

# Fun Times Newsletter

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**Our Mission Statement**  
South Florida Airstream Club is a  
welcoming family of  
Airstream owners who invite and mentor  
others to experience the adventure and  
fun of Airstream travel.

## President's Message

Submitted By: David Robshaw, President

Greetings, Unit 30 friends!

Linda and I have landed near Olympia, WA, for a few weeks at the Washington Land Yacht Harbor. We're here for an extended period (through at least mid-September) because we are awaiting the birth of our first grandchild. Our daughter Melissa and her husband Adam (both military pilots) own a home just minutes away from the Harbor.

Adam (Army) flies out of Joint Base Lewis McChord near here. Melissa (Air Force) is based in New Mexico but will arrive here in early September to have the baby. So, we're helping Adam get the house ready for granddaughter Gwyn Penelope.

The Washington Land Yacht Harbor ("The Harbor," as it's known to the locals) is an interesting "Airstream Only" community. There are "sticks and bricks" homes here, but to buy one you MUST be a member of ACI and own an Airstream product. Every residence has an Airstream motorhome, trailer, or B-van parked outside. It's cool! Additionally, the Harbor has a very large "terrport," featuring level gravel sites with full hook-ups for itinerant or short-term visitors. Near the terrport is Harmony Hall, a massive community building with fantastic capacity and a commercial kitchen for hosting rallies and meetings. The rates at the terrport are very affordable, and discounts are provided to members of the Washington Airstream Club. (Guess who's an affiliate!) Did you know that in addition to the Washington Land Yacht Harbor here near Olympia, there are several other Airstream only parks across the country that provide similar features? These include but aren't limited to:

- Mystic Springs (north of Pensacola near the FL/GA line)
- Minnesota Airstream Park (southeast of St. Cloud, MN)
- Penn Wood Airstream Park (in western PA, near Clarion)
- Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park (southwest of Roanoke, VA)
- Top of Georgia Airstream Park (north of Helen, GA)
- Silver Oaks Airstream Park (near Corpus Christi, TX)
- Ponderosa Pines Airstream Park (near Show Low, AZ)
- Tennessee Cumberland Plateau Campground (TCPC, southwest of Crossville, TN)
- North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC, located south of Dallas/Fort Worth, TX)
- Texas Airstream Harbor (southeast of Lufkin, near Zavalla, TX)
- Jersey Shore Airstream Haven (between Atlantic City and Cape May, NJ)

Have you been to any of these? If so, would you consider writing a review or recommendation for our newsletter? Anyway, we're having a ton of fun in the Harbor with our Washington Airstream Club friends. We attended the "Salmon Rally" here at the Harbor earlier this month, and in a few weeks, will join them on Whidbey Island near Deception Pass State Park for another. Earlier on our way out to the west coast while stopped in Carson City, NV, we happened upon an opportunity to rally with another club, the Lake Tahoe Airstream Club, on a beautiful reservoir not far from Yosemite National Park. Have you ever joined another club for one of their rallies?

We are amazed by the opportunities our Airstream provides us, from convenience in lodging at an Airstream Only Park, to meeting many new friends in different Airstream clubs across the country. The chance to stay and rally with them too isn't just fun – it's invaluable to us. We hope that Airstream ownership rewards you in the same way. For those of you keeping up with our "Capitol's Quest," we got Carson City, NV, Sacramento, CA, and Salem, OR since our last update. We're up to 18 and hope to hit four more on our way to Sedalia! See you there?

Travel safely, friends. We'll see you soon!  
David (and Linda)



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**SFAC Unit 30 Treasurer's Report, August 11, 2024**

**Submitted By: Linda Laviano, Treasurer**

The club checking account balance is \$1,251.56. The savings account balance is \$11,827.55 The total of both accounts is \$13,079.11

Income results from monthly deposits from ACI for membership dues paid to International. The club had no expenses/debits since the last report in May.

*If you have an idea for a new section to be created on the Club's Fun Times Newsletter, please send the information via email to the Editor at: [ec9332@verizon.net](mailto:ec9332@verizon.net)*

## My World Trip (Part Three)

Submitted By: Barbara Colson

**This is a continuation of Barbara Colson's World International Trip.**



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 Stranger, 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 Arctic 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>.



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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 Henningsvæer 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.

