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Presidents Message:

Happy Fall Big Benders!

We are pretty sure everyone is as excited about fall, as we are. We are coming into our fall camping schedule, leading up to the new year, which seems unbelievable, This year has flown by!

Kicking off the season, with Big Bend's 50th Birthday Party, then a Beach Party, then our Installation Rally in November. What a fun schedule and exciting things to look forward too. Remember to fill out the Jotform on the ACI page, so your hosts and hostesses know you are coming.

Some of us will also be traveling to Sedalia, for International. I am sure we will plan a happy hour...

We can't wait to see everyone in Freeport in a couple of weeks. Take note of the RSVP list and make sure you are on it, if you are planning on attending!!! Chef David is going to cook for us, and we need an accurate number for those planning on coming.

Also-Don't forget to vote in the upcoming Big Bend elections!

See you soon! Lindsay



Date 2024	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Reservation Information
September 12-15 "Happy Birthday Big Bend"	Live Oak Landing	Freeport, Florida	Kayaking to Cypress Springs	Lindsay & Randy Vince & Dian	Reservation window is now open. (877) 436-5063
October 5-12 "International Rally"	Missouri State Fairgrounds	Sedalia, Missouri	Camp with 1200 of your Airstream Friends		Reservation window is now open on the ACI website.
October 24-27 "Sunets and Sunrises"	St. Andrews State Park	Panama City, Florida	Beach Rally	RoseMarie & Gary Sammy & Chris	Reservation window is now open. https://www.floridastateparks.org/
November 7-10 "BINGO!"	Hidden Hollow RV Park	Cottonwood, AL	Installation Rally		Reservation window is now open. (334) 452-4229
February 7-9 2025 "Campers and Caves"	Florida Caverns State Park	Marianna, FL		Craig & Monica Jason Friedrich	Reservation window now open. https://www.floridastateparks.org/
March 20-23 2025 "Football and Fighters"	Chewacla State Park	Auburn, AL	Planning on tour of Auburn Football Facilities on Friday. Make reservations in the 2nd Loop (17-36)	Pat & Laurie	Reservation window is now open. alapark.com

<p>April 25-27 2025 "Rallyantic Atlantic"</p>	<p>Anastasia State Park</p>	<p>St. Augustine, Florida</p>	<p>Sammy & Chris Chad & Dolores</p>	<p>Reservation window is now open. https://www.floridastateparks.org/</p>
<p>May 15-18 2025 "Race Ya!"</p>	<p>Champions Run RV Resort</p>	<p>Ocala, Florida</p>	<p>Bill & Kathy Neider</p>	<p>Reservation window is now open.</p>
<p>August 23-28 2025 "International Rally"</p>	<p>York Expo Center</p>	<p>York, Pennsylvania</p>		<p>Reservation window TBD</p>
<p>September 26-28 2025 "It's Very Nice!"</p>	<p>Rocky Bayou State Park</p>	<p>Niceville, Florida</p>	<p>Host Needed</p>	<p>Reservation window: FI Res- 10/26/24 Non Res- 11/26/24 https://www.floridastateparks.org/</p>
<p>October 24-26 2025 "Relaxing Rally"</p>	<p>Travelers Rest</p>	<p>Dade City, Florida</p>	<p>Gary & RoseMarie Anderson</p>	<p>Request for reservations starts 10/24/24 www.travelersrestresort.com</p>

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

Some 2025 rally Jotforms are not available quite yet





BIG BEND FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB

Celebrating 50 Years!

September 12-15, 2024

LIVE OAK LANDING

229 Pitts Ave

Freeport, Florida 32439

877.436.5063

Event Hosts:

Lindsay & Randy

Vince & Dian

BIG BEND FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB

Celebrating 50 Years!

1974-2024

Thursday September 12:

Arrival Day

4pm-

Happy Hour and **Bring an Appetizer** to share in the clubhouse

We will be collecting the \$10 Rally fee per a person, Plus the \$30 Fee per a person for Saturday's Dinner. Your rally fee is also going toward your dinner fee.

