



# GOOD LIFE NEWS

**Florida Airstream Club, Region 3, Unit 27** Aug. 2025

## President's Corner

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### Editor's Note

- Good Life News is published 4 times per year (Feb. May, Aug. Nov.)
- Due date for articles is the 20th of the month preceding publication.
- By providing your email address, you agree to receive emails from the WBCCI Florida Airstream Club. You may opt out at any time. We do not share email addresses.

Hello fellow Florida Airstream Club members. I hope this newsletter comes to you when you are having as much fun as we are!

I am writing this as I sit in our Airstream in the Illinois State Fairground campground in Springfield, Illinois. We got a late start on our travels this summer so we are fighting the heat as we wander down Route 66.

Before we got here, we managed to visit three National Parks that had previously alluded us. Congaree NP in South Carolina, Cuyahoga NP in Ohio, and Indiana Dunes NP in (you guessed it) Indiana.

Along the way we visited (mooch docked) at Airstream friends in South Carolina and made new Airstream friends in Ohio.

From there we have been working our way down (what's left of) Route 66. We are on our way to Albuquerque to join the Southwest Adventures Caravan (SWA). I think SWA lasts about 50 days. The start date for SWA is mid-

July so when we get near Albuquerque we will head south to pick up a few more National Parks. Guadalupe NP, Carlsbad NP, and White Sands NP are on the way...right? Okay, they aren't exactly on the way but what the heck.

After SWA is over we will head to Big Bend NP. It is on the way home...more or less. From there we will visit family in Texas then make it home in time for the Hanna Park Rally October.

So, what's the point of this article you ask? I think I have several points.

1. Our Airstreams are such an awesome way to see the country and meet new people along the way.
2. Volunteering for this club doesn't mean you can't have any fun.
3. Caravans and rallies...if you aren't doing them, you are missing out on a ton of fun.
4. Hit the road with your Airstream. They are travel trailers...travel!!

Mike and Gina McGinn  
Big Red Number 7226



## From the Editor

### New First Vice-President

Next time you see Gina Fafard, please thank her for being willing to fill a vacancy on the Board. A couple of months ago, she agreed to be the First Vice-President and has already prepared a rally schedule for 2026. She sent out a survey asking members for feedback on rallies and received 26 responses. The Florida Airstream Club Feedback survey remains open, so please click on the link below to add your input and help your leadership team know where you would like to go and what you would like to do.

<https://forms.gle/Z47G66wzMpUjAa4a9>



### Changes to Newsletter

The Board agreed to change the publication of our newsletter to 4 times per year, instead of 6. From now on it will be issued quarterly in February, May, August, and November. Updates on rallies will continue to be posted on the website. Information that needs to be shared between issues will be emailed to all members.

Articles and photos for the newsletter are always welcome. Where did you go this summer? Please submit stories or pictures from one of your recent trips, campground suggestions, photos of your pets, helpful tech tips, outdoor cooking or recipes, humorous anecdotes, hobbies to do on the road, etc. It's *your* newsletter, so the more you send in, the more interesting it will be. The Editor position will be open next year, so please let me know if you are interested.

Susan Poole, Newsletter Editor



David and Susan Poole at Glacier National Park, Montana



Poole's flat-coated retrievers Abby and Bullseye at the KOA Campground near Devils Tower, Wyoming.

# FL Airstream Club 2026 Rally Schedule

Registration for 2026 Rallies is now open. Rally Fees \$10 per attendee are paid online. <https://airstreamclub.org/florida/rallies-and-events> Be sure to make your reservation with campground first (unless otherwise instructed).