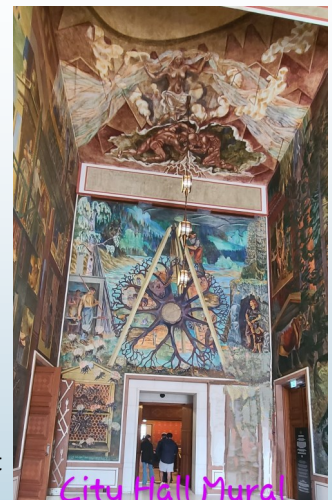
By the time this newsletter comes out, I will be on another tour of the Northern United Kingdom with a trip to Wales and Scotland.

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](mailto:RVFLY48@GMAIL.COM). We'll become friends.

See you down the road.



# My Adventure to South Shetland Islands & the Antarctic Peninsula

Submitted By: Tom Henderson (BRN 4650)



I had a unique camping adventure in January when I got to spend the night sleeping on the ice of Antarctic. It was part of a 9-night round trip cruise from Ushuaia, Argentina, to the South Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula on the Atlas World Traveler. We had near perfect weather for the entire trip so had been able to enjoy several zodiac rides and shore excursions to rescue stations, abandoned whale oil facilities and research sites. There had been numerous opportunities to view wildlife including three types of penguins, numerous sea birds, seals, whales and porpoises from both the ship and a shore.

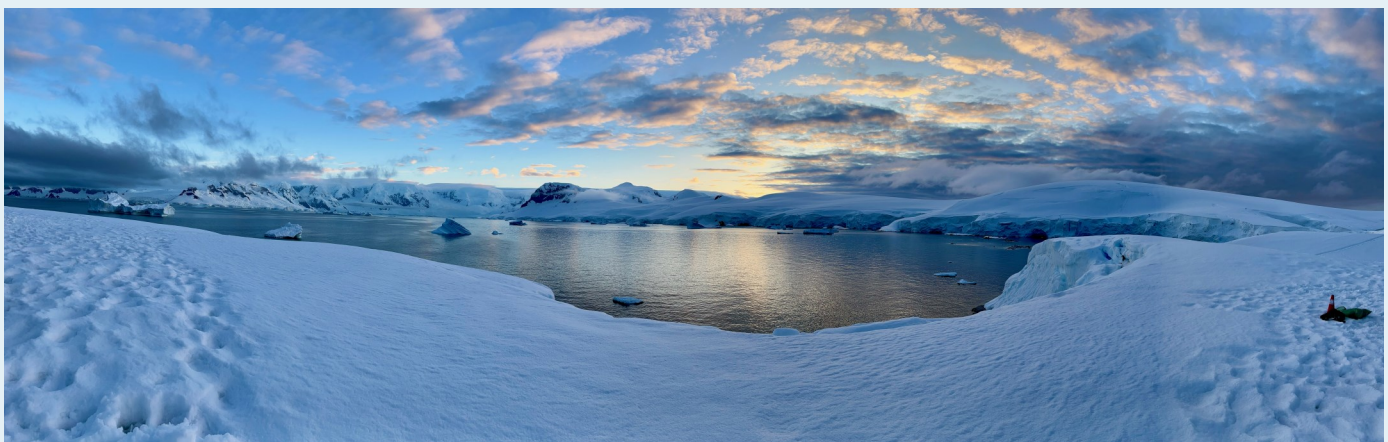
The weather held so on the final night in Antarctic waters the 18 of us who were signed up for the camping experience were called to the Mud Room along with three crew members who would spend the night with us for a final briefing. We dressed and rode Zodiacs to the beach in beautiful Neko Harbor. The cove is surrounded by high mountains and the largest glaciers we had seen so far in the trip. On the beach we each grab a bag containing our camping equipment: a foam ground pad, an inflatable mattress, sleeping bag, bag liner, blanket, folding chair and shovel.

We climbed to the top of a small hill, spread out and commenced to dig out a rectangular hole about a foot deep in which to sleep. The idea of the hole is to eliminate the accumulated snow so you slept on the ice and to provide some shelter from the wind. Fortunately, there was no wind that night. After getting situated, we took time to enjoy the beautiful 360-degree view from our hilltop. The landscapes and the clouds were just breath taking.

The usual low clouds parted a bit and there was some sunshine and blue sky. As it was summer and we were near the Antarctica Circle, the sun did not set until about 11:00PM and it never really got very dark. About 11:30PM we all crawled into our bags. It took a while but I finally was able to get comfortable on the hard ice and got about five hours sleep. The temperature was a comfortable 28°F in my 0°F sleeping bag.

Those of us camping were awakened a little after 5AM. We packed up our gear and filled in our sleeping holes. Everyone who participated thoroughly enjoyed this unique opportunity. Back on the ship, we enjoyed a hot shower, hot beverage and a snack while waiting for the other travelers to start their day and joining us for a hardy breakfast.

