



GOOD LIFE NEWS

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President's Points

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A Quick note from the President of The Florida Airstream Club:

I don't know how your 2025 has been going but I can safely say that we have been getting around. Some of our travels have been in our Airstream but right now we are in New Zealand. We are camping our way around this beautiful island nation. I wish we were in our Airstream but I am not sure the campgrounds of New Zealand are trailer friendly. Most of the campers here use vans or small class C rigs. There is a strong "camper" culture here, but they do it Kiwi style. Most of the roads are barely wide enough for two rigs to pass each other without everyone scooting to the side.

Have I mentioned bridges? They seem to have saved a TON of money by making most of the bridges one lane

wide. Barely one lane wide. This is handled by "Give Way" signs. This is a sign with two arrows, one fat line and one skinny line. If the fat one is going your direction, then you have the right of way. It's crazy but it works.

So why am I talking about non-Airstream campers? Mostly to say that this lifestyle is awesome!! Also to say that being an Airstreamer has helped us have a great time. We constantly meet new people that share a love of wandering the earth and exploring new places.

We'll see you soon at the next rally and of course somewhere down the road.

Mike McGinn
BRN 7226



How Can You Benefit From Attending an Airstream Rally?

What's so great about attending an Airstream rally?
So many things!

Where are you in your Airstream journey? You might have just made your first purchase or have owned one for many years.

If you just made your first purchase, you may have realized that the salesperson didn't have the answers to every question on your long list of well-constructed inquiries. Taking your new acquisition on the road can be intimidating while feeling uncertain about an unanswered question, a new discovery, or how to do something. Do you know who understands Airstreams better than the salesperson? Owners. And do you know where to find these owners? At a RALLY!

I remember our first rally, the Canopener, in 2007, just a few weeks after Pat and I purchased our first Airstream. During that rally, we grew to appreciate the Airstream and the people who welcomed us with open arms.

If you have owned your Airstream for many years, a rally allows you to share your experiences with new owners. Speaking from experience, nothing is more gratifying than helping someone solve a problem.

We've been Airstreaming for over 18 years, and we're always learning something new and sharing the knowledge we've acquired. At a past rally, I assisted someone with a tire problem and another who was planning a trip to Alaska. A more experienced member helped us with a water pump issue.

The wonderful people in our Airstream community come from all parts of the US and Canada. Social media allows us to communicate regularly. Blogs provide insight and inspiration. Facebook groups and AirForums.com foster ongoing conversations. These digital platforms have been our allies in making modifications, planning trips, and addressing mechanical issues. However, there is nothing quite like face-to-face interaction. Nothing.

Rallies allow us to live together, even briefly (one day to a week). These gatherings are planned and hosted by members of the Club. Rallies come in all shapes and sizes. They can be intricately organized with workshops and outings or impromptu events that spring up because someone wants to see their



fellow Airstream friends. These events can be small meet-ups of fewer than 10 Airstreams or larger events (the annual International Rally, Region rallies, special event rallies, Alumapalooza, etc.) that attract owners from all over the USA and Canada, sometimes resulting in a rally of over 1,000 Airstreams!

As a group, the people at a rally form a powerful force of knowledge, experience, guidance, and expertise. Over time, when you can pause discussing your Airstream for a bit, you get to know the individual members on a deeper level. Learning about others' stories, histories, and dreams for the future gives insight into who they are and possibly why they chose to be a part of the Airstream community. We have met some of our favorite people on the planet at Airstream Club rallies!

Rallies can highlight a geographic region, a shared event (e.g., canoeing and kayaking, bicycle excursions, tours of wineries/breweries, or historical sites), or a shared passion (e.g., golf, hiking, photography). The schedules are flexible enough to allow freedom and varied enough to accommodate a range of interests and activity levels.

These shared experiences build a different level of community in person than online. We've found that face-to-face time often enhances our online interactions. Meeting people "in the flesh" when your only prior meeting has been online is great fun. Airstream Club rally schedules include dates and locations across the nation. Learn more on our website and AirstreamClub.org.

Randy and Pat Godfrey

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park Rally

Jan. 9-12, 2025

Hello from New Zealand! (ask us about New Zealand when you see us at the Devil's Den Rally)

It seems like a long time ago that we had the Spirit of the Suwannee Rally in January.

We had a nice turn-out with about 16 rigs attending. The weather was what you would expect for North Florida in mid-January. We had some sun, we had some cold, we had some rain, and of course we had lots of fun.

We had an assortment of rally goers from other clubs in other states. (Michigan, Wisconsin, Connecticut?) The northerners were laughing at our north Florida "winter".

As you might imagine, Gina made sure there was a full agenda with tons to do and lots of group meals.

We had an assortment of golfcart rides in the day and night. As far as I know, we didn't lose anyone.

We had a golf cart rodeo. If you don't know what that is then...you should come to this rally next time. The pictures really don't do the shenanigans justice.

Did I mention food? There were plenty of group meals. There were breakfast burritos for those that got up before the crack of 10 am. The foil packet dinners got the campground hotter than the campfire.

We had some fun with nine square and there might have been some silly hats.

Look for Suwannee rally to make another appearance in 2026. Gina really loves to host this one.

