



GOOD LIFE NEWS

Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27 May 2025

President's Corner

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Editor's Note

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I hope this newsletter finds you all having a great time with your Airstream friends. I know this is a shock to those of you who know me, but Gina has been keeping us busy. We had a great time at the Devil's Den rally hosted by The Swegles and the Masters. Hopefully there is a rally report in this newsletter, so I won't steal their thunder. (Spoiler alert: great friends, food, and fun).

After that we headed up to the Region 3 Rally in Ladson, South Carolina. I got to represent the Florida Airstream Club at the Region 3 board meeting. I'm not a huge fan of meetings but it was interesting to hear about the other clubs in our region and how they are doing. One bit of info that stuck was that there are enough Region 3 members to make up a quorum on any votes that come up within the club as a whole. (We have a large voice in the club assuming that we all voted.)

Another interesting tidbit is that all members of Airstream Club International get a vote on national ballots (not just one per BRN). The trick to everyone getting a vote is to have individual emails in your ACI dashboard. So, if you and your spouse share an email, you would only get one online vote.

The final thing about the **Region 3 Rally** is that next year's rally is in Florida. It will be held **March 4-8** at the SUN 'n Fun Aerospace Expo Campground in Lakeland, Florida. Save the date and get your reser-



vations when you can. This is a chance to show up in large numbers to a Region event.

In closing, one of our past president's made a nice plea at the Devil's Den rally for volunteers in our club. We are all really good about helping out at a rally. What our club needs is members who are willing to step it up notch. We need rally hosts! We need board member volunteers! None of these positions are hard. If I can do this, so can you!

So PLEASE contact me via email, text, snail mail, phone call, carrier pigeon, etc. to see what you can do for your club. We'll see you down the road!

Mike and Gina McGinn
Big Red Number 7226

Airstream Club International 70th Anniversary

Celebrate 70 Years of Airstream Adventures in the Commemorative Edition of Blue Beret!

Airstream Club International is turning 70, and we're marking this milestone with a special commemorative edition of the Blue Beret this August! The issue will be packed with stories from our rich history, inspiring member spotlights, and a tribute to the incredible community that has made this journey unforgettable.

Want to be part of this historic edition?
Here's how to participate:

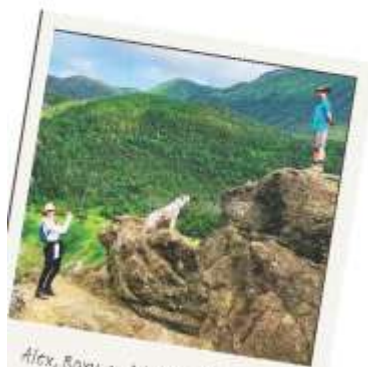
✦ **Share Your Story** – Submit your Airstream adventures, memories, and photos in our 70th Anniversary Album. We'll feature select stories in the magazine!

📷 **Show Off Your Airstream Life** – Upload your best photos of club adventures to be considered for this special issue.

💬 **Leave Your Mark** – Purchase a 70th Anniversary message to celebrate the club and your Airstream journey. All proceeds will go to the WBCCI Historical Center.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime edition you won't want to miss! Submit your stories now and be part of Airstream history. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2025.

Visit AirstreamClub.org/70Years
for more details.



Alex, Rory and Amy Harrison in Newfoundland BRV6942



Elizabeth Thompson's Grandmother BRV15089



Hank and Blue Belle Enjoying the Scenery – Tim Jackson BRV10608



Elk in Banff! Lori Grassi BRV15089



Dale & Virginia Lepper BRV1138



GLAAC Touring the Factory! Paula & Steven Hammer BRV15701



Airstream Club International Executive Council Elections

My name is Artie Martin! I am interested in serving on the Executive Council for Airstream Club International and would like to introduce myself to you.

I am currently the Immediate Past President of Region 5 Airstream Club. I have served two complete terms of President of Region 5, 2016-2018 and 2020-2022. So, I have experienced 4 years of IBT Meetings!

Serving as President has provided me with the operational knowledge to take on larger challenges as our club continues to grow. I look forward to researching new ideas, and reaching out to members for suggestions and opinions of how our club can successfully move forward!!!

I thank you so much for your support!!!

Artie Martin BRN 213

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2025 Executive Council Candidates

TERM OF OFFICE: August 1, 2025
through December 31, 2027

To learn more about other candidates, log onto airstreamclub.org, look under “About” and “Executive Council Elections” or [click here](#)

Per the Electioneering Rules, our club’s leadership does not endorse any particular candidate. Clubs must promote all candidate submissions if received before the publication deadline.

Watch your emails for notification about the voting period this summer.

Live “Ask the Candidates” Webinar:

May 21, 2025

7:00 PM ET

During this live-streamed event, candidates will answer selected member-submitted questions, as well as take live chat questions. It’s an open forum to get to know the individuals seeking to lead ACI—and a fantastic way to engage directly with them. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the [ACI YouTube channel](#) after.

Devil's Den Spring in Williston, Florida.