Atlas is a new brand based in Fort Lauderdale which operates several small luxury expedition ships which carry 194 or less passengers on Antarctic cruises. There were only 148 on my cruise. They are perfect for Airstream's who do not want to vacation with thousands or even hundreds on other type ships and where the focus is unique natural experiences with a bit of luxury.





# Our Taste of the Blue Ridge Caravan – 2024

Submitted By: Lewis Fogel

When Judi and I joined the Taste of the Blue Ridge (TOBR) Caravan on May 14<sup>th</sup>, we had no preconceived idea of what to expect. I should have turned to the dictionary to understand better what we were in store for.

## Taste verb

*to ascertain the flavor of by taking a little into the mouth*

*to eat or drink, especially in small quantities*

*to perceive or recognize as if by the sense of taste*

*to become acquainted with by experience*

The dictionary was correct; we experienced all of those things.

We left South Florida on April 28<sup>th</sup> and visited our summer cottage in Linville, North Carolina. We then drove a short distance to our meeting place in Whittier, NC, where we met our leaders (Leslie and Steve Lovett and the co-leaders Diane and Bill Byrum). The leaders were excellent, but more on that later. At this first stop, we were introduced to 30 total strangers who quickly became our new friends, so much so that one couple (Terese and Tom Houle) decided to join Unit 30.

The caravan was action-packed. We visited beautiful parks, historic places, and exciting and adventurous activities, such as whitewater rafting, zip lining, RTVing, and a 17-mile bike ride down the Virginia Creeper. But I am getting ahead of myself.

While at Whittier, we visited the Museum of Cherokee Indians and the Oconaluftee Indian Village. And, of course, we had our first of four GAMs” (Get Acquainted Meeting).

Different caravanners host those meetings, and the GAMs allowed us to break the ice and get to know one another in a small, intimate gathering. When it was our turn to host, Lewis set out many various alcoholic miniatures along with other drinks and snacks. Days later, we were told that some of the people who came to us that night loved our GAM, as they were not sure they could bring even just a beer to the meeting and loved our selection of beverages.

The next morning, we headed to the Nantahala Outdoor Center for White Water Rafting. OMG, we had a blast. Judi and I managed to stay in the raft, but we came close to falling out! The water was icy cold, but the guides were warm and friendly. And yes, that was a first for the two of us. Before the caravan started, I set up several WhatsApp groups. (Sound familiar?) These groups allowed our leaders and fellow Airstreamers to stay in constant touch.



From Whittier, we drove to Asheville, NC, where we met Pam and Tim McDow, who happened to be in the area. It was great seeing them, and we had a lovely dinner followed by an ice cream social hosted by our caravan. Of course, Maize was the star of the show. While in Asheville, we visited the Biltmore and had the opportunity to see a Chihuly exhibit. Words can't express the exhibit or the Biltmore. (And yes, we had been there before, but there is always so much to see and learn at the Biltmore.) The next day, we had a magnificent brunch at the historic OMNI Grove Park Inn. Talk about tasting!

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Submitted By: Lewis Fogel

The food was incredible and way too plentiful. Thank goodness we had activities planned to work off some of those calories. We did that by going to the Navitat Zip Line Center. It was not my first time Ziplining, but this place, by far, was the best. We had excellent guides, and the surroundings were spectacular.



Please remember that as we moved from place to place on the Blue Ridge Parkway, we all had ample time to stop and see the sites along the way. The Parkway was started in the 1930s and completed in the early 1980s. If you have been on the Parkway, you know how beautiful it is, and if you haven't, you will want to go.

I won't bore you with all the great stories of excellent meals in the campgrounds and restaurants. I will need to go to the gym to lose a few extra pounds, which I found along the way. If food and beverage are your thing, Asheville won't disappoint you, and neither will this caravan. We tasted our way everywhere we visited. During our stay in Asheville, I managed to get on a nice bike ride along a lovely greenway.

When we left Asheville, we returned to the Blue Ridge and went to Spruce Pine. There, we camped at a gorgeous park deep in the woods. Some of our fellow campers went to Linville Falls Hiking Trails, Linville Gorge, and Linville Winery. Judi and I own a small cottage nearby, so we went to our house and got it ready to host some of our fellow caravanners for a hot-dog lunch.

