetables  chopped  or broccoli  or shred zucchini and any other food that mixed up with oil /vinegar/spices that feels appetizing. Mix in bowl and serve with crackers. Yummy. Different every time!

Make Ahead and Freeze

Take out ahead for on-the-road traveling or when coming into the campsite and you are too tired to cook.



Tammy Dinneen's Ideas

On our extended camping season, we like to bring a crockpot, electric skillet, and a small air fryer in addition to the grill and Blackstone griddle.

I use the crockpot (for easy cleanup or storage use the crockpot liners) for dinner meals when we go sightseeing that way it's almost done when we return. I also like to make ahead shredded chicken in the crockpot (there are so many different dishes you can make with this) for lunches (BBQ pulled chicken by heating it up with BBQ sauce) or for less stressful dinners on travel days (mix in a can of black beans, peppers and onions along with salsa or make chicken tacos, quesadillas, or chicken & pasta, chicken chili, chicken soup; the list is endless).

Crockpot Shredded Chicken:

- Add to the crockpot
 - 2lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts
 - 1cup chicken broth
 - 1 fajita or taco mix envelope
- OR
- Season with salt, pepper, Italian seasoning, garlic powder & onion powder
 - Cook on low 4-6 hrs High 2-3 hrs internal temp 165°F
 - remove from crockpot use 2 forks to shred the chicken

We like to use the electric skillet for frying bacon, fish, pork chops Outside to keep the smell, mess and heat out of the Airstream.

We use the air fryer to crisp up certain leftovers, make chicken wings, toast bread or bagels, bake a sweet potato, make hard boiled eggs, grilled cheese sandwich's or any hot sandwich; endless ideas for use

Hungry for more ideas? Download this Harvest Host recipe book for 100 pages of amazing recipes with ingredient lists, step-by-step instructions, and tantalizing pictures. https://www.harvesthosts.com/resources/50-simple-and-easy-rv-camping-recipes?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw0_WyBhDMARIsAL1Vz8vnILUpjiLTn_4yCvsgI6Ed6QBNL3XD2QIxbIJUIcDzjn2cs_KnLx8aAjL2EALw_wcB



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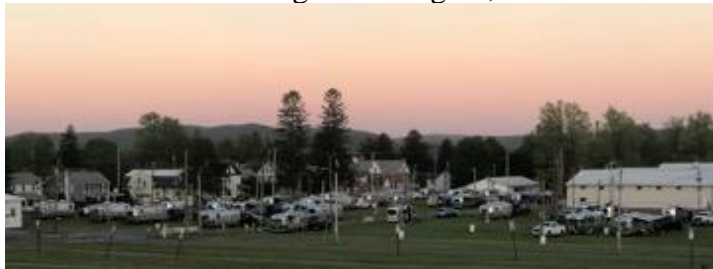
1. I am sorry for this newsletter being so delayed. I have been thoroughly enjoying downtime from work on the Viking Caravan and my broken foot has not kept me down!
2. A big thank you to all the summer newsletter content contributors!!
3. Please send your stories, ideas and inspirations for inclusion in the fall newsletter. We love to hear from all of you!
4. In the next newsletter we want to include a section on Airstreaming with Pets including your fur baby pictures. Send us a paragraph and a pic!



Club Members On The Move.

Virginia, Region 3 Rally: Ed & Angie Koehler

We recently returned from a four-week trip to the Pennsylvania area to attend a family wedding. As we were making plans for our return trip, we noticed that we would be passing through in time to attend the Region 2 Spring Rally at Centre County Fairgrounds in Center Hall, Pennsylvania. We received a cordial greeting as first timers on our arrival at the Fairgrounds. Close to forty campers were on site for the event and despite the rainy and windy weather, we had a chance to visit with fellow Airstreamers from Region 2 which covers Ontario, Canada through the mid-Atlantic states southward through Washington, DC.



The next highlight of our return trip was our visit to Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park in Copper Creek, Virginia. The views from our full hookup hilltop perch were spectacular and our timing was perfect to view the Northern Lights show. A visit to nearby Floyd didn't disappoint as we had heard stories of its small-town charm. We were fortunate to be in Floyd for the Center for the Arts House and Garden Tour, which included several of the Airstreams at Highland Haven.



As we returned to Florida with its summer heat and humidity, memories of the cool, blustery days of our spring trip carry us through until we begin our travels north in a few weeks for the remainder of the summer.

Viking Caravan, Newfoundland Canada: Sharon & Joe Moura

We are on the Viking Caravan (June 24th to August 18th). We are currently in St. John's Newfoundland, just past the halfway mark. We highly recommend this well-organized and unique caravan. Newfoundland is a very special place with amazing views around every corner and wonderfully generous people. The hiking is spectacular; however, I (Sharon) broke my foot in 3 places on the drive up so have been unable to partake. Highlights so far have been the stunning views, the seafood dinners, the local music, the whales, the adorable puffins and all the fun-loving people we meet with their distinctive dialect (Yes B'ys!) and wonderful stories.



Eclipse, Region 3 Rally and a Road trip: Tammy Dinneen

Joe & I began our travels early this year to join Lea & Robert Stanton and Rosemarie & Richard Kistler to Region 5's Total Solar Eclipse Rally in Columbus, IN. We really enjoyed their company on our little caravan to these rallies! Oh the sights we saw!