****PLEASE BRING CASH****

Friday September 13:

8am-

For those interested in kayaking Cypress Springs—Meet at the front entrance of the park to caravan to the Holmes Creek Livery...we will catch a ride on their bus, and then kayak back down to the Livery...If you need to rent a kayak, you need to call them and make a reservation. There is a \$25 fee if you bring your own vessel, and \$40 to rent a vessel(transportation included). This is a super easy excursion, but I do suggest bringing a pair of kayaking gloves, if you are not used to paddling. You do NOT need a reservation if you are bringing your own vessel.

Pack a sack lunch and the beverage of your choice. Please note that it is a 40mile drive to and from the campground.

<https://cypressspringaccess.com/>

5pm- Dinner.....Open Grill Night.

Bring your own meat to cook on the provided grills, and a **1970's style SIDE** to share.

Saturday September 14:

ALL DAY FREE DAY

5pm- Birthday Dinner by **Cinders&Salt** in the Clubhouse **Wear your favorite 1970's FASHION**

****DON'T FORGET TO TIP YOUR CHEF****

Sunday September 15:

Departure Day

If you have not RSVP'ed by filling out the JOTFORM on the ACI Big Bend website, please let Lindsay Shropshire know **ASAP!**

TEXT 478-284-2847

If you have not RSVP'ed that you are planning on kayaking or stand-up paddle boarding, please let Lindsay know **ASAP!** I also need to know if you plan on renting a Kayak.

Big Bend Birthday Party Attendees:

- Vince & Dian Naman
- Lamar & Amy Waymire
- Lindsay & Randy Shropshire
- Winston & Carol Montague
- David & Mary Conrad
- Randy Booth & Veronica Doster-Booth
- Elwood & Patricia McElhaney
- Elna & Jay Thompson
- Craig & Monica Brinkley
- Bill & Kathy Neider
- Laurie & Pat Jones
- Martina Pelley
- Stan & Helene White
- Steven & Laura McLaughlin
- Steve & Amelia Kennedy
- John & Pearl Hadden
- David & Kecia Jackson
- Maureen & Thomas Archambault
- Beccy & Wayne Hosoda Van Den Handel
- Daniel & Amber Brock
- Micheal & Judy Cordett
- Brenda Ward
- Praticia & Lane Watkins
- Guy & Dawn Neff

Current RSVP's For Holmes Creek:

- Lindsay & Randy Shropshire
Bringing own Kayaks
- Beccy & Wayne Hosoda Van Den Handel
Bringing own Kayaks
- Elwood & Patricia McElhaney
Bringing own Kayaks
- Randy Booth & Veronica Doster-Booth
Bringing own SUP's
- Steven & Laura McLaughlin
Bringing own Kayaks
- Steve & Amelia Kennedy
Bringing own Kayaks
- David & Kecia Jackson
Renting Kayaks
- John & Pearl Hadden
Bringing own Kayaks

Airstream Club 50th Birthday Party!

MIXED BABY GREENS

*Shaved fennel, smoked feta, cucumber,
pomegranate honey vinaigrette*

HARICOT VERT

SMASHED RED BLISS POTATO

GRILLED MAHI MAHI

Lemon Caper Buerre Blanc

KEY LIME COCONUT CAKE

CINDERS & SALT
Chef David Cunningham

CHEFDAVID@CINDERSANDSALT.COM | 850.419.0458



A native of south Louisiana and the Gulf coast, Chef David has spent the last 35 years refining his craft. Fueled by his passion for the outdoors, he specializes in Gulf Coast seafood and wood fired cuisine. Born and raised in Baton Rouge, David grew up surrounded by a family of great cooks. Cleaning fish or game and learning how to create Louisiana specialties was part of the weekly routine.