Date	Rally	Location	Reservations	Hosts
January 8 - 11	Cano-pener	Topsail Hill Preserve State Park  7525 W County Hwy 30A Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459	Event: Lindsay Shropshire  (478) 284-2847 <a href="#">Reserve campsite at FL State Parks Reservations</a>	Big Bend Airstream Club
January 22 - 25	Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park	Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park  3076 95th Drive Live Oak, FL 32060	800-224-5656  <a href="https://www.musicliveshere.com/">https://www.musicliveshere.com/</a>	Mike & Gina McGinn  <a href="mailto:gina.mcginn5@gmail.com">gina.mcginn5@gmail.com</a>
February 16 - 19	Stinkweed	Woodberry Farm 281 Potter Woodberry Road Havana, FL 32333	Host will make reservations	Steve & Laura Kane <a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a>
March 4 - 8	Region 3 Rally	Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo  4075 James C Ray Drive Lakeland, FL 33811	<a href="https://airstreamclub.org/region-3-2026-rally">https://airstreamclub.org/region-3-2026-rally</a>	Region 3
April 7 - 14	Prehistoric	Devil's Den Spring  5390 NW 180th Avenue Williston, FL 32696 352-528-3344	<a href="https://devilsden.com/">https://devilsden.com/</a>	Mike & MaryAnne <a href="mailto:maryanne-swegles7@gmail.com">maryanne-swegles7@gmail.com</a>
May 14 - 17	Cirque du Airstream	Oscar Scherer State Park 1843 S. Tamiami Trail Osprey, FL 34229	<a href="#">FL State Park Reservations</a>	Gina and Bruce Fafard <a href="mailto:gfafard@outlook.com">gfafard@outlook.com</a>
June	Happy 70th Birthday FAC	Fort Wilderness at WDW  4510 Fort Wilderness Trail Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830	<a href="#">Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort &amp; Campground</a>	Steve & Laura Kane <a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a>

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July	No FAC Rally			
August	No FAC Rally			
August 22 - 28	ACI International	North Dakota State Fairground 2005 E Burdick Expressway East Minot, ND 58701	<a href="https://airstreamclub.org/">https:// airstreamclub.org/</a>	
September 17-20	Rainbow Springs State Park	19158 SW 81st Pl Rd Dunnellon, FL 34432	<a href="#">FL State Park Reservations</a>	Bob and Lyn Masters <a href="mailto:bltampa@icloud.com">bltampa@icloud.com</a>
October 15 - 18	Hanna Park / Annual Meeting	Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park  500 Wonderwood Dr Jacksonville, FL 32233	(904) 255-6767 <a href="https://hannaparkcamping.com/reservations">https:// hannaparkcamping.com/ reservations</a>	Bruce & Gina Fafard  <a href="mailto:gfafard@outlook.com">gfafard@outlook.com</a>
November 10/29 - 11/2	Florida Sand Music Ranch	Florida Sand Music Ranch  85 Myers Road Brooksville, FL 43602	Register with club, sites are being held for us  Water & 30 amp \$35 / night. Pay onsite Dumping is \$15	Jeff and Mary Krabel Gina Fafard and other  <a href="mailto:jk62gt@gmail.com">jk62gt@gmail.com</a>
December 4 - 6	Cracker Christmas	Fort Christmas Historical Park  1300 N Fort Christmas Road Christmas, FL 32709	Host will arrange	Steve & Laura Kane  <a href="mailto:SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com">SteveKaneProductions@gmail.com</a>



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# 2025 Florida Airstream Club Rally Schedule

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<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 Margartaville	<a href="#">Margartaville Campground</a>	Auburndale, FL	Jason Wikman; David and Rachael Torres	\$10	
10/23	10/27	Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park	<a href="#">Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park</a>	Jacksonville, FL	Jeanne & Tom Scheitler Gina & Mike McGinn	\$10	
10/25		Annual Meeting	<a href="#">Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park</a>	Jacksonville, FL		N/C	
11/13	11/17	Cypress Glenn Campground	<a href="#">Cypress Glenn Campground</a>	Brooksville, FL	Susan and David Poole	\$10	Overflow at Silver Lake Campground
12/4	12/8	Cracker Christmas & Installation of Officers	Fort Christmas	Christmas, FL	Steve and Laura Kane	N/C	Host will make Campsite Reservations

\*Rally fees are per person and should be paid online.



