



GOOD LIFE NEWS

Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27 Jan. 2025

President's Points

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Thanks for giving me a chance to serve as President of the Florida Airstream Club!

We have a great rally schedule planned for this year and I hope to see you all there!

Gina and I have been camping together for a long time. We joined the Airstream Club in 2020 after we crashed a rally in Hanna Park.

We bought our first Airstream on E-Bay. A few years later we bought our friend's 2016 27ft Flying Cloud.

We have been on three Airstream Caravans. Discovering Cascadia twice (the second time as Co-Leaders). We just did North to Alaska in 2024 as Co-Leaders. We are doing the Southwest adventure caravan this summer of 2025. We will be leading North to Alaska on the even years starting in 2026.

The saying on our bio picture pretty much sums up our philosophy for travel. "Let's just go and not come back for awhile"

Our goals for the Florida Airstream Club are pretty simple "Let's go have some fun!"

We are really looking forward to seeing our fellow Florida Airstream Club members this year!

Mike & Gina McGinn
BRN 7226



Cracker Christmas & Installation of Officers

12/5/24 to 12/09/24

Executive Board 2025

President: Mike McGinn

Past President: Steve Kane

Vice President: Beccy Hosoda

Secretary: Gina McGinn

Treasurer: Bruce Fafard



Mike Swegles, Gina and Mike McGinn

Annual Officer Installation Dinner attendees



Bob Masters, Steve Kane



Mike Swegles, Bruce Fafard

Cracker Christmas & Installation of Officers

12/5/24 to 12/09/24

The annual service rally for the Cracker Christmas Festival in Ft. Christmas, FL went well again. It was the 9th year that the Florida Airstream Club participated. We had a small group this year but we had a good time assisting as docents in the historical homes, telling Santa our wishes, and touring the Orlando Wetlands in our spare time. Keep the next one in mind for the first weekend of December, 2025.

Steve and Laura Kane, Hosts



Laura Kane, Maryanne & Mike Swegles, and Steve Kane at the Orlando Wetlands Park.



Lights at Stephen Foster

12/9/24 - 12/11/24

The 18 people who attended this rally had a fun time meeting each other, decorating their Airstreams, viewing the displays at the Festival of Lights, walking through the museum and grounds, as well as listening to carols played on the carillon (bell tower). We even welcomed some first-time rally attendees. The best decorated Airstream went to Tim and Lynda Hayes who displayed a Grinch theme. Other attendees were Roy and Sue Abney, Judy and Michael Corbett, Dan and Deborah Forney, John and Pearl Hadden, Steve and Laura Kane, Brad and Beth Kaufman, Judy and Michael Corbett, John and Kathy Walker.

Hosts Susan and David Poole



2025 Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule

Registration for 2025 Rallies is now open.

<https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events>

Be sure to make your reservation with campground first (unless otherwise instructed).

| Ar- rive | De- part | Rally Name | Campground | City | Host/Co-Host | Rally Fee* | Notes |
|-------------|-------------|--|--|------------------|--|---------------|--|
| 1/9 | 1/12 | Spirit of the Suwannee | Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park | Live Oak, FL | Mike and Gina McGinn | \$20 | |
| 2/24 | 2/27 | Woodberry Farm | Woodberry Farm | Havana, FL | Helene and Stan White; Steve and Laura Kane | \$25 | Host will make Campsite Reservations |
| 3/31 | 4/7 | Devil's Den | Devils Den | Williston, FL | Mike & Mar- yanne Swegles; Bob & Lynn Masters | \$25 | Buddy Rally |
| 5/1 | 5/5 | Boyd's Campground | Boyd's Campground | Key West, FL | Nancy Schoene; Gina and Mike McGinn | \$20 | Reservations Deadline 10/1/24 |
| 9/17 | 9/21 | Margaritaville Campground | Margaritaville Campground | Auburndale, FL | Jason Wikman; David and Rachael Torres | \$20 | |
| 10/23 | 10/27 | Kathry Abbey Hanna Park | Kathryn Ab- bey Hanna Park | Jacksonville, FL | Jeanne & Tom Scheitler Gina & Mike McGinn | \$20 | |
| 10/25 | | Annual Meet- ing | Kathryn Ab- bey Hanna Park | Jacksonville, FL | | N/C | |
| 11/13 | 11/17 | Cypress Glenn Campground | Cypress Glenn Campground | Brooksville, FL | Susan and David Pool | \$20 | Reservations 11 months out with overflow at Silver Lake Campground |
| 12/4 | 12/8 | Cracker Christmas & Installation of Officers | Fort Christmas | Christmas, FL | Steve and Laura Kane | N/C | Host will make Campsite Reservations |

*Rally fees are per person and should be paid online.