After graduating from Louisiana State University in 1993, Chef David attended culinary school at Johnson & Wales University in Charleston, S.C. and then attained a Bachelor's degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration from the University of New Orleans. While earning his third degree, David completed his formal training at the famed New Orleans Commander's Palace under James Beard winner, Chef Jamie Shannon. During his stint at Commander's Palace, Chef David was featured in Gourmet Magazine featuring the Top Five chocolate desserts, cooked at the famous James Beard House in New York and participated in the Turner South "Off the Menu" television show.

David and his family moved to Vermont in November 2001, at which time he took the position of Chef du Cuisine at Mary's at Baldwin Creek and later became the Executive Chef of the Perry Restaurant Group in 2002. In August of 2009, David Cunningham took the helm as Executive Chef of the newest addition to the Commander's Family of restaurants at Commander's Palace Destin, located in the HarborWalk Village Emerald Grande Resort.



In 2011, David helped put the corner of Hwy 395 and 30A on the culinary map by opening V Seagrove in 2011. While at V Seagrove, he accumulated several awards such as 30a Seafood Showdown, Urbanspoon Top 200 Restaurants, Florida Trends Golden Spoon Award, Tripadvisor Certificate of Excellence. He was also featured on the "Emeril's Florida" television series.

In 2015, he joined the team at Word of Mouth Restaurant group helping oversee the culinary excellence at Stinky's Fish Camp, Trebeache and Blue Mountain Catering. Working along side local celebrity chefs Jimmy Richard and Todd Misener, he spent several years providing some of the best seafood along the 30A corridor

For the last few years, Chef David has led Blue Mabel Smokehouse to become one of the premier restaurants on 30A. While at Blue Mabel, chef Cunningham helped them win awards for Best New Restaurant, Best Brunch in 2021 and Best Happy Hour.

BBQ and "backyard" style cooking has long been a hobby for Chef. He has competed in The Barbeque World Championship in Memphis and Hogs for the Cause in New Orleans. David's 16 hour smoked brisket and dry rub wings are famous from one end of Hwy 30A to the other.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Email Monica Brinkley with your vote:

sweetashoneyliberty@gmail.com

Thank You to our Nomination Committee and all our volunteers!

Martina Pelley -Nomination Committee Chairperson.

Brenda Ward

Randy Shropshire

- ★ David Conrad - President
- ★ Amy Waymire - Vice President
- ★ Chad Jones - 2nd Vice President
- ★ Monica Brinkley - Secretary
- ★ Julie Ludlow - Treasurer
- ★ Guy Neff - Trustee
- ★ Daniel Brock - Trustee
- ★ Write In_____



