

Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club Pirate FYI's Winter 2025

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President's Corner

Members and Friends, another year has passed, and we look to the new year as a Club for new opportunities and adventures. As your newly elected President, I look to the future, but I'm reflecting on our Club's history; we are celebrating our 47th year as an Airstream Club founded in 1977, and we were successful in merging with the Airstream of Tampa Club. We enter 2025 with our club affiliate membership increasing, and our camping options and benefits continue to grow. Stay tuned. You'll hear more as the months progress.

Latest Rally Success:

Our Club has just finished hosting the 2025 Disney Rally at Ft Wilderness Resort on Disney property in Orlando, FL. I want to thank my better half, your Club Vice-President Sharon Moura, for all the hours and effort she put into that rally. I also want to thank Robin and Stephen Keen for all of their hours and efforts in making that rally very successful. For those not in attendance, we had over 13 clubs represented at the rally, with 64 Airstreamers. For those not able to attend, sorry we missed you. We will be back next year, and Club #30 will be hosting, so join in on the fun. Some of the feedback was, Best Rally ever!", "Awesome Rally going to join your club. ""Thank you to our four hosts for all your work; I don't know how you pulled it off. We will be back," and the overall satisfaction rating for the rally was, Excellent! So, everyone in Club #162 should be proud. Now, what's next?

Opportunities To Contribute:

We have a few positions currently open. Send an email to <u>club162@airstreamclub.org</u> if you are interested.

- **Rally Chair:** Finalize rally committee recommendations for at least two rallies per year. This does not mean you need to be the rally host.
- **Newsletter Editor:** Collect content from members and write the newsletter four times per year.
- **Webmaster:** Maintain and update the Airstream Club International microsite. Training is available. The role takes one to two hours per month, as we just revised and updated our site.
- Communication Specialist: Maintain our social media presence on various sites, including Facebook, ACI, and WhatsApp.

Financial Stability

As most of you know, we operate under a 501c organization and are financially stable. Thank you to all members who have made this possible. We will continue to ensure we have enough reserves for the inevitable, like software updates, charity donations, and any unexpected club expenses.

Joe Moura | BRN 30592



Where to next? Join the fun!

March 1, 2025: Club Luncheon at Blue Pointe Bar & Grill in Jupiter, FL

- JotForm sign-up form is in your inbox sent from <u>club162@airstreamclub.org</u>
- Thank you, Rosemarie Kistler, for hosting! 💙

April 4-7, 2025 - FTCAC Spring Rally at St. Augustine RV Park

• JotForm sign-up form is in your inbox sent from club162@airstreamclub.org

April 9-13, 2025 – Region 3 "Streaming in the Sweetgrass" Rally, Exchange Park Fairgrounds, Ladson, SC

• Register for a spot at https://airstreamclub.org/region-3-rally-2025

April 4-18, 2025 – Oldest City Mini Caravan, join our pop-up going from the Spring Rally in St. Augustine to the Region 3 Rally and back home.

• JotForm registration is in your inbox sent from club162@airstreamclub.org

Summer Pop-Ups? Let us know if you are going somewhere fun, and we will advertise it to our Club 162 members. You never know; you may have some friends joining you.

August 23-28, 2025: International Rally, York, PA

Register for a spot at <u>https://airstreamclub.org/rally2025</u>

September Club Luncheon? We're looking for someone to host the Club Luncheon. It's easy! Pick a restaurant, pick a date, and let the restaurant know that ~20 people are coming. We will do the rest!

October 24-26, 2025: FTCAC Fall Rally 'To Boondock or Not To Boondock' Rally at Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery, Fort Pierce, FL.

• Mark your calendar for more details to come.



Welcome New Members! We are thrilled to have you and look forward to meeting you!

New Members:

• Penny and William Patterson - Daytona Beach, FL

New Affiliate Members:

- Yvette Acosta and Neil MacMillan Tampa, FL
- Bob and Caroline Barnes Stuart, FL
- Pam and Ronnie Belk Perryville, AR
- Eleanor and Arnold Jester Perryville, AR
- Aleece and Stephen King Winter Garden, FL
- Janet and Gene Lockhart South Euclid, OH
- Chris and Jay Matousek- West Palm Beach, FL

- Karen Nemson Vero Beach, FL
- Diane and Kenneth Pagano Welaka FL
- Gary and Karen Sands Pompano Beach, FL
- Deborah and Craig Schein St. Augustine FL
- Charles and Deborah Sewall Oak Ridge, TN
- Charene Sreenan Port St. Lucie, FL
- Clive Towndrow Englewood, FL



