

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: Tim McDow, President

As I write this Pam and I have finally made it home. We left for Strawberry fields on September 19th and returned home after the Myakka rally.

We have been out for 46 days, put 4400 miles on the truck, drove 98 hours, went to International, visited six presidential libraries and 12 states. It was nice to return home, but had a lot of chores to catch up on.

As we returned the trailer to our storage location, we discovered the tarp roof was missing thanks to Helene and Milton. High winds had damaged some of the supports and bungees so my brother removed it to prevent further damage to the tarp.

I would like to thank the board and members for their trust in me as president of the unit. I have really big shoes to fill as your new president.

I would like to thank David Robshaw. He has provided great leadership as president and will continue to play a vital role on the board. I will continue to use his sound advice during my term.

I would also like to thank all the board members for their time and dedication to unit 30. All the leadership teams work hard to make Unit 30 one of the best Airstream units in Florida.

The new rally season has started and our season is getting into high gear. The board will meet in January to work on the 2026 schedule. We currently have 134 members/affiliates in the unit. The board needs your ideas and input to make great rally schedules for the coming season.

Remember the leadership works for you. Please feel free to reach out to the leadership team and provide your suggestions and ideas.

I look forward to seeing you at the rallies. Come meet your leadership team!

Tim McDow, President.



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Immediate Past President Final Message
Submitted By: David Robshaw

At our recently concluded Pumpkin Fest Rally and Installation Dinner, our new executive board assumed their leadership roles. I congratulate them and thank them for the service they will provide to our club over the next year. Their insights and experience, great new ideas, and amazing passion for Airstreaming should excite everyone as much as it does me!

I want to thank our outgoing board members and committee chairs, too, for their strong support of Unit 30 as volunteers over the past year. Our club's continued growth is due in no small part to their enthusiasm, commitment, and amazing "can do" spirit. Thank you all.

I believe that our goals of creating an inviting culture of inclusivity, fun activities, and one which provides support as an available and reliable resource to our members have been realized! I think our new board members are well-positioned to carry these ideals forward and I am thrilled to remain a member of the board as the Immediate Past President for the coming year.

President Tim McDow has also appointed me as the Membership Chair for the coming year – a role I am truly looking forward to. I promise to remain committed to the club's strong growth, it's robust communications, and it's personal touch in introducing new members to the club as they join our ranks.

Thanks everyone for your support over the past year! Linda and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

David Robshaw



The South Florida Airstream Club Board of Directors would like to congratulate David Robshaw for his continue leadership and service to the membership of the South Florida Airstream Club.

David received an award from the Airstream Club International in Recognition of his Outstanding Leadership for 2024.

Please WELCOME Our New
Unit 30 Members & Affiliates

Board of Directors

Tim McDow,
President

Matthew Ponzio,
1st Vice President

Susan Caldwell,
2nd Vice President

Linda Laviano,
Treasurer

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Corresponding Secretary

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Tim McDow, Webmaster

David Robshaw, Public Relations &
Social Media

New Members & Affiliates

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Stephanie Seale # 20161, Longmont, CO
Ralph & Ellen Olson # 09278, Stewartown, PA
Adrienne & William Shubin # 11720, West Palm , FL
Patti & Tom Reed # 00250, Naples, FL
Rebecca & Dan Ireland # 09823, Bloomington, IN
James & Susan Neff #16756, St Petersburg, FL
Ronald & Stephanie Fletcher # 7069, Fort Myers, FL
Marshall & Elizabeth Sowders # 27514, B. Park, FL
Lori & John Turner # 06084, Dunnellon, FL
Tommi & Janet Ply # 05703, Bentonville, AR
Bob & Caroline Barnes # 04139, Stuart, FL
Joseph & Michelle Charbonneau #14267, N. Port, FL