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# 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.

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](http://margaritavilleresorts.com)\*

\*Book online but please email [TorresFam3@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 deserts

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 (east of Brooksville). It is part of the Withlacoochee State Forest that surrounds the Withlacoochee River South.

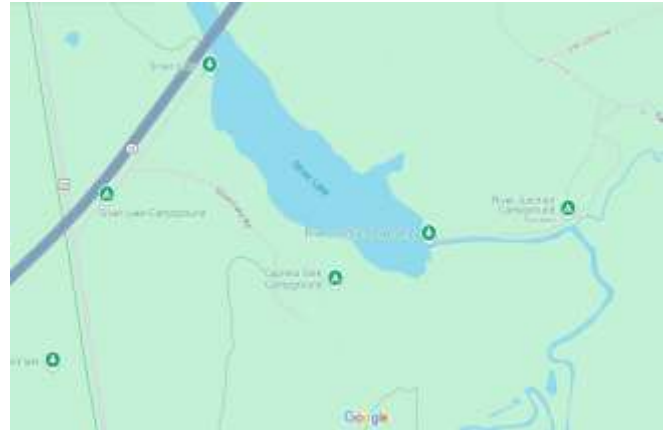
Cypress Glen and Silver Lake campgrounds are both located next to Silver Lake, which is a wide spot in the river. The water is prime for kayakers, paddle boarders, and fisher-people. On the southeast end of the lake, the Withlacoochee River is narrower and it is a very scenic place to paddle.

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. [Click here for a map of the trail.](#)

There will be a kayak group and a bike group doing those activities. We are in the state forest, but groceries are nearby. Dade City Brew House is also nearby. Tentative agenda is below. More details to be announced later.

Reservations are made at [www.reserveamerica.com](http://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  
[Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com](mailto:Susyqmeetup14@gmail.com)



### 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](mailto: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

**Alberto and Sue De La Pena**  
#09815 Boca Raton, FL 33486

**Heather and Matthew Hubbard**  
#04811 Satellite Beach, FL

**Eric and Amanda Lowney**  
#13794 Tampa, FL

**Lukas and Shelli Van Schalkwyk**  
#04041 Flagler Beach, FL

**Kyle and Christi Smith**  
#05963 Jacksonville, FL

**Duane and Miriam Van Tassel**  
#02847 Fort Pierce, FL

**Thomas and Donna Wahlig**  
#03641 Yulee, FL  
Transferred from a Member at Large

## New Affiliates

**Cheryl and George Cannon**  
#07017 Laurens, SC

**David and Nancy Holsted**  
#06884 North Little Rock, AR

**James and Candace Holthaus**  
#04343 Sarasota, FL

**Keenan and LaMae Klos**  
#09902 West Palm Beach, FL

**Michael and Michelle Nixon**  
#03741 Sarasota, 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](mailto:susyqmeetup14@gmail.com)

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## 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:mike.mcginn@floridaairstreamclub.org) - [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  
[sunshine@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto: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](mailto:president@floridaairstreamclub.org)  
Vice President - Gina Fafard - [first\\_vp@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:first_vp@floridaairstreamclub.org)  
Treasurer - Bruce Fafard - [treasurer@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:treasurer@floridaairstreamclub.org)  
Secretary - Gina McGinn - [secretary@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:secretary@floridaairstreamclub.org)  
Past President - Steve Kane - [pastpresident@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:pastpresident@floridaairstreamclub.org)

### Appointed Positions

Badge Committee Chairperson - [Mike McGinn](mailto:mike@floridaairstreamclub.org) - [badge\\_committee@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:badge_committee@floridaairstreamclub.org)  
Charitable Project Chairperson - [charity@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:charity@floridaairstreamclub.org)  
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Webmaster - [Steve Oppel](mailto:steve@floridaairstreamclub.org) - [webmaster@floridaairstreamclub.org](mailto:webmaster@floridaairstreamclub.org)