2025 Disney Rally

Our Florida Treasure Coast Airstream club hosted the 2nd Annual Disney Rally January 29th to February 3rd. We had 32 rigs and 64 participants from 13 different Airstream clubs! Stephen & Robin Keen and Sharon & Joe Moura hosted the rally. Last year, it was hosted by South Florida Unit 30, and we were able to learn from their great example and add some fun of our own. The rally included wonderful meals like Stephen Keen's Street Tacos and Sangria. We enjoyed the Hoop Dee Doo Revue, lunches at Disney Springs, and a Monorail crawl. Everyone enjoyed the Disney Parks, bike rides, pickleball, and more in their free time. With stealth delivery, everyone got 'flamickeyed' (a pink flamingo with Mickey's ears, thanks to Robin Keen). There are many more pictures on the club's Facebook site.



Joe & Sharon, co-hosts

Hoop Dee Doo Revue dinner & show Robin & Stephen, co-hosts



Everyone got 'flamickeyed'

Mimosa anyone?

Welcome Bags



Pop-Up Rally Time!

1. Do you have a place picked out to camp?

2. Would you like a few Airstreamers to join you?

If you answered **YES** to both questions, you've got a pop-up! It's as easy as that!

Send "Pop Up!" to <u>Club162@airstreamclub.org</u> along with:

- Dates: (Arrival and Departure)
- Campground Location: (Name of campground and your site #)

We will advertise your pop-up and track who is going for you.

Let the spontaneous adventures begin!



Ideas for a rally? We would love to hear about them.

Please reach out to <u>club162@airstreamclub.org</u> The **rally committee is looking for your ideas** for future rally locations and any interest in hosting/co-hosting a future event.



Road-Tips

To lubricate a Zip Dee awning, you can use an aerosol silicone lubricant on the moving parts. You can also use white lithium grease. Steps

- 1. Open the awning completely
- 2. Use a rag to block excess spray from landing on the fabric
- 3. Spray the rafter arm with silicone lubricant
- 4. Wipe down the silver part of the rafter arm
- 5. Spray the steel bar that extends from the main arm housing
- 6. For the Zip Dee Automatic Awning, insert the tip of the white lithium grease spray into the small hole on the top side of the main arm and spray three quick sprays. Do same to arms on both sides.
- 7. Close the awning

Tips

- Lubricate everything that moves or rotates
- Spray into the gaps between two moving parts
- Spray the spring-loaded snaps on each arm
- Flush out the springs trapped in the rafter arms

Remember on the automatic awning never power off when awning is open as the system will not remember the closing position. You may need to open and close until it fully retracts.



Communications Update

- Email: All communications to and from the club are using <u>club162@airstreamclub.org</u>. Some members are finding them in their junk email folder. Please check you inbox to ensure you are seeing your <u>club162@airstreamclub.org</u> emails.
- Facebook: From now on, we will have <u>one</u> Facebook site, <u>Airstream</u> Florida Treasure Coast #162. This site is used to communicate club updates and for everyone to post club pictures and messages. <u>We will no</u> <u>longer be posting to</u> Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club #162.
- 3. WhatsApp: WhatsApp is used for all information, messages and pictures for each rally. When you join a rally, please also join the WhatsApp community that is set up for it. Links will be sent to all those who register for a rally. We also have some general messages that will be posted in the main WhatsApp community for Club 162. https://chat.whatsapp.com/EDNqdwoaPVv1DvAOigRhaU
- 4. Website: Joe Moura, the current webmaster, has put a lot of effort in getting our club website up to date. It is a microsite hosted by the Airstream Club International (ACI), and it has not been easy to modify. Now that it is in shape it will be easier to keep updated. If you would like to be the webmaster, let us know! Check it out https://airstreamclub.org/florida-treasure-coast



Note From Your Editor

We want to hear from you! Here are some ideas below. Content for the Spring 2025 Newsletters is due by May 20, 2025. Please send it to <u>club162@airstreamclub.org</u>, with the subject "Newsletter Content."

- Your travels send a few paragraphs on your travels with some pictures. It doesn't need to be long. We just love to see what adventures club members are having.
- A technical tip.
- Your favorite recipes for on the road and at the campsite.
- Travelling with pets.
- A great picture with a caption
- Anything else that is on your mind.

Thank you! Sharon Moura



Thank you to our Club 162 Officers 🛡

President:	Joe Moura	Director:	Sue Smedley
Vice-President:	Sharon Moura	Director:	Rosemarie Kistler
Secretary:	Angie Koehler	Membership Chair:	Robin Keen
Treasurer:	Dick Wheatley	Past President:	Robin Keen