Our next stop was Boone. We went to Grandfather Mountain (stunning views) and the Linn Cove Viaduct. Fortunately, the weather was not too cold, and the wind was calm—I have been there many times when it's not that way. While in Boone and places before Boone, we heard excellent Bluegrass music. Some were in parks along the Blue Ridge, some were in small breweries, and others were in theatres. But the common denominator was that all had a good time. The second night in Boone, I headed up a cookout that featured several Webber grills and Blackstone griddles.

Each person brought their protein, and the grillers cooked it up for them. Before that, Judi had gone to Publix and ordered a ½ sheet cake for dessert.



While in Boone, we drove to Virginia and rode the 17-mile Virginia Creeper, my favorite activity. The ride was almost all downhill, and the scenery was serene and peaceful. After that activity, we had the best chicken wings we had ever had at the Wicked Chicken Winghouse and Tavern.



Our next stop along the Blue Ridge Parkway was in Galax (Virginia). Given that the Blue Ridge was undergoing some repairs, we had to detour off the Parkway to get to our campground. If you ever plan to visit the Blue Ridge in the summer, you should also be prepared to encounter

occasional road closures. The campground (Cool Breeze) was very nice, and they had an excellent place to gather for a delicious Brisket Dinner that was hand prepared by our co-leader Bill Byrum. The next day (free day), some of our fellow Airstreamers went to Mt. Airy, NC (think Andy of Mayberry). Instead, we chose to see another vital place (the local barber and the laundromat). We went to a local theater to hear some excellent bluegrass music that evening. We returned to Blue Ridge Parkway the following day and attended another great outdoor concert with two bands at the Folk Music Center. We sat in a park, listening to good bands and snacking cheese and crackers. Does it get any better?



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Submitted By: Lewis Fogel



The following day, after our driver’s meeting, Judi and I hooked up and headed to the Sedalia Center, where we volunteered to be parkers. This would be our first and only Boondocking experience on the Caravan, and since we had both been parkers a few times in Canada, we knew we could handle it.

The following day, we had an excellent guided tour of the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia. Our experience there was touching and profound. It gave me goosebumps as we walked and listened to the stories of the *finest generation*. Talk about making history come alive! It would not be a “taste” of the Blue Ridge if we didn’t have multiple culinary experiences.

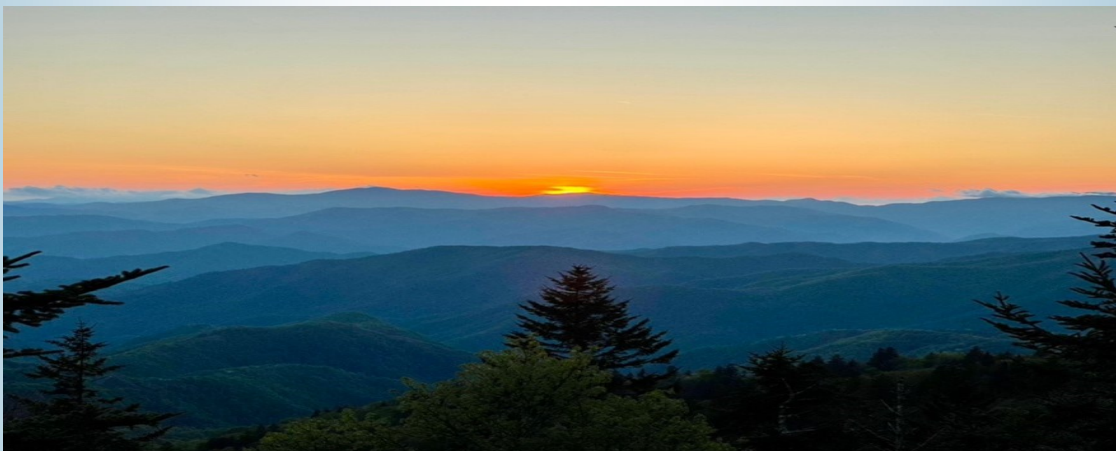
Fellow caravanners Ellen and Ralph Olsen treated us all to homemade pizza in the pizza oven they travel with. (Besides their Pizza oven, they travel with a Blackstone grill and a Webber barbeque – don’t you love foodies?)

I take my hat off to Ralph, who baked 26 pizzas. The following night, our leaders (Leslie and Steve Lovett) conducted a Dutch Oven class, and we had another fantastic meal, this time prepared with Dutch Ovens. While in the area, Judi and I visited Poplar Forest. Thomas Jefferson designed the plantation and used it as a private retreat (think Camp David) and revenue-generating plantation. We also drove to see the Natural Bridge State Park, a limestone gorge carved out of Cedar Creek.