Important: More information about rallies can be found on club website before you register. Remember to RESERVE and REGISTER. Make your own RV reservations with the campground (unless otherwise instructed above) AND register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events> It really helps the Hosts to know who is coming so they can plan and send updates. If you need to cancel or make changes, then email the Hosts. ACI members from any club are welcome to attend.

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Rally

Jan. 9-12, 2025



Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park, located near Live Oak, FL, is an 800-acre campground on the historic banks of the Suwannee River. There is a boat launch on site and lots of hiking/biking/golf cart trails, so don't forget your paddle craft, bikes, and/or golf carts (which can also be rented).

Call the park to make a reservation at (386) 364-1683. Costs available when you make reservation. Make sure you mention you are part of the Airstream rally so you will be parked with the group. There is a \$25 rally fee per adult.

Then register at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events> so the hosts know you are coming and can send updates to you.

We are planning lots of fun activities (who said games were just for kids??). We hope you can join us.
Mike and Gina McGinn

Woodberry Farm Rally

Feb. 24-27, 2025

Woodberry Farm is formally a tobacco farm that has been converted into a beautiful wedding venue. It is located near the quaint town of Havana, Florida, tucked away among rolling hills and farmland. Come enjoy the weekend with us here in North Florida for plenty of laughter, music and food.

Rally Fee (per attendee): \$25

Campsites are limited. **Please register for the rally at** <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events>

Host will make Campsite Reservations

Hosts: Helene and Stan White

Co-Hosts: Laura and Steve Kane



Devil's Den Spring in Williston, Florida.

March 31 to April 7, 2025

We are planning a week-long buddy rally starting March 31-April 7 at Devil's Den in Williston, Florida. Located on the edge of Levy County, Marion County and nearby Alachua, there is a multitude of activities, from Cedar Key to Rainbow Springs and Paynes Prairie.

We recently spent a weekend snorkeling in the karst cavern and felt like a weekend was just not enough. Cedar Lake Woods and Gardens is next door, and if you enjoy gardens this is not to be missed. Another day might be spent at the most beautiful Kanapaha Botanical Gardens in Gainesville. A visit to the University of Florida Natural History Museum is a must where you can see a fully intact fossil skeleton of a Tremarctos Floridanus, an extinct species of bear dating back 10,000 years geological evidence which dates Devil's Den to be between 10,000 and 75,000 years old. Hiking Paynes Prairie, Devil's Millhopper, Sweetwater Wetlands Park are some of the other activities we will be planning. Ichetucknee and Santa Fe Rivers are also nearby, with the Springs Institute in High Springs a worthy visit.

To lock into the weekly rate of \$225.00, book online soon because it is first come first serve and they will hold that rate until this year's end. When registering, be sure to put AIRSTREAM CLUB in the space that reads company name. There are 32 sites. We are looking for some co-hosts, love to have new club members that have not hosted before, to step up to lead an activity or host a meal.

www.devilsden.com 352-528-3344

After you have secured your campsite, then register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events> .

Looking forward to rallying with you,
Maryanne and Mike Swegles

mswegles@icloud.com

*Don't miss out —
Make your reservations early.*



Boyd's Campground, Key West, May 1-5, 2025



Key West never disappoints with the magical sunsets at Mallory Square, shopping experiences, water sports and endless outdoor activities. Please join us for our morning “Happy Breakfasts” to kick off each day.

In order to provide lots of freedom to explore, we will have “Happy Breakfasts” instead of Happy Hours.

Thursday evening: Happy hour and announcements. Margarita's provided

Friday: Breakfast Burritos and Blood Mary's

Saturday: Pancakes and Sausage and Mimosa's

Sunday: Crockpot Oatmeal with toppings

Evening activities at the campground: Enjoy a swim at the pool. Joker, Mexican Train. A list of optional activities is on the website.

Reservations Deadline for reserved spaces was 10/01/2024 but you're welcome to try to make Campsite Reservations by calling (305) 294-1465 or online at boydscampground.com/

After you have secured your campsite, then register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events>. Please notify the hosts if your plans changed and/or you need to cancel.

Host: Nancy Schoene

Co-Host: Gina and Mike McGinn

Welcome New Members and Affiliates



Hope to see you at a rally soon!

Please send us a picture of your family and /or Airstream for the next newsletter so we can recognize you!