Renewals

Terese & Thomas Houle # 05722, Rockbridge, OH
Robert & Bernice Richardson # 00301, Punta Gorda, FL
Deborah & Kevin Rogers # 5621, Panama City, FL
Michael & Becki Carmichael # 31735, Bokeelia, FL
Todd & Kathryn Estabrook # 21425, Sarasota, FL
Jill & Alan Rabb # 2376, Greensboro, GA
Christy & Michael Kruklinski # 31021, Bartow, FL
Matthew & Kim Ponzio #16218, Cape Coral, FL
Mark & Karen Krueer # 18757, Floyd Knobs, IN
Neil & Yvette MacMillan # 1689, Tampa, FL
Mary Ann & Michael David / Northrop # 7701, C. Gables, FL
Shawn & Jennifer Campbell # 09106, Rockledge, FL
Tim & Pam McDow # 09652, Jupiter, FL
Susan & James Neff # 16756, St Petersburg, FL
Tom & Josie Lewis # 19526, Michigan City, IN
Caroyl & Tim Johnson # 31088, Warner Robins, GA
Jennifer Olsem # 10113, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

SFAC Unit 30 Treasurer's Report, October 25, 2024
Submitted By: Linda Laviano, Treasurer

The club checking account balance is \$2,251.16. The savings account balance is \$11,829.02.

The total of both accounts is \$14,080.18

Income results from monthly deposits from ACI for membership dues paid to International, and rally fees from the Spring into Fall Rally and the Pumpkin Fest Rally and Installation Dinner.

The club expenses were for the two rallies and updated name badges for the incoming executive board members. The Spring into Fall Rally netted a profit of \$17.08. A \$100 donation was made to the State Park Ranger Relief Fund.

The Pumpkin Fest Rally and Installation Dinner expenses and income are pending at this time.

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



67th Airstream Club International Sedalia, Missouri

Submitted By: Emilio Caragol



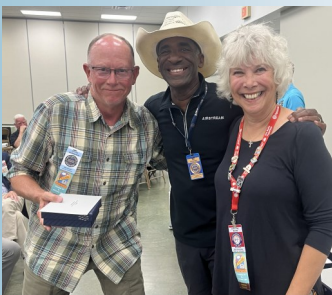
This was one of the best International Rallies that we have attended. From the convenience of having full hookup sites at the Missouri Fairgrounds, to the beauty of the town of Sedalia and historic sites nearby.

The Missouri Fairgrounds is a 400-acre property, Airstream Club International did a fantastic job in providing a great venue for the rally and let us not forget the convenience of golf cart rentals.

We arrived at the Fairgrounds as part of the Unit 30 caravan. Our President David Robshaw and Treasurer Linda Laviano greeted us upon our arrival and assisted the group with parking instructions. They both worked many hours as volunteers assisting arriving participants in parking as part of the Rally Arrival Team (RAT).

Thank you for all your work.

The Rally Opening Ceremony was a fantastic activity with music, award presentations and the flag parade of all the Airstream Clubs. Tim McDow, First Vice President was the Flag Bearer for our Unit 30 along with the entire group "The Color Guards."



South Florida Airstream Club, Dave Robshaw with ACI President Eric McHenry and Region 3 Past President Christine Baum at the Club Leader Appreciation Dinner held at the International Rally. All Club Presidents were recognized along with IBT members and Caravan leaders.

Many other activities were also available for all attendees, from Ice Cream Socials, Sponsor Meetings and Lunches, nightly music with the Airstream Club Band and Choir at the Mathewson Center, Ladies Tea Party, and multiple vendor companies selling their products. David and Linda gave a great presentation on Membership recruitment and retention.

A Golf Outing was scheduled at the Sedalia Country Club. Over 100 participants played golf at the beautiful and private golf course. Thank you Jill and Alan Rabb for a wonderful day.



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Sedalia, Missouri

Submitted By: Emilio Caragol



We also had the opportunity to visit the Mitchell Antique Car Museum. The most extensive Mitchell Motor Car Company collection in the world.

You may or may not have heard of Mitchell cars, but they are all over the world in private collections, museums, and in several locations in Europe where they are extremely popular and valuable.



In 1902 the company made its first motorcar, powered by a single cylinder horizontal air-cooled engine with a chain drive. Eighteen cars produced that year with a top speed of 15 mph. Our visit here began with a short video followed by a guided tour of these elegant "Touring Motor Cars." Knowledgeable antique car restorers were on site to answer any questions and explained how these rear cars are broad back to life and safely stored. One room in the museum is designated for the current restoration of antique Mitchell car. Mr. Lewis Miller, the owner of this remarkable collection, is a direct descendent of the family who began the Mitchell Motor Car Company.