Our seventh and last stop along the Blue Ridge was Greenwood, Virginia. We had a guided tour of Monticello, Jefferson's primary plantation. I had very mixed emotions about visiting the plantations. But at the same time, he was the third President of the United States, and history is part of this country. The guides did an outstanding job speaking about the enslaved people. They described in detail what the slaves were made to endure, and they did not try to sugarcoat any of it. And, of course, we had another great meal, this one at Michie Tavern. Being so close to Charlottesville, we had to stop at a winery and sample their goods. (The whites were actually delicious).

And no National Caravan would be complete without a Final Banquet. Yours truly headed it up and acted as the MC.

During our trip, we all had an opportunity to teach and learn from one another, make new friends, and “taste” the Blue Ridge in every sense of the word. If you have not already signed up for the next Taste of the Blue Ridge <https://airstreamclub.org/2025-taste-blue-ridge-caravan> I suggest you do. Just be prepared to gain a few pounds. LOL







## **Pop-up Summer Socials**

*Submitted by: Linda Laviano and Dave Robshaw*

*Summertime is not ideal camping weather in Florida, but that doesn't stop the club from getting together for some social time.*

*In May, Suzy and George Caldwell hosted a group gathering at Quarterdeck in Fort Lauderdale. It was a great opportunity to catch up with Pam and Tim McDow, Michelle and Mo Lacayo, Debbie and Rick Clawson, Tony and Donna Laurie, and Frankie and Donna Montagnino in a laid-back setting with great food.*



*In June, Judy Harrison and Elwyn Exum hosted the west coast group at Mattison's Riverwalk Grill in Bradenton. Michael and Christy Kruklinski, Jill Rabb, Dennis McClain and Kendace Madsen, Emilio and Shirley Caragol, and new members, Jenifer and Paul Squeglia enjoyed dinner and each other's company.*



*Our club thrives on connections and camaraderie and these pop-up socials are perfect for keeping in touch during the "off season." If you have a favorite restaurant, brewery, ice cream shop, or gathering place you would like to host a pop-up at, let us know and we're certain that a few Airstreamers will show up.*

## Unit 30 Technical Discussions

Via WhatsApp

Submitted By: David Robshaw

Interesting article concerning the possibility of getting Hot-Skin Voltage happen without being plugged into power.

[Can Hot-Skin Voltage Happen Without Being Plugged Into Power \(Part 1\) \(substack.com\)](http://substack.com)

This video provides a good look at some basic maintenance that should be performed regularly. Even though the rig in the video is not an Airstream the system is comparable.

[RV Black Tank Cleaning, Maintenance, Tips & Tricks - The Original Black Tank Master Class \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com)

Good article explaining the basics of Boondocking. A comprehensive how-to guide for a great trip.

[Boondocking: A comprehensive how-to guide for a great trip - RV Travel](http://RVTravel.com)



*The 67th Annual International Rally will be at the Missouri Fairgrounds in Sedalia, Missouri.*

*It's the first time an International Rally will be held in the fall. Golf Carts Available for Rental via ACI*

*SFAC Tim McDow is planning a caravan from Florida to Sedalia, MO. If you are interested in participating in this caravan please contact Tim at: [mcdow.tim@gmail.com](mailto:mcdow.tim@gmail.com)*



## From the Unit 30 Grill - Recipe of the Month

### Instant Pot Smoked Sausage and Potatoes with Green Beans

Author: Kristen Chidgey Submitted By: ReShelle Enoch

Prep Time 2 mins Cook Time 2 mins Pressure Time 10 mins Total Time 15 mins

Main Course American, Polish Serving 6 384 kcal

**Equipment:** Electric Pressure Cooker (6 or 8 quart)

#### **Ingredients:**

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced onion optional
- 1-pound smoked sausage sliced into 1/2 inch pieces
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 2 pounds potatoes cubed
- 32 ounces canned green beans drained
- 1 teaspoon Cajun seasoning

#### **Instructions:**

- 1- Turn Instant pot to sauté and allow to heat up for a minute or two.
- 2- Add in olive oil, sausage, and the minced onion. Sauté for 2 – 3 minutes, or until the sausage begins to be brown and the onions soften. Turn the Instant Pot OFF.
- 3- Add in the stock and scrape up the browned bits on the bottom of the pot.
- 4- Add in potatoes on top of the sausage and sprinkle with Cajun seasoning. Add drained green beans on top of sausage.
- 5- Close the instant pot and seal the vent knob to seal.
- 6- Hit manual or pressure cook and adjust cook time to 2 minutes on HIGH pressure.
- 7- Once cooking time has elapsed, let pressure release naturally for at least 5 minutes. Then do a quick release of pressure by hitting the vent knob from sealed to venting, being careful to stand away from the steam being released. You can also let the pressure release naturally.
- 8- Stir together the ingredients and serve.