New Members

Paul & Patty Acton
#19880 Leesburg, FL

Steven Bouffard
#07252 Hollywood, FL

Patrice & John Dotzler
#07465 St. Petersburg, FL

Paige Eber & David Emihovich
#06116 Delray Beach, FL

Jonna Hunt
#10641 St. Petersburg, FL

**Robert Jenkins (new) and
Judy Barrett (renewing)**
#12814 Dunedin, FL

Paul & Melanie Paradis
#10776 Ocklawaha, FL
(transferred from New England AC)

Lynn & Sue Moss
#13677 Starke, FL

Scott Raab
#08325 Merritt Island, FL

Nancy Schoene
#07445 Urbandale IA
(transferred from Iowa AC)

Richard & Anita Shanklin
#07232 Ormond Beach, FL

New Affiliates

Randy & Diane Hill
#30876 Bergen NY

J Barden & Kathleen Fuller
#00252 Southington, CT

Crystal Pray Freni
#07380 Peabody, MA

Karen Musser
#07224 Evergreen, CO

Alisha Saylor
#16800 Lake City, FL

Valerie & Mark Starnes
#08461 Fort Myers, FL

Blanche Thomas
#01603 Eatonton, GA

Suzanne & Tom Wilkinson
#07703 Bradenton, FL

Club Communications and Merchandise



FACEBOOK

Connect with members on this club's Facebook page "[Florida Airstream Club 027](#)" Look for the one with our logo.



Florida Airstream Flags

Flags

Garden Banner



2' x 3' and 3' x 5' Sizes

12" x 18" Size

FAC Merchandise



Check it out at <https://florida-airstream-club.myspreadshop.com/>

T-shirts, hoodies, hats, bandanas, tote bags, etc. with the Florida Airstream logo (in a variety of materials, sizes and colors) are now available for ordering online. Now is the time to get ready for future rallies with your very own Florida Airstream Club logo apparel!

Pricing

2' x 3' Florida Airstream Flag
(200 Denier Nylon / Tape Heading & Grommets)

\$60.00 Each

3' x 5' Florida Airstream Flag
(200 Denier Nylon / Tape Heading & Grommets)

\$90.00 Each

12" x 18" Florida Airstream Banner
(200 Denier Nylon / 1" Pole Pocket on Top)

\$38.00 Each

Contact The Flag Loft to Order Today. Shipping Estimate 1-2 Weeks

800-995-FLAG (3524)

If you would like your garden flag personalized with your names, BRN, and/or home city and state, contact Susan Poole who will embroider up to 17 characters per line, up to 3 lines (no charge). susyqmeetup14@gmail.com

Charity Project Chairperson

The Florida Airstream Club members work together to hold fundraising activities throughout the year so that we can present the raised funds to a charity in Florida chosen by our members.

We need a new Charitable Project Chairperson. If you are interested in chairing this important foundation, please contact

[Mike McGinn - president@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:president@floridaairstreamclub.org)

Sunshine Committee Report

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

Please send notifications for Sunshine Committee to:
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763-670-8772



Florida Airstream Club, ACI Region 3, Unit 27



Visit us on the web
<https://airstreamclub.org/florida>

Airstream Club International. (ACI) Inspired by the international caravans of Wally Byam, creator and founder of Airstream, the Wally Byam Caravan Club (WBCC) was initially chartered in 1955. Since then the name has been amended to Wally Byam Caravan Club International, Inc. (WBCCI), and Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC), and recently Airstream Club International (ACI).

The Florida Airstream Club was originally chartered as The South-eastern Unit in 1956 making it one of the oldest units. We schedule rallies all over the state from September through June. Staying true to Airstream tradition we include lots of great food, activities, and opportunities to get to know one another in relaxed atmospheres.

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

Want to be an Affiliate? If you are a member of another ACI club and want to become an affiliate of Florida Airstream Club, do it online anytime during the year by logging into the [ACI website](#) and pulling down the menu under your name in the upper right corner and click on "Join as an Affiliate."

2025 Florida Airstream Club Executive Board and Committee Chairs

2025 Executive Board

President - Mike McGinn - president@floridaairstreamclub.org
Vice President - Beccy Hosoda - first_vp@floridaairstreamclub.org
Treasurer - Bruce Fafard - treasurer@floridaairstreamclub.org
Secretary - Gina McGinn - secretary@floridaairstreamclub.org
Past President - Steve Kane - pastpresident@floridaairstreamclub.org

Appointed Positions

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Parliamentarian - [Larry Scovotto](mailto:larry@floridaairstreamclub.org) - parliamentarian@floridaairstreamclub.org
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