In the afternoon we visited the Warm Springs Ranch. You probably know that this is the home of the famous Clydesdale horses. More than 100 Budweiser Clydesdales including baby Clydesdales live here. They are giant horses with a gentle attitude due to their intensive blood line and training.

Warm Springs Ranch is the official breeding facility for stallions, geldings, mares, and foals. The ranch is located on more than 300 acres scenic, rolling acres in Cooper County, MO.

The official home for the Clydesdales is still the ornate brick and stained-glass stable built in 1885 on the historic 100 acres Anheuser-Busch Brewery complex in St Louis, Missouri.

The ranch also features barns, a veterinary lab and 10 pastures with a customized, walk-in shelter and access to fresh, free-flowing water. Each year between 30-40 foals are born here.

To be a Budweiser Clydesdale, the horse must be born with the proper markings which include a bay coat, a blaze of white on its face and a black mane and tail.

When selected for the team, the horse must be 4 years of age, stand 6' tall and weigh between 1,800 and 2,300 pounds. If all these criteria are met, the horse may get a spot on one of the traveling hitches or a chance to appear in commercials.

These famous horses cover thousands of miles each year, traveling to hundreds of appearances to entertain crowds.



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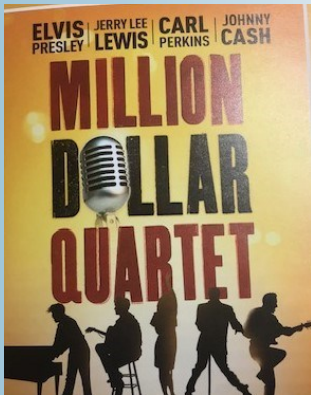
Sedalia, Missouri

Submitted By: Emilio Caragol

We visited the town of Boonville, MO which is located along the Missouri River, about 100 from Kansas City. For thousands of years, native Indians were the only inhabitants of the region.

The Kemper Military School was in Boonville, MO which was sometimes referred to as "The West Point of the West."

Will Rogers attended the school who would later become a famous entertainer. George Lindsey would later play "Goober" on the Andy Griffith show also attended the school. Sadly, during the last several years, most of these schools have closed with only one remaining is in Mexico, Missouri.



We visited the town of Arrow Rock, MO. A special town unlike any other in the country. The current population is 60 residents. From its earliest days it was the destination of many Indians and was considered neutral territory. In 1972 the Hollywood movie *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* was filmed in Arrow Rock and this musical was an adaptation of Mark Twain's classic 1876 book of the same name.

We had excellent center section seats at the historic, renovated, and professional Lyceum Theater. The Lyceum Theater is the oldest professional theater in Missouri. In 1870 the building was originally a Baptist Church and is now a theater for the performing arts.

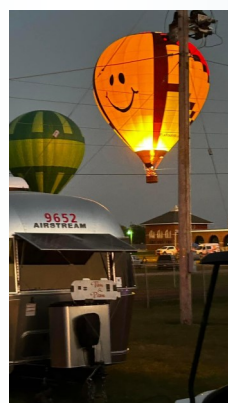
We also attended The Smash Hit Show "***Million Dolar Quartet***" *Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins, and Johnny Cash. Four Legends, One Unforgettable Night.*

On December 4, 1956, four extraordinary artists ran into each other while visiting producer Sam Phillips' Sun Records studio in Memphis. They began playing together, melding their gospel, country blues, R&B, pop, and bluegrass roots into the new genre called rock-and-roll.

Based on that real-life event, this Tony Award-nominated musical takes you inside the greatest jam session in history, exploding with hits like "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "Walk the Line," "Sixteen Tons," "Who Do You Love," "Great Balls of Fire," "I Walk the Line," and more.

We also visited the nearby community of Blackwater; MO. Blackwater was founded in 1887 by the Missouri Pacific Railroad although it had existed for a long time as a trading post. The population is about 170 people.

As the weeklong rally ended with the Closings Ceremonies, lots of hugs and safe travels were exchanged as we all prepared to depart the next day floating the highways with airstreams going in different directions.



My World Trip (Part Four)

Submitted By: Barbara Colson

Part 4 starts with the 180th day of my travels. I will be traveling in the Northern part of the United Kingdom which will include Great Britain, Wales, Scotland and a post trip to London, Oxford and Cambridge.