#### **Notes:**

**Chicken Stock:** Use 1 cup stock for a 6-quart Instant Pot and 1.5 cups stock for an 8-quart Instant pot. You can also use water in a pinch.

**Cook Time:** 2 minutes cook time will cook the potatoes to a creamy, soft consistency. If you want your potatoes just fork tender, but still somewhat firm, set cooking time for only 1 minute.

**Smoked Sausage:** Use any type of precooked smoked sausage or kielbasa you like. I am looking for an organic variety that is nitrate-free, MSG-free, preservative-free, and lower in sodium. You can also use turkey or chicken sausage to cut the amount of fat significantly.

**Cajun Seasoning:** Can be replaced with seasoned salt, ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon garlic powder, and ¼ teaspoon paprika.

**Leftovers:** Can be stored in the fridge for up to 4 days in a sealed container. This recipe does not freeze well.

**Sodium Content:** To control the level of sodium, use low sodium stock, rinse canned green beans or use no salt added canned beans, and omit the salt or cut in half the amount of salt in the homemade Cajun seasoning.

**Green Beans:** By all means, use fresh trimmed green beans in place of the canned beans if that is what you prefer.

**Speed it up:** Instead of sautéing the sausage and onions, simply layer the potatoes, onions, Cajun seasoning, sliced sausage, and green beans in that order in the inner pot. Pour in the chicken broth and cook for 2 minutes on high pressure with a 5 minute natural pressure release.

Enjoy!

## Travel Adventures and Photos Wanted

We are looking for your travel adventure stories and photos .

*Do you have a great trip you want to write about for the newsletter?*

*Tell us about your travels and experiences on the road.*

*Thank you to those of you who have sent us stories and photos.*

**Send them to:**

[ec9332@verizon.net](mailto:ec9332@verizon.net)

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*“The Editor reserves the sole right to edit and publish your articles/pictures along with your name in one of the upcoming Fun Times”*



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2.0 Battery Charger (2)

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2.0 Premium Headlight (2)

2.0 Bike Lock (2)

Cargo Bag (2)

Security Cable (2)

Bike Stands (2)

Bontrager C Helmet Grey & Blue (2)



**Bike has 31 Miles**



**Bike has 17 Miles**



# THE SECRET BEHIND THE MAGIC OF OUR RALLIES

## South Florida Airstream Club Planning Guidelines

January 21, 2023

### **PLANNING TEAM:**

The planning team will consist of the President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and Past President. This team will plan the master calendar dates keeping in mind that we want to extend each rally through the weekend to encourage attendance by members who may still be working. This team will identify the region of Florida that will be targeted for each of the rallies. This team will identify areas for future rallies within a **2 year time frame**. This team will solicit new camping venues from the members.

### **LOGISTICS TEAM:**

The Logistics Team will consist of the 1<sup>st</sup> VP, the 2 one year Trustees, and 2 club members from different families. This team will develop the schedule for each rally. This will include the day, time of day for each activity and will also include free time. The schedule may be adjusted as the Action Teams share their suggestions.

One or more members of this team will visit the campground to assess arrival information or campground information that must be shared with the members. This team will work with the Communications Team (Fun Times, Facebook, Website) to create enthusiasm and to promote attendance at the rallies.

**The Logistics Team will contact individual members to be in charge of one small activity at the rally.** The objective is to involve members in a variety of activities at future rallies. This team will provide the Action Team with specific written job descriptions. This team will work with the Member Outreach Team to recognize new members and invite them to share their interests with the club members at some time during this rally.

### **ACTION TEAM:**

One member (family unit) will be responsible for one small activity during a rally. The person organizing an activity may ask other members to help if needed. The idea is to have many others helping. This team will be provided a specific written job description.

### **MEMBER OUTREACH TEAM:**

Team leader chooses 2 additional members for the team. Here are some of the important activities of this team.

- Contacts new members
- Phone call/email welcome to new members
- Introduces new attendees at the rally
- Recognizes birthdays and anniversaries through a phone call and at the next rally.
- Informs new members of Facebook page and privileges

### **COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**

- **Fun Times Editor** email newsletter to all members
- **Directory Editor** keeps the membership list updated and sends a directory to new members.
- **Facebook Administrator** (chooses 2 members as manager assistants) to keep page updated with club information, monitors posts and enters new members to our page. Will keep the WBAC website up to date with club activities.

