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Presidents Message:



Happy 2025 Big Benders! I hope your holidays were amazing, and thanks to all who helped raise \$350 for our Christmas Giving Project.

To those already out the door to Canopener and elsewhere, well done! Mary and I have decided that we are not cold weather campers...Brrr! So we're thinking warm thoughts and planning our summer path to this years'

International in York, PA (in addition to Cave, Fighters and Rallyantic). Gotta make those reservations early!

Regarding our May rally, Champions RV Resort is holding sites 42-58 for us. They are blocked out in black on their reservation site, and are \$106.56 for two nights. Please mention that you are with the Big Bend Airstream Club when making your reservations.

And for all our rallies, please make sure that you "Register Here" for the appropriate event on the ACI website (airstreamclub.org) after securing your site reservation, so that our hosts can plan accordingly! BTW...this is what we mean when we nag about filling out the Jot Form.

The Caves and Campers agenda is included for your planning. And we will be having a short business meeting at the rally to make some exciting announcements!

I hope to see you in Marianna in a couple weeks. And if not, Wander Widely!

~David







| Date 2024-2025 | Campground | Where | Notes | Hosts | Reservation Information |
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| February 7-9 2025 "Campers and Caves" | Florida Caverns State Park | Marianna, FL | | Craig & Monica Brinkley 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) | Amy&Lamar Waymire David&Mary Conrad | Reservation window is now open. alapark.com |
| April 9-13 2025 "Region 3 Rally" | Exchange Park Fairgrounds | Ladson, South Carolina | | Bob & Ginger Ealy | Reservation Window is now open. |
| April 25-27 2025 "Rallyantic Atlantic" | Anastasia State Park | St. Augustine, Florida | | Sammy & Chris Stockstill Chad & Dolores Jones | Reservation window is now open. https://www.floridastateparks.org/ |

| May 16-18 2025 "Race Ya!" | Champions Run RV Resort | Ocala, Florida | Julie & David Ludlow | Reservation window is now open. |
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| August 23-28 2025 "International Rally" | York Expo Center | York, Pennsylvania | | Reservation window is now open. |
| September 26-28 2025 "It's Grayt" | Grayton Beach State Park | Santa Rosa Beach, Florida | Shane & Katie Montague Don&Gaye Baltz | Reservation window is now open. |
| October 24-26 2025 "Relaxing Rally" | Travelers Rest | Dade City, Florida | Gary & RoseMarie Anderson | Reservation window is now open. (352) 588-2013 Mention Big Bend Rally |
| November 7-9 2025 "Sunsets & Sunrises" | Port St. Joe RV Resort | Port St. Joe, Florida | David & Mary Conrad | Reservation window is now open. |

2026 Rally Schedule - Coming February 2025

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









Caves and Campers Rally Agenda

February 7-9, 2025

Friday

4:00 Happy Hour

5:00 Pot Luck Dinner, bring a filled dish to share If your last name begins with A-K, bring dessert to share. Immediately following dinner we will have a Treasure Hunt,

PLEASE BRING FLASHLIGHTS

Saturday

9:00 Breakfast - Oatmeal Bar

10:30 Business Meeting

Spend the day on your own exploring the caves, local breweries, visiting with friends!

12:00 – 2:00 Valentine Making at Cookies Fabrics

4:00 Happy Hour, PIRATE ATTIRE SUGGESTED

5:00 Red Beans and Rice Dinner, vegetarian option will be available.

If your last name begins with L-Z, bring dessert to share.

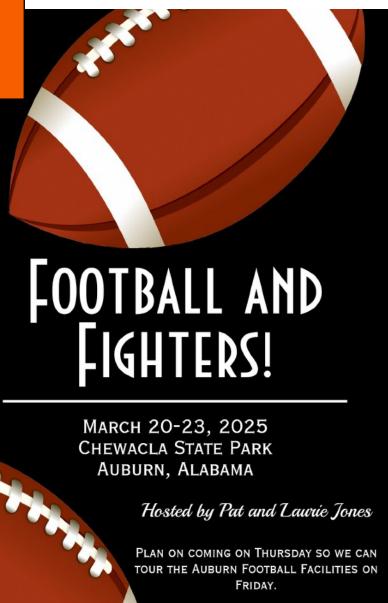
~ We're looking forward to a swashbuckling time!





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

www.airstreamclub.org



Streamin' in the Sweetgrass



REGION 3 · LADSON, SC · APRIL 9-13 2025



We are pleased to extend a warm invitation to you for the 2025 Region 3 Airstream Club Rally, which will be held at **The Exchange Park Fairgrounds in Ladson, South Carolina** (home of the Coastal Carolina Fair). We are excited to welcome Airstream Club members to this beautiful location, where we have planned a variety of activities designed to showcase the charm and rich heritage of the **Low Country**, including **Charleston** and the surrounding areas.

The Region 3 Executive Leadership Team—First Vice President Bob Hoffman, Second Vice President Burt Broadway, and I—have been hard at work developing an engaging and dynamic rally week for you. This year's rally, titled **Streamin' In The Sweetgrass**, will feature vendor booths, informative seminars, happy hours, and delicious meals, and of course, ICE CREAM! It is our goal to provide a well-rounded and enjoyable experience for all member attendees to engage and explore.

Your rally registration includes your campsite, the rally fee for one adult, and the option to add additional adult(s) and add an extra early arrival day. See registration form for details. We encourage you to <u>register early</u> and ensure your spot at this exciting event as we have approximately 180 sites set aside for our rally.

In addition, we are <u>seeking volunteers</u> to help with various rally activities. If you are able to lend a hand, please take a moment to sign up through the separate volunteer registration link provided. Your participation will be greatly appreciated and will contribute to making this rally a success.

We look forward to your attendance and involvement in **Streamin' In The Sweetgrass**. It promises to be a memorable event, and we can't wait to share this special occasion with fellow Airstreamers from across the region and beyond.

We are thrilled to also offer you the early opportunity below to order your own **customized rally swag** with the Streamin' In The Sweetgrass rally logo.

Click this link for the <u>rally registration form</u>; deadline is Monday, March 24, 2025.

NOTE: All electric power at the rally will be 50-AMP; please bring a 30-AMP adapter, if needed. Additionally you may want to bring extra water hoses (50'), sewer hose extensions (20'), and water hose Y-adapters. All utility connections are at the rear of each campsite.







Registration Now Open

THE EPIC EVENT WHERE AIRSTREAM OWNERS RALLY TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE A SHARED PASSION FOR ADVENTURE, EXPLORATION AND THE ICONIC AIRSTREAM LIFESTYLE

Let's Make History at the 68th Airstream Club International Rally in York, Pennsylvania: August 23-28, 2025. Embrace the timeless traditions of adventure and friendship while exploring and enjoying the sites and sounds of the Mid-Atlantic at the 2025 ACI Rally.



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