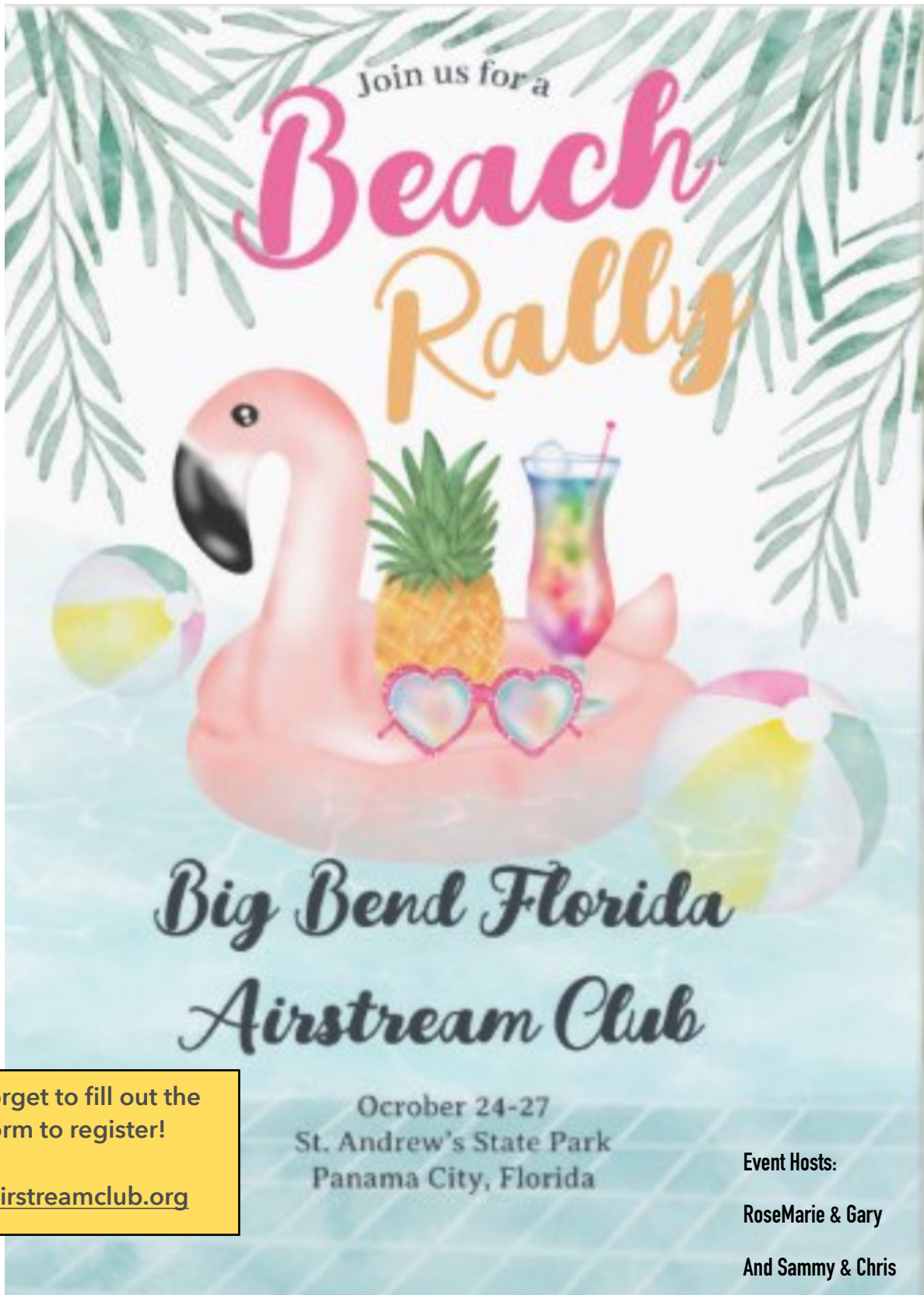
**THE EPIC EVENT WHERE
AIRSTREAM OWNERS UNITE IN A
SHARED PASSION FOR
ADVENTURE, EXPLORATION AND
THE ICONIC AIRSTREAM
LIFESTYLE.**

**Join us for tons of Fun in the Fall at the 67th Annual Airstream
Club International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri:
October 5-10, 2024.**

**Get ready for all the treasured traditions of adventure and
friendship at ACI Rally2024, coupled with the fantastic tastes,
sights, smells and temperatures of fall in the Midwest**

Photos: Rock Springs, WY- International Rally 2023





Don't forget to fill out the
Jotform to register!

www.airstreamclub.org

October 24-27
St. Andrew's State Park
Panama City, Florida

Event Hosts:
RoseMarie & Gary
And Sammy & Chris

BINGO
Installation Rally

YOU ARE INVITED

November 7-10
Hidden Hollow RV Park
11295 US-231
Cottonwood, AL 36320
[\(334\) 452-4229](tel:3344524229)

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**\$55 a night, \$35 for 20+ Rigs.
25% off Military Discount**

National Peanut Festival
November 1-10, 2024
<https://www.nationalpeanutfestival.com/>

The Crossing at Big Creek
<https://thecrossingbigcreek.com/>



Florida Caverns State Park

February 7-9, 2025

Reservations Available:
Residents: March 10, 2024
Non-Residents: April 7, 2024

3345 Caverns Road
Marianna, Florida 32446
FloridaStateParks.Org


Hosted By:
Craig and Monica Brinkley
Jason Friedrich

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FOOTBALL AND FIGHTERS!