We started in Chester, England, a beautiful city with fine architecture, a Roman Amphitheater and a magnificent church. We also saw a wedding party similar to a Gypsy Wedding. I do not know how the bride and her bridesmaid's were able to walk in those dresses with their hats on their high heels. The bride and her father left in a horse drawn carriage where the bride's dress took up most of the carriage. I had never even heard of a gypsy wedding. I had to look it up on the internet.

We traveled to Conwy, Wales to see the castle Edward I built to protect his interests in Wales, which at that time was under English rule. Later on that day we hiked a National Park with its surrounding mountains.



We stopped in many village towns for rest stops and lunches. There we learned some of the local history and perhaps take a hike. Of course, we would try the local food. The pasties or meat pies were quite good. These are what the workers would pack in their lunch boxes. They would still be warm by lunchtime. If you've been to

the upper peninsula of

Michigan or in Wisconsin, you have probably tried one of these pies.



We stayed at the Swans Inn in the Lake District of the UK, where William Wordsworth went for a few flagons (a large container for your beer or ale). They have preserved the chair he sat in. We saw Hadrian's Wall and Vindolanda, a Roman community and museum. We learned about the Vikings and the Norwegian influence on the area. Visited Edinburgh and its castle. Had a tour by a local guide

who once was homeless on the streets. There is a program that trains the homeless to give tours and thus become self-sufficient.

It was an amazing enterprise and our guide told stories of the city you might not get with other guides. The organization is called Organization's Invisible Cities. We also enjoyed a lovely Scottish dinner with haggis by a local Edinburgh lady, who happened to be a chef. Every OATs tour has you spend an evening with a local for dinner. They are always wonderful, delightful and fun. In Kirkwall, the capital of the Orkney Islands we learned to make a local bread called bannocks. We also learned about The 'Kirkwall Ba Game' is a traditional game of football (soccer), played on Christmas and New Years day, in the streets of Kirkwall, by two teams the 'Uppies' and the 'Doonies'.

Other sites include Skara Brae. WWII museums, rings of Stones. Isle of Skye, Culloden, the Cotswell, the Johnnie Walker distillery, Inverness and the river Ness, London, Oxford, and Cambridge. I could probably tell you stories from each of them, but that might make a book. Our post trip Guide made us a video that sums up our trip. I hope it still will work.

<https://youtu.be/Ww-303RUsRU?si=ZHiK75mOF6-lwpew>

I am currently visiting my friends and host family from when I was in the Peace Corps and

Armenia. I will put that in part 5 of my trip. 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.



Fun In Minnesota

Submitted by: Jill Buysse



In August, Tom & I traveled to MN for my sibling week vacation. We planned to travel to Canada afterwards, but I wanted to visit a few friends in the area after my family vacation. So we reserved a site at the MN Airstream Park in Clear Lake. As we pulled into the site we were immediately introduced to Harry Rambler. His sister and her husband actually owned the site we rented (B37).

Our site - There is water, sewer and 30amp service. Some sites have an octagon room. Owners use it as an extra tv room or have table and chairs in them.

The next day, we walked around the park and met Mark & Patti Hawkins, who in-coincidentally we were at the Christmas Rally in Sarasota with them. They invited us to Happy Hour Friday night at 4:30pm in Circle "A".

Mark told us about McDonald's Meat and Norm's Product which were fantastic places. The park has a nice Clubhouse where they have crafts on Friday and Coffee & Donuts at 8:30am on Saturday. There is a beautiful pool area that was recently renovated and has showers and restrooms plus a patio where they have Happy Hour on Saturday nights. There is a Bocce Ball, Shuffleboard Court, Dock area with small lake and 9 hole golf course at the park. The laundry room has been renovated with 3 washers and dryers. The grounds are well kept.



Two members of the park (Pam & Lou) decided to have an Artisan Sourdough class. This was the first time they have done this class. I decided to attend for \$15. It was a blast! I was able to make my sourdough starter which I have named Vivian, after my Mom.



I remember her making bread as a little girl. But, I made so many wonderful memories with the ladies in the Airstream park.

Later that night I got a text from Pam Rawn, wanting to know if I had seen the Northern Lights before.

There was a chance we could see them on the outskirts of Circle "C". So Tom & I headed over there. I never imagined I would see the Northern Lights in Minnesota but I did and it was amazing.