## South Florida Airstream Club Event Schedule

Please note that dates are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

The club's social media posts and your email inbox should be reviewed for schedule changes prior to making reservations.

<b>2024 Rally Schedule</b>							
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Site fee</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>ShowRunner CoRunner</u>
Jan 4-7	Canopener	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Units 12 and 133	~\$42 per night	Limited availability	N/A
Jan 19-21	U30 EB Workshop	Jonathan Dickinson SP	Hobe Sound, FL	Unit 30	~\$26 per night	Executive Board Planning Meeting	McDow
Feb 22-26	Disney Round-Up	Disney Ft Wilderness	Lake Buena Vista, FL	Unit 30	~225 per night	Waitlisted	Robshaw/ Fogel
Mar 8-10	"Newbie" Rally	Summer Crush Vineyard and Winery	Fort Pierce, FL	Unit 30	~50 per night	Registration open	Mezza/ Gonzalez
Apr 2-20	TX Eclipse Caravan	Various	Texas	Unit 30	Varies, around \$55	Call: there's an opening	Robshaw/ Penzie
Apr 17-21	Region 3 Rally	Meadow Event Park	Doswell, VA	Region 3	TBA	Registration began Jan 2024	N/A
May 16-20	Spring Rally & ABM	Traveler's Rest	Dade City, FL	Unit 30	~\$50 per night	CANCELLED	??/Furst
Sep 19-23	Spring Into Fall Rally	Strawberry Fields RV Park	Chiefland, FL	Unit 30	~50 per night	Registration TBA	Henderson/ ???
Oct 5-11	67th International	Missouri State Fairgrounds	Sedalia, MO	ACI	\$125pp for rally	Register at <a href="http://airstreamclub.org">airstreamclub.org</a> , McDow heading caravan to	N/A
Oct 30 - Nov 4	Pumpkin Fest	Myakka River SP	Sarasota, FL	Unit 30	~44 per night	Window open. Reserve now at FSP	Mezza/ Gonzalez
Nov 21-24	Airstreams and the Arts	Indian River Fairgrounds	Vero Beach, FL	Units 162, 30	~35 per night	Joint rally with Treasure Coast; Registration TBA	TBA
Dec 4-8	Joint Holiday Rally	Sarasota Fairgrounds	Sarasota, FL	Units 129, 162, and 30	~35 per night	Joint Rally with Suncoast and Treasure Coast	Ponzio/ Robshaw

<b>2025 Rally Schedule</b>								
<u>Dates</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Site fee</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Reservation window opens</u>	<u>ShowRunner CoRunner</u>
Jan 9-12	Canopener	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Units 12 and 133	~\$42 per night	Pre-Canopener begins 12/29/24	Jan 29, 2024	N/A
Jan 24-26	U30 EB Workshop	Jonathan Dickinson SP	Hobe Sound, FL	Unit 30	~\$26 per night	Executive Board Planning Meeting	Feb 24, 2024	McDow/ Robshaw
Feb 20-24	Take Me Out To The Rodeo	River Ranch Resort	River Ranch, FL	Unit 30	~120 per night	Rodeo and Outdoor Fun	Open now	Caldwell/ Furst
Mar 5-10	Take Me Out To The Ballpark	Jonathan Dickinson SP	Hobe Sound, FL	Unit 30	~26 per night	Baseball Spring Training Tour	Apr 5, 2024	Clawson/ ???
Apr 9-13	Region 3 Rally	Coastal Carolina Fairgrounds	Ladson, SC	Region 3	TBA	Registration begins Jan 2025	~Jan 2025	N/A
Apr 23- May 4	Unit Caravan to Top of Georgia (w/boondocking)	Top of Georgia AS Park	Helen, GA	Unit 30	~20 per night	3 nites HH BD, 8 nites TOG	TBA	TBA
May 15-19	Spring Rally & ABM	Larry and Penny Thompson CP	Miami, FL	Unit 30	~45 per night	ABM = Annual Business Meeting	~May 2024	LaCayo/Diaz
Aug 23-28	68th International	York Expo Center	York, PA	ACI	TBA	Register at <a href="http://airstreamclub.org">airstreamclub.org</a>	Oct 2024	N/A
Sep 17-22	FL Keys Resort	TBA	FL Keys	Unit 30	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Oct 24-28	Pumpkin Fest	Myakka River SP	Sarasota, FL	Unit 30	~44 per night	Installation Rally	Nov 24, 2024	TBA
Nov 12-18	Rolling the Coast	Gamble Rogers SP, Anastasia SP, Fort Clinch SP	Flagler Beach, St. Augustine, Fernandina Beach	Unit 30	~35 per night	Three SP Rolling Rally	Dec 12, 2024	TBA
Dec 4-8	U30 Holiday Buddy Rally	Lake Louisa SP	Clermont, FL	Unit 30	~24 per night	Non-Airstream units invited to join us!	Jan 4, 2025	TBA