March 31 to April 7, 2025

We thought we would try something different - a week-long rally, at Devil's Den Prehistoric Spring, which had about 30 sites available to us. A smaller rally was expected, but we filled the campground!!! Most campers stayed the week and a few others joined the fun over the weekend. It was a buddy rally, and we also welcomed visiting Airstreamers from the states of Texas, Colorado, New Hampshire, & Washington state.

Some of the Highlights -

- Snorkeling Devil's Den
- Paddling - Rainbow River & Silver Springs
- Art Classes
- Cedar Key Art Fest
- Garden Visits (Cedar Lakes Woods & Kanapaha)
- Hiking Paynes Prairie
- Discovering Micanopy
- Meet & Greet break-out groups - getting to know new friends
- Pico de Gallo Class
- Beer Tasting Happy Hour
- Wine Tasting & charcuterie boards Happy Hour
- Gainesville Trips
- Curtis Wright trailer tour
- And Two Tails Elephant Sanctuary

Lots of helping hands made for numerous and delicious dinners, breakfast & Happy Hours.

We chose a dining "Theme" Mexican - and it seem to satisfy. SkyMed supplied a Panera breakfast and many signed up or renewed.

We are thinking about repeating this rally next year (April 7-14, 2026). Would you consider being our co-hosts?

Let us know.....we can facilitate. Join the host team for next year!

Additional pictures are posted on our club's Facebook page "[Florida Airstream Club 027](#)"

Hosts: Mike & Maryanne Swegles; Bob & Lynn Masters



Grateful for the Kitchen crew!



Huevos Rancheros with Mike and Bruce.



Our Texans in their Curtis Wright 1949 Clipper

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



Good Times in the Keys!

A group of about 12 showed up for the Key West Rally held at Boyd's RV park. We started the rally with a nice happy hour on Thursday. Watching the sun set. Listening to the chicken's crow. It was a great time to catch up with old friends and to make some new friends too!

Our main get together times were "happy breakfast" instead of happy hour. This gave everyone the freedom to plan their days as they pleased. There were breakfast burritos, bloody Mary's, pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, mimosas, oatmeal, and ice-cream. Not all at the same time though.

We had a nice bike ride around Key West. Stopping to see the sites and taste the tastes.

Speaking of tastes. We had a little Key Lime Pie challenge. The idea was to try at least three key lime pies and report back to the group. I'm not sure which one won but my favorite was from Pe-pe's.

There was also some kayaking around/through the mangroves, some swimming in the pool, and general lounging around the campsite.

There was a little horse race being held in Kentucky that was a good excuse to have a celebration. I'm not sure who won the race but we all had a great time and some great mint julips.

Eventually we all had to head north past all that pretty blue water to home or our next destination. We'll see you down the road!

Host: Nancy Schoene

Co-Host: Gina and Mike McGinn



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).

Arrive	De-part	Rally Name	Campground	City	Host/Co-Host	Rally Fee*	Notes
9/17	9/21	Camp Margari-taville	Margari-taville Campground	Auburn-dale, FL	Jason Wik-man; David and Rachael Torres	\$10	
10/23	10/27	Kathry Ab-bey Hanna Park	Kathryn Ab-bey Hanna Park	Jackson-ville, FL	Jeanne & Tom Scheitler Gina & Mike McGinn	\$10	
10/25		Annual Meet-ing	Kathryn Ab-bey Hanna Park	Jackson-ville, FL		N/C	
11/13	11/17	Cypress Glenn Campground	Cypress Glenn Campground	Brooks-ville, FL	Susan and Da-vid Poole	\$10	Overflow at Silver Lake Campground
12/4	12/8	Cracker Christmas & Installation of Officers	Fort Christ-mas	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.

Camp Margaritaville Rally

Auburndale, FL Sept. 17-21, 2025

Margaritaville RV Resort in Auburndale is located an hour southwest of Orlando and just outside of Lakeland. It 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

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park and Annual Meeting

Jacksonville, FL October 23-27, 2025

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park in northeast Florida features a 1.5-mile-long beach, beautiful nature trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, and fishing lakes. Boating, canoeing, hiking, biking, and camping facilities are also available, while lakeside tables and grills provide the perfect spots to relax, enjoy, and have a leisurely picnic with your loved ones.

Come join the Halloween Contest Fun with us Hannah Park which includes a Halloween Party, costume contest, pumpkin carving contest and sand castle contest. You can also enjoy one of Jacksonville's beaches, hiking trails, and challenging mountain biking trails.

Rally Fee (per attendee): \$10

Campsites are limited. Please make campsite reservations prior to registering for the rally.

Make Campsite Reservations by calling [\(904\) 255-6767](tel:9042556767) or online at fljacksonweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/splash.html

Hosts: Mike and Gina McGinn

Co-Hosts: Jeannie and Tom Stietler



Agenda

Thursday: Happy Hour, bring appetizer to share

Friday: Pumpkin carving contest.

Friday dinner: Chili Cook-Off contest; corn muffins, frito's and condiments provided - email host if you want to enter a chili for the contest.