We met up with Rosemarie & Richard Kistler. In Nashville we enjoyed lunches, breakfast, live music and a tour of the Cummins Plant. We thought our shadows looked crisp, more vivid during the eclipse. On our way we stopped at Natural Bridge Sky Lift. Then to Region 3's Rally in Doswell, VA with the Stanton's, meeting up with Joe & Sue Smedley.

After the Region 3 Rally we continued on a Northerly route to hike an old train tunnel near Rockfish Gap in Shenandoah and a visit to Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's Mansion. Then continued southeast to look for sharks teeth in the Potomac; visited friends in Lewes, De; hopped on the ferry to Cape May saw a couple of lighthouses and a whale, stayed at the Jersey Shores Haven an Airstream Park and a quick visit to Hard Rock to collect a pin.

Our route took us through NY, CT then landing in Narragansett, RI camping near the coast. Spring has Sprung there are Beautiful flowers everywhere! Our trip north into Massachusetts was also very special to us!! We Finally saw THE AURORA BOREALIS and had lobster rolls from the lobster boat

We are now in Maine, visited the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens. We finally got to see rhododendrons in bloom too!

Take Care Everyone, more to come as our adventure continues through Nova Scotia to Newfoundland & Labrador!!





Around The World: Barbara Coulson

This is a continuation of my other two articles that I have done for my World International Trip (WIT).

After leaving Pisa, I journeyed by train to Copenhagen with stops in: Trento, Italy; Kufstein and Linz, Austria; Prague and Litomerice, Czech Republic, finally flying to Copenhagen to start a tour with my friend Barbara Santek.

You might be asking yourself why I would go to Litomerice? In 2019, I met a family in Prague after finding their geocaching trackable in New Hampshire. I have been friends with them ever since carrying their pink frog everywhere I go. I haven't entirely put all of these miles on this trackable, but a good many of them. The pink frog from Prague has gone 173,886.7 miles. That is almost 7 times around the earth. We had a wonderful visit and of course did more geocaching.

Before the Scenic Scandinavian Tour with Trafalgar, Barbara Santek and I stayed on a centrally located houseboat in Copenhagen for three days. It was nice to sit on the deck in the evening and wave to the different boats that went up-and-down the canal and toast our glasses of wine to them. We had a great time touring this amazing city with their fabulous architecture. We even went to visit Frederiksborg Castle built in 1620 by taking the train. Copenhagen has a great city pass that lets you travel all means of transportation and get into museums and attractions as well for not too much money. If you want to do a great deal of sightseeing, this is the way to go.

Our tour started in Copenhagen, Denmark where we ferried to Stranget, Norway and ended in Stockholm, Sweden. We saw beautiful scenery, many waterfalls, stayed at the end of a fjord (in Geirangerfjord), visited a farm – owned and operated by the oldest daughter (a custom in Norway – the oldest child inherits the farm), went to Lillhammer where the 1994 Winter Olympics were held, visited outdoor museums with Stave Churches and villages from the 12th to 15th century, onto Oslo to see Vigeland Park, the Opera House, and more, finally discovering Stockholm.

My next tour was the OATs Nordic Tour where I started in Helsinki, the capital of Finland. Next we flew to Santa's North Pole for lunch, crossed over into Sweden's Lapland to stay at the Artic Lodge in Tärendö where we fed and cleaned cages for 130 Huskies. We took a bus to Kiruna and toured the world's largest underground iron ore mine, the LKAB. The entire town evolves around the mine. They are even moving

people and churches since part of the town is starting to be taken up by the sinking land that is swallowing up parts of the town. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/feb/05/why-a-swedish-town-is-on-the-move-one-building-at-a-time-kirkuna-arctic-circle>.

We also had a home visit with a nurse in Kiruna. Onto Narvik, Norway WWII museum. Norway was treated very harshly by the Germans in WWII. After we continued our trip down the coast with a stay in Svolvær. When our flight in Svolvær was canceled we went to visit Henningsvær and saw a soccer field that takes up the end of the peninsula. <https://www.gettyimages.no/photos/henningsvaer-stadium>

We also visited a Sami village and fed reindeers. Went to a Ice Hotel where you can spend the night in season for \$1200/night. We didn't spend the night. Plus many other activities.

After getting our flight out of Svolvær, which required us to take a bus to another airport due to the short runway and fog. Plus missing our connection in Oslo, our group finally landed in Bergen for our final night of the tour. (The joys of traveling)

After Bergen, I flew back for 3 days to Oslo. When I booked my airbnb I thought the fourth floor wouldn't be a problem even if it didn't have an elevator. After

Traveling for some 170 days, I have worked myself up to 2 big suitcases. That was not the easiest trick to carry two big suitcases up three flights of stairs with 20 steps each. I had fun in Oslo visiting the opera house and seeing a ballet called A Dance Tribute to the Art of Football. (It's different) Visiting the Munch museum and City Hall with its elaborate floor to ceiling artwork.

By the time this newsletter comes out, I will be on another tour of the Northern United Kingdom with a trip to Wales and Scotland.

I have seen so many wonderful things and met so many gracious and kind people. I love how these European countries treat their elderly. They see me with my walking stick and my two suitcases and are always willing to help me get on and off the train, carry my things upstairs or downstairs, etc. I feel there is still hope for this world. People are generally nice and kind.

Thanks to all my well organized, efficient and knowledgeable tour guides. You are hard working and do a fantastic job.

I am still posting pictures and commenting on them on Facebook. Check them out. If you are not a friend of mine and can not see my posts, just send me a note on messenger or an email at RVFLY48@GMAIL.COM. We'll become friends.

See you down the road.