Mike and Gina McGinn



Woodberry Farm Rally

Feb. 24-27, 2025

I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for making this year's rally truly unforgettable! It was an incredible experience, and I'm thrilled that it was the first time for many of you, especially for one who had never been on a camping trip before! We had a total of 25 rigs with 49 air streamers and several "buddy" friends!

On Monday night, we enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner with a cozy campfire to keep us warm. On Tuesday, we had an amazing concert by the national touring artist, Sam Lowe, with Steve Kane opening the show. We also had a whiskey tasting while music filled the air on a beautiful afternoon.

On Wednesday, we had a super cool art session on "Nature Journals" led by our very own art teacher, Maryanne Swegles. They learned to quickly capture their memories in a fun and easy way. Everyone had a fantastic time!

Later that night, we gathered for our black and yellow honeybee dance with hits from the 60s and 70s playing in the speakeasy. Some people enjoyed playing pool, while others mingled and had a great time.



We've already begun planning for next year's rally, which will be held from February 16th to 19th, 2026. As a heads up, Woodberry will be slightly increasing their camping fees due to ongoing improvements in their facilities. Additionally, we're planning to invite another artist or two to perform, which may also lead to a slight increase in the rally prices.

We've received positive feedback about the idea of having more artists on Music Day and transforming it into a mini music and art festival with classes for rallies in the future.

I want to extend a special thank you to our cohosts, Stan and Helene, and all the volunteers who contributed to the meals, fires, and general maintenance. We couldn't have made this event a success without everyone's unwavering support and assistance.

Thank you once again for making this year's rally a memorable experience. We eagerly anticipate seeing you all again next year!

Best regards, Steve and Laura Kane



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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
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	
9/17	9/21	Camp Margaritaville	Margaritaville Campground	Auburndale, FL	Jason Wikman; David and Rachael Torres	\$10	
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 Poole	\$20	Reservations 11 months out with overflow at Sil- ver Lake Campground
12/4	12/8	Cracker Christmas & Installation of	Fort Christmas	Christmas, FL	Steve and Laura Kane	N/C	Host will make Campsite Reser- vations

*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.

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

Camp Margaritaville Rally

Auburndale, FL Sept. 17-21, 2025

Margaritaville RV Resort in Auburndale has so much to offer: tiki bar, fire pits, swimming pools, dog park, putting course and you are close enough to visit one of central Florida's attractions. It is located an hour southwest of Orlando and just outside of Lakeland, Florida, Camp

RV & Motorhome sites are 30/50-amp w/ full hook-up, free wifi & cable, charcoal grill & picnic table. Site prices vary – if we have 10+ sites reserved we'll receive 10% off the balance owed at check in (refunds available if you pay in full when booking). Make Campsite Reservations by calling (863) 455-7335* or online at margaritavilleresorts.com*



*Book online but please email TorresFam3@yahoo.com once reserved so we can make sure you're included for the discount. After you have secured your campsite, then register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events> .

Join us for meet & greets, happy hour, movie night, trivia, pickleball tournaments, cornhole tournament, putt-putt, a scavenger hunt, bike ride, breakfast, potluck dinner, a Dutch oven demo and more!

The resort is cashless; however, they accept credit/debit cards and ApplePay.

Please note log firepits are not permitted in the park. Propane fire pits, golf carts, electric bikes are available for rent through Camp Margaritaville.

Hosts:

David Torres,

Rachel Torres torresfam3@yahoo.com

and Jason Wikman

Camp Margaritaville RV Resort
361 Denton Ave
Auburndale, FL 33823
(863) 455-7335

Rally Fee (per attendee): \$10

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

Mario & Tamnah D'Angelo
#10277 Odessa, FL
(Transfer from Member-at-large)

John & Jamie Dombroski
#05522 Dade City, FL
(transfer from Florida Suncoast)

Lauren Garner
#30436 Winter Haven, FL

Donna & Ron Hoffman
#02590 Melbourne, FL
(transfer from Carolinas A.C.)

John & Julie Johnston
#23911 Leonardtown, MD
(transfer from Carolinas A.C.)

David and Carol Kemp
#01740 Gulf Breeze, FL

Terry & Sharon Kent
#09064 Placida, FL

Amy & Jesse Krok
#01537 Sorrento, FL

Amanda Michael
#01538 St. Petersburg, FL

Jessica Moscoso
#08814 Fruitland Park, FL

Thomas & Karen O'Brien
#01592 Franklin, NC

Paul & Jennifer Quigg
#13460 Titusville, FL

William & Linda Shenko
#08719 Fort Myers, FL

Chandi Springer
#01776 Winter Garden, FL

New Affiliates

John & Pam Finch
#21485 Ashland City, TN

Robyn & Scott Helt
#14547 Crestview, FL

Sharon & Joe Moura
#30592 Palm City, FL

Charene Sreenan
#23844 Port St. Lucie, 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)
3' x 5' Florida Airstream Flag (200 Denier Nylon / Tape Heading & Grommets)
12" x 18" Florida Airstream Banner (200 Denier Nylon / 1" Pole Pocket on Top)

\$60.00 Each
\$90.00 Each
\$38.00 Each

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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:
Deb Oppel
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763-670-8772



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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
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Secretary - Gina McGinn - secretary@floridaairstreamclub.org
Past President - Steve Kane - pastpresident@floridaairstreamclub.org

Appointed Positions

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