Lt Green—Unit 30 Executive Board Event  
 Green— Unit 30 Hosted or Co-Hosted  
 Yellow— ACI, Region, or Special Event



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### January

Bill Racavich	5
Susan Quintana	9
Nai Carlson	13
Caraline Stone Zimmer	14
Barbara Colson	18
Julie Nicholas	26

### February

Dave Perrucci	19
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### March

Pat Jones	8
Jim Nicholas	18
Bill Furst	18

### April

Bob Konnagan	11
Beth Racavich	27

### May

Jane May	2
Lucy Restrepo Comprosky	6
Tony Laurie	11
Max Joseph	14

### June

Myra Joseph	1
Tim McDow	7
Tom Henderson	8
Lewis Fogel	19

### July

Donna Laurie	5
Darla Furst	11
Kevin Comprosky	19
Bob Richardson	20
Kevin Garrett	24
Pam McDow	31

### August

Harry Gonzalez	3
Sharon Garrett	15
Sandra Gonzalez	16
Linda Laviano	21
Keith Martin	25
John Frerking	25
Chuck Wasson	25
Charlie May	27

### September

Tom Carlson	7
Judi Fogel	10
John Magnacca	18
David Robshaw	18

### October

Fran Perrucci	4
Vicki Wasson	5
Bernice Richardson	10
Laurie Jones	18

### November

Gay Konnagan	14
Betty Jean Glouner	24

### December

Patricia Baumann	1
Emilio Caragol	1
Eileen Frerking	8
Victoria Magnacca	10
Sissy Towsley	16
Doug Dolan	23



### January

### February

David Robshaw & Linda Laviano 14

### March

### April

Jim & Julie Nicholas	24
Doug Dolan & Patricia Baumann	27

### May

Emilio & Shirley Caragol	4
Fran & Dave Perrucci	4
Laurie & Pat Jones	5
John & Victoria Magnacca	25

### June

Kevin & Sharon Garrett	9
Gay & Bob Konnagan	13
Harry & Sandra Gonzalez	18
Tony & Donna Laurie	21

### July

Lewis & Judi Fogel	8
Bob & Bernice Richardson	25

### August

Bill & Beth Racavich	5
John & Eileen Frerking	8
Tim & Pam McDow	18
Max & Myra Joseph	28

### September

### October

### November

Charles & Jane May	12
Kevin & Lucy Comprosky	24

### December

Tom & Nai Carlson	23
Chuck & Vicki Wasson	24

If you would like to be listed on this page, send an email to:

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## SFAC Unit 30 Standing & Special Committees

**Constitution & Bylaws:**  
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\*Pam McDow

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\*Beth Racavich

**Webmaster**  
\*Tim McDow

**Audit Committee:**  
\* ReShelle Enoch

**Newsletter Editor:**  
\*Emilio Caragol

**Sunshine Committee:**  
\*Judi Fogel

**Public Relations & Social Media:**  
\*David Robshaw  
Julie Nicholas  
Tim McDow

We encourage you to volunteer and participate in any of the committees listed.

Volunteering is a great way to meet and establish friendships and, at the same time, enhance our club and services to the next level of excellence.



### SOUTH FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB Unit 30 Officers & Trustees

David Robshaw..... President  
Tim McDow..... 1st Vice President  
Matthew Ponzio.....2nd Vice President  
Linda Laviano ..... Treasurer  
Emilio Caragol.....Corresponding Sec.  
Judi Fogel.....Recording Secretary  
Lewis Fogel.....Past President  
Sandra Gonzalez.....Trustee  
Liana Mezza.....Trustee  
Ron Mezza.....Trustee  
Tom Henderson.....Trustee  
Lewis Fogel.....Parliamentarian

#### Editor's Note

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Send photos by **email, not text**  
To: [ec9332@verizon.net](mailto:ec9332@verizon.net) It will make the files easier to work with. Thanks, Emilio

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