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

Hosted by Pat and Laurie Jones

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



Rallyantic Atlantic

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Anastasia State Park
 St. Augustine, Florida

April 25-27, 2025
 Hosted By:
 Sammy & Chris Chad & Dolores

Race Ya!

CHAMPIONS RUN

O C A L A
 LUXURY RV RESORT
 MAY 15-18, 2025

NOW TAKING
 RESERVATIONS

HOSTED BY:
 BILL AND KATHY
 NEIDER

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★ IMPORTANT NOTICE ★

Bend has come into the digital world!

Last year the executive board voted to move ahead with using either Venmo or Zelle to allow members to make digital payments for rally fees. Since Wells Fargo uses Zelle, an account has been set up as WBCCI Big Bend Florida club. The treasurer, as the registered agent, is also listed on the account. The club email address is **club153@airstreamclub.org**. Members with Zelle accounts can pay rally fees directly to the Big Bend club through the above email address, as well as the treasurer can reimburse members for rally expenses. Checks and cash payments will still be accepted, further details are below:

Instructions to send and receive Monies via Zelle - Big Bend Airstream Club

Many banks have Zelle capabilities, please check first before going to the Zelle APP. I went to upload the APP and it informed me that I should set up my Zelle account through my bank.

When setting up your account please include an email address in your contact information as funds will only be transferred to members email addresses.

To transfer funds to Big Bend please use the the following email address:

club153@airstreamclub.org

This email address has been set up for this purpose.

When sending funds please indicate on the memo line what the payment is for. If you are sending payment for multiple items please note the amount for each item.

Any questions please contact me: Julie Ludlow, Treasurer 352-213-3218

★ More Important Stuff ★

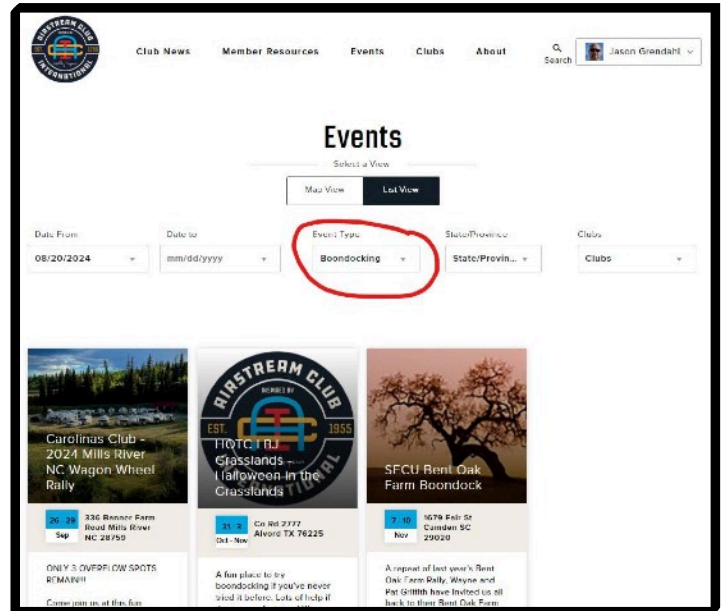
Hello Everyone.

I wanted to share a new feature in the ACI website's events list. There is a new ability to sort for Boondocking or otherwise no-hookup events. Please see the image.

Webmasters and Presidents have been informed and some have started tagging events already. This ability was an initiative of the Boondockers Airstream Intra-Club, but it is usable by any club to show their event as Boondocking so that people looking for such events can easily find them within all ACI clubs.

Happy Boondocking!

Jason Grendahl - President Boondockers Intra-Club



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