This park is in between Monticello and St Cloud. If you want to venture out. We went to a Mountain bike trail outside of Monticello that was really nice.

Spending those few days at MN Airstream Park were amazing. Lots of new friendships were made here and we got to know those who we have briefly met in the past better.

I call this park Hotel California because once you come you do not want to leave.

We hope to return again and spend a little more time there.

Our Presidential Library Journey

Submitted By: Pam McDow



The presidential library system consists of 15 libraries and museums dedicated to preserving documents and artifacts from each of our presidents dating back to Herbert Hoover. They operate under the guidance of the National Archives and the Presidential Libraries Act of 1955. While all the libraries have similarities, each is unique. Some are on university campuses, some at their boyhood homes and some are located where they chose to spend their retirement years.

When Tim and I traveled to Texas in April as part of the Texas Eclipse Caravan, post eclipse activities included a visit to the LBJ Library and Museum in Austin. As with any good tour you exit through the gift shop. It was there I discovered the Presidential Library Passport. As you visit the libraries you get the book stamped and if you visit all of them you get a special gift! Thus was born our endeavor to visit as many of the libraries as possible.

As we planned our trip to Sedalia for the International Rally, we created a route that would maximize library visits. Pre-rally we visited the Carter Library outside of Atlanta. After Sedalia we headed west to Independence, MO for Truman's and to Abilene KS for Eisenhower's before turning south through Texas. The George W. Bush library is on the SMU campus in

Dallas while his father's is on the Texas A&M campus in College Station. Finally we headed back east to Little Rock for the Clinton library.

Going through the libraries we learned about their early lives, major world events that shaped their terms and how they chose to spend their time afterwards. We saw presidential limousines and planes. We were able to sit behind the Resolute desk and pick up the phone. We gained a greater understanding of our nation's history. On a more personal note, I found a picture of my uncle, Charles Gay while in the Truman library. He was a White House Police officer (now Secret Service) from the Roosevelt era through the Kennedy days.

Tim and I are looking forward to continued travel with our Airstream family and completing our library journey. Seven down, eight to go!

Sedalia Pet Show

Submitted By: Maizie McDow

Allow me to introduce myself. Officially my name is McDow's Marvelous Miss Maizie but you can just call me Maizie. I am a one year old Cairn Terrier. While Cairns are not as common as our Westie and Scottie cousins, most people are familiar with Toto, the most famous of us all.



When my mom learned of the pet show at International she knew we had to enter but in what category? I haven't had any agility training and obedience was out of the question as was the pet/owner look alike.

That left costume! Of course we had to choose a character from The Wizard of Oz and that's how I became Dorothy. I looked extremely cute in my dress but I said no way to the ruby slippers.

Mom thought I had a good chance at a ribbon but it was not meant to be. I may not have won but my Unit 30 friends told me they were still proud of me.

The Rally that Almost Wasn't

Submitted by: Linda Laviano

September and October were very anxious months for our club members throughout Florida. Two major hurricanes, Helene and Milton, caused significant damage and destruction along the west coast and other areas of the state. Among the many concerns of the members was the conditions at Myakka River State Park in Sarasota, the planned location of our Pumpkin Fest Rally and Installation Dinner scheduled to run from October 31 – November 4, 2024.

Within days of assessing the damage to the park, members received notification that all camping reservations for October 31st would be cancelled, but the November reservations would remain on the books. Rally hosts, Liana and Ron Mezza and Sandra and Harry Gonzalez along with members of the logistics team reworked the rally schedule and planned a slightly shorter, yet equally fun program of events.

As the start of the rally approached, the rangers, staff, and volunteers at Myakka (including our own Bill Furst), were optimistic that the park would reopen to the public on November 1st. Keeping the faith and hoping for the best, we were finally able to confirm the park opening **5 days before the start of the rally**. Despite the last-minute schedule changes and some initial electric issues at the park, 21 rigs, (plus one bonus family rig) and 48 club members attended some or all of the rally events. Friday, November 1st through Monday, November 4th.



In attendance were first-timers, Lynda Tenbush, Ed Coleman, and Lori and John Turner; all attending their first ever Airstream rally! We also welcomed back the Charbonneau family Joe and Michelle, their 2 young daughters and Joe's parents and fellow Airstreamers Jeanette and Joe Sr. The Installation Dinner was first on the agenda Friday evening and once again, the group was treated to a top-notch catered meal from



Mission BBQ. Dinner was followed by the installation of our newly elected executive board, and door prize drawings.