Saturday evening: Happy hour at 4pm. Dinner on your own. Halloween Party at 6 pm, costume contest, Halloween punch, and spooky desserts

Sunday: Sandcastle contest

Sunday dinner: Hamburgers, bring side to share

Cypress Glenn Campground

Brooksville, FL Nov. 13-17, 2025

Cypress Glen Campground..... is one of three campgrounds at Silver Lake near Croom, Florida. I think we were at Croom once, but I blinked—it's a small town. It is part of the Withlacoochee State Forest that surrounds the Withlacoochee River South. This Withlacoochee River connects with the Rainbow River and goes to the Gulf of Mexico.

Both campgrounds are located next to Silver Lake, which is a wide spot in the river. The water is prime for kayakers, paddle boarders, and fisher-people. On the southeast end of the lake, the Withlacoochee River is narrower and it is a very scenic place to paddle.

Adjacent to the campground is the Withlacoochee State Trail, a 45 miles long paved rails-to-trails path that traverses three counties (Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco) (pictured below). Access to the bike path is about a ½ mile by mountain bike or ¾ mile on the road bike to the “snowbird” gate. I know there will be a kayak group and a bike group doing those activities. We are in the state forest, but groceries are nearby. That and some have at another rally gone over to the Dade City Brew House, nearby. Tentative agenda is below. More details to be announced later.

Reservations are made at www.reserveamerica.com. You should go there and make reservations if you haven't already. The other RV campground is called Silver Lake Campground. If you can't get into Cypress Glen, try Silver Lake Campground. After you have secured your campsite, then register for the rally at <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events>. Rally Fee (per attendee): \$10. If you need to cancel or make other changes, please notify the hosts.

Hosts: Susan and David Poole BRN 3988



Agenda

Thursday

Arrive.

4:15 pm Happy Hour and Announcements

Friday

Day time paddle or peddle

4:15 Happy Hour

5:15 David's Chicken Pot Pie Stew

Saturday

Day time paddle or peddle

4:15 Happy Hour (dinner on your own)

Sunday

5 ish. Pitch-in potluck dinner

Monday

Depart

Cracker Christmas & Installation of Officers

Fort Christmas, FL Dec. 4-8, 2025

Every December, something magical happens in the little town of Christmas, Florida—and we're not just talking about twinkle lights and hot cider. We roll into town, bringing our signature silver trailers, big hearts, and a whole lot of holiday cheer to the Cracker Christmas Festival at Fort Christmas Historical Park. During the festival, we learn about the early traditions of Florida and the cracker cattle the Spanish brought over.

This isn't your average craft fair. Picture over 100 crafters, demonstrations by blacksmiths, musicians, and more, pioneer cabins, kettle corn, all while Airstreamers in boots help bring it all to life! For over 25 years, we have volunteered at the festival—directing traffic, lending a hand with freshening up the homes, educating visitors about the historical homes, or just adding a dose of that classic Airstream spirit to the mix. It's also our officer installation for the incoming volunteers (Thursday night Dec. 4), because what better backdrop can we find than a historic fort decked out for the season!

It's more than just a meet-up. It's a chance to give back, soak up some Florida heritage, and roast a marshmallow or two with friends who feel like family. Whether you're a seasoned streamer or a first-timer, this shiny tradition proves that Christmas is always better with Airstreams—and a little Country Cracker flair.

This is a volunteer, public service rally, so half of each day is volunteering for the fort and the other half is having fun with your friends. We also provide a nice dinner in a historical schoolhouse for the installation of next year's officers.

It is "semi-boondocking" with shared water and shared electricity (less than 10 amps per guest) so bring a long water hose with Y adaptor and 50 feet extension cord with 20 amp Edison plug.

No need to call the facility. To reserve your spot and register for the rally go to <https://airstreamclub.org/florida> and email me with "Cracker Christmas" in the subject so I can sort them easily. Please reach out to me for any questions or cancellations. I look forward to seeing you all and I wish everyone safe travels.

Steve and Laura Kane, BRN 3987
Steve@SteveKaneProductions.com



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

John and Lee Blankenship
#02224
Weirsdale, FL

Keith Gagnon and Jane Cook
#07568
Bradenton FL

Susan and Frank Davis
#11921
St. Augustine, FL

Jeff and Christine Fisher
#13101
Indialantic, FL

Julianne Kenton & Steve Haney
#03788
Matthews, NC

David Hare
#02651
Sanibel, FL

Cecilia and James Holcombe
#04751
Cocoa Beach, FL

Pushpak Narayana
#21610
Lady Lake, FL

James and Catherine Williams
#03542
Ocala, FL

New Affiliates

Kevin and Sharon Dennis
#01517
Oviedo, FL

Robert and Beth Malin
#22006
Plant City, FL

Rachel and John Valk
#30809
Bushnell, 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](mailto:president@floridaairstreamclub.org) - 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.

With a heavy heart, Suzanne Wibby informed us about the passing of her husband, Randy Guerriero, on April 6, 2025, at their home in The Villages, after a year-long health struggle. She plans to continue her membership in Florida Airstream Club. Her BRN is 8092 if you would like to contact her.

Please send notifications for Sunshine Committee to: Deb Oppel
sunshine@floridaairstreamclub.org
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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Webmaster - [Steve Oppel](#) - webmaster@floridaairstreamclub.org