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Presidents Message:



Unbelievable weather made for an epic February Rally! Thanks to Craig, Monica and Jason for awesome eats and high seas entertainment! Every campground should have bats for bug control!

Hopefully after some Mardi Gras madness and St. Patrick's Day shenanigans, you'll be hooking up for more fun with us on the gridiron and in a few pages of history in Auburn, AL.

We finally got some updates made out on the ACI website. So, If you've already made reservations for the Grayton Beach State Park, Travelers Rest or Port St Joe rallies, please go out to Airstreamclub.org, navigate to the appropriate Club Event and Register!

And we're looking for some hosts and volunteers to keep the fun rolling! I'm looking for Hosts/Co-hosts for Port St Joe in Nov. And our Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to edit our Newsletter and to be our new WebMaster. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Carol Montague (montaguec43@gmail.com).

See you in sweet home Alabama in a couple weeks. And if not, Wander Widely!
~David

Welcome New Members!

- Mary & Robert Cox (BRN 1494)
- Jay Roach & Vicky Lawrence (BRN 14622)



Rally Recap

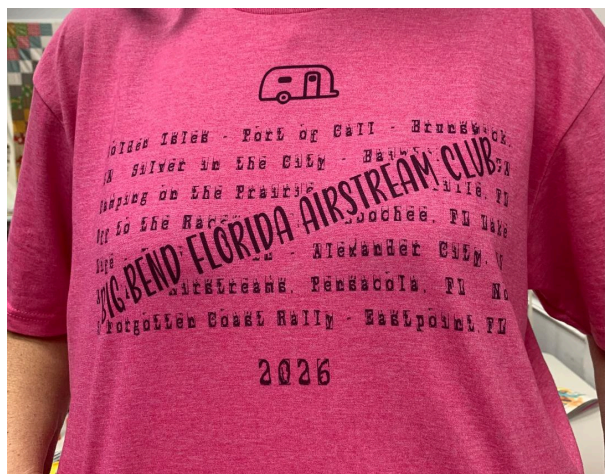
What a Swashbuckling way to continue the 2025 camping season, Arrrrgh! And what more could you ask for than fair skies and 75 degrees in February! Friday night's pot luck was delicious. Big Benders are such great cooks. And after dinner, we set out with flashlights in hand on an after-dark scavenger hunt. But alas when all the treasure was found, we did what pirates do! We stole from each other in a version of Dirty Santa...Dirty Pirate maybe?



The Lucky SeaDog turned out to be Lamar, getting his rally paid for. Saturday morning, our coffee and Oatmeal was hot and ready. Then some business was discussed, with updates on a new club flag and the reveal of our 2026 Rally Schedule. Then we divided to conquer even more! Some stormed Southern Fields Brewing, while others scoured the Florida Caverns, and still others headed to Cookies Fabrics to make Valentines. A good time was had by all! Saturday night saw a reconvening of the pirate assembly, to tell tall tales of the day's exploits and to enjoy an abundance of Craig's Red Beans and Rice. Job well done by our hosts! A full broadside salute to Craig and Monica Brinkley and Jason Friedrich! And a special thanks to our rally guests, Robert & Rosa Winkler of Florida Suncoast and Bill & Lori from Michigan.

Who needs another t-shirt? You do, of course!

Amy had a t-shirt designed to coincide with her 2026 Rally Reveal. The shirts were produced by Blue Magnolia Tees in Blountstown, FL. If you're interested, shirts can be purchased directly from Blue Magnolia (via FB), or by contacting Amy. See below for a picture of the shirt and color options. The shirts are Gildan soft, \$18.00 each.



Up Next...



Football and Fighters!

MARCH 20-23, 2025
CHEWACLA STATE PARK
AUBURN, ALABAMA

Mar 20 - Arrival Happy Hour Social
Dinner on your own (Mamma Goldberg's opt'l)

Mar 21 - Coffee and Continental
Auburn/Auburn Athletics Tour
Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Arts
Red Clay Brewing / Resting Pulse Brewery
Taco Bar w/vegan opt.

Mar 22 - Coffee and Continental
Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site
Tuskegee University Open House
Tuskegee Human & Civil Rights Multicultural Ctr
Hamburger Bar w/vegan opt.

Join the Rally WhatsApp Group!

2025	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Reservation Information
April 9-13 "Region 3 Rally"	Exchange Park Fairgrounds	Ladson, South Carolina		Bob & Ginger Ealy	Window is open
April 25-27 "Rallyantic Atlantic"	Anastasia State Park	St. Augustine, FL		Sammy & Chris Stockstill Chad & Dolores Jones	Window is open https://www.floridastateparks.org/
May 16-18 "Race Ya!"	Champions Run RV Resort	Ocala, FL		Julie & David Ludlow	Window is open (352) 322-2992 Mention Big Bend Airstream Rally
August 23-28 "International"	York Expo Center	York, Pennsylvania			Window is open airstreamclub.org
September 26-28 "It's Grayt"	Grayton Beach State Park	Santa Rosa Beach, FL		Don & Gaye Baltz	Window is open https://www.floridastateparks.org/
October 23-26 "Relaxing Rally"	Travelers Rest	Dade City, FL		Gary & RoseMarie Anderson	Window is open (352) 588-2013 Mention Big Bend Airstream Rally
November 7-9 "Sunsets & Sunrises"	Port St Joe RV Resort	Port St Joe, FL		Hosts needed	Window is open (850) 280-6177 Mention Big Bend Airstream Rally

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET REGISTER ON THE ACI WEBSITE
TO LET THE HOSTS KNOW YOU ARE COMING!!!**



And Here's The New 2026 Rally Schedule!

Dates	Campground	Where		Hosts	Reservation Information
January 8-11, 2026	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Canopener		Window is open www.reserve.floridastateparks.org
February 6-8, 2026	Coastal Georgia RV Resort	Brunswick, GA	Golden Isles - Port of Call	Host needed	1-912-264-3869 March 2025
March 4-8, 2026	SUN 'n FUN Campground	Lakeland, FL	Region 3 Rally		
March 19-22, 2026		Bainbridge, GA	Silver in the City-Bainbridge	No Host	January 2026
April 10-12, 2026	Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park	Micanopy, FL	Camping on the Prairie	David & Julie Ludlow	5/10/2025 www.reserve.floridastateparks.org
May 1-3, 2026	EastBank COE	Chattahoochee, FL	Off to the Races	Everyone	11/1/2025 www.recreation.gov
August 22-27, 2026		Minot, ND	International		
September 10-13, 2026	Windcreek State Park	Alexander City, AL	Lake Life	Craig & Monica Brinkley	9/10/2025 www.alapark.com
October 9-11, 2026	Pensacola RV Park	Pensacola, FL	Angels & Airstreams	Vince & Dian Naman	1-850-944-1734 TBD
October 11-18, 2026		Natches, MS - Lynchburg, TN	Tracin' & Tastin' Caravan	Chad & Dolores Jones	
November 6-8, 2026	Coastline RV Resort	Eastpoint, FL	Not So Forgotten Coast Rally	Sammy & Chris Stockstill Jason Friedrich	1-850-799-1016 TBD