Rally activities continued on Saturday. Everyone enjoyed the talk on honeybees presented by Judy Harrison who also had some honey to sample and door prizes to award. Ron Mezza, Dave Robshaw, and Tim McDow conducted a panel discussion on Airstream maintenance followed by afternoon games at the log pavilion and a shared appetizer dinner.

Setting the clocks back, gave the Sunday morning bike riders a chance to sleep in and still get some exercise riding around the park before meeting up for lunch with SkyMed representative Nikki Palmer. Sunday afternoon cooking demonstrations by Linda Laviano and Judy Harrison, led into a group meal of Pub Subs followed by a GAM (getting acquainted meeting) led by Dave Robshaw.



Our last evening together gave us the opportunity to learn some interesting and surprising facts about our rally mates before the nightly mosquito appearance closed us down. Who knew we had scuba divers, a boat captain, a champion wrestler, UFO sightings, and a baby born in a car among our group? Monday morning was one last chance to get together for a quick breakfast and good-bye before hitting the road. Utilizing rally fees and proceeds, our club made a donation to the Friends of Myakka non-profit group that is assisting with the extensive park restorations that are needed due to the hurricane damage.

Unit 30 Technical Discussions Via WhatsApp

How to Adjust the Opening and Closing Latch Tension for the Glass Window in the Airstream.

Submitted By: Chuck Watson & David Robshaw

- 1- Using a 1/2" open end wrench, break the nut loose and spin it a few turns towards the frame (where the screen is) along that bolt.
- 2- Move the flat latch piece backwards along the bolt against the nut in the back (the one you just moved).
- 3- Tighten the front nut along that bolt so it squeezes the latch again between the two nuts.
- 4- You may have to do this step a couple of times a few millimeters at the time until you are satisfied with the tension on the latch.



*The 68th Annual International Rally will be at the
York Expo Center , York Pennsylvania.
August 23rd - 28th, 2025*

***Registration opens October 30, 2024
At 1:00 PM***

*South Florida Airstream Club may plan a possible caravan from Florida to
York Pennsylvania. (TBD)*

More information will be published when available.

From the Unit 30 Grill - Recipe of the Month

PICADILLO (Spanish Sloppy Joe's)

Submitted By: Emilio Caragol

¼ cup oil	¼ lb. ground ham
1 onion	¼ cup capers & olives
1 green pepper	1 tsp. salt
1 clove garlic	1/8 tsp. pepper
½ lb. ground beef	½ cup tomato sauce
1/2 lb. ground pork	¼ cup dry wine

Heat oil and sauté minced onion crushed garlic and minced green pepper.

Add the meat and cook for a few minutes, stirring constantly to avoid sticking.

Add the remaining ingredients and cook over medium heat for approximately 35 minutes.

Serve on a hamburger bun or over rice.

Serves 6.



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

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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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4 Heavy Duty Pads



New Orion DC Charger



GMC Truck Tie Downs



Hitch Pins



Hitch Bolts & 2 5/16 Ball 12,000 Lb.



2" & 2 1/2" Hitch Shank

If interested in any of the items above please contact Emilio Caragol at (727) 501-6587

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, 1st VP, 2nd 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 1st 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.

2024 Rally Schedule

Dates	Description	Venue	Location	Owner	Site fee	Notes	ShowRunner CoRunner
Jan 4-7	Canopener	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Units 12 and 153	~\$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 per night	Call: there's an opening	Robshaw/ Penzio
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 airstreamclub.org. McDow heading caravan to Sedalia.	N/A
Nov 1- 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	McDow/ Keen
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	Penzio/ Robshaw

2025 Rally Schedule

Dates	Description	Venue	Location	Owner	Site fee	Notes	Reservation window opens	ShowRunner CoRunner
Jan 9-12	Canopener	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Units 12 and 153	~\$42 per night	PreCanopener 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	October 30, 2024	LaCayo/Diaz
Aug 23-28	68th International	York Expo Center	York, PA	ACI	TBA	Register at airstreamclub.org	Registration opens Oct 30, 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

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