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Presidents Message:



We kicked Fall off in high gear! Thanks to Gaye and Don for hosting an awesome rally at Grayton Beach State Park! And great to see all who attended.

But it has not been all play. Your Club Officers have also got back to work. I'm pleased to report that our Constitution & By-Law updates have been finalized with ACI, so that task is done! And the club and Thompson bricks have been ordered. You've donated \$515.00 so far, but we are still collecting! Contact Julie Ludlow (jtludlow2410@gmail.com) to help.

There will be another business mtg at Travelers Rest to vote on the 2026 slate of Officers. A meeting notice is forthcoming. We are **still** looking for someone to help Amy with the club newsletters, so please contact me, Amy Waymire or Carol Montague (montaguec43@gmail.com) if you are willing to do a little word processing.

And lastly, I'm thinking about an "Airstreams for Sale" section in next month's newsletter. So if you are a Big Bender, who's trying to sell an old rig, please contact me for inclusion. Other members may be interested or know someone!

Keep Wandering Widely! ~David



Rally Recap

It was Grayt!

We couldn't have asked for a better weekend at Grayton Beach State Park—especially with the weather holding off long enough for all the fun to unfold!



Kicking things off in delicious fashion, our very own master chef Don pulled out his Cajun microwave and treated us to an unforgettable Hawaiian luau.

From the smoky aromas to the tropical flavors, it was a feast that had everyone going back for seconds (okay... maybe thirds).



Saturday morning started with a tasty breakfast and a quick business meeting before we headed out for a Ranger-led nature tour. We learned all about the rare coastal dune lakes that make this part of Florida so special—and got to soak up some beautiful scenery and

sunshine along the way.

The afternoon gave everyone a little free time to explore, nap, hit the beach, or just hang out with old and new friends. Then we wrapped things up with dinner at North Beach Social, where good vibes, great food, and waterfront views made for the perfect ending to an awesome rally.

Thanks to everyone who made it out! And a special welcome to our first-timers, Teresa Goodman and Bryan & Tonya Green.

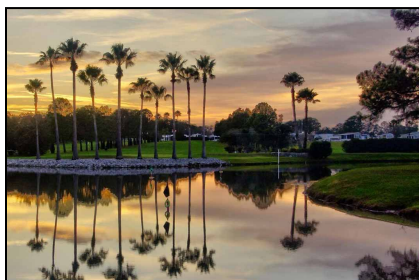
~David Conrad



Our Remaining 2025 Schedule

2025	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Reservation Information
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

Up Next...



Travelers Rest
Oct 23-26, 2025

Oct 23 - 5pm, Welcome Social
Oct 24 - 8:30am, Breakfast, 9:30, Water Aerobics
3pm, Bocce Ball, 5:30pm, Happy Hour/Dinner
Oct 25 - 9am, Breakfast, 10am Pioneer & Beers Festival
5pm, Business Mtg followed by Dinner
Oct 26 - Check out and Head home

Join the Rally WhatsApp Group!

We Rally Together
AirstreamClub.org

Join us for *Sunrises and Sunsets* - November 7-9th!



Pack the flip flops and your bathing suit, we're gonna have a beach party! There are 77 sites at this new campground, full facilities, close to St. Joe beach or Cape San Blas for scalloping, boating, or beach walking. The reservation window is open now. Call 850-280-6177 and mention Big Bend FL Airstream Club.

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

Our 2026 Rally Schedule!

Dates	Campground	Where		Hosts	Reservation
Dec 6, 2025	Holiday Party	Tallahassee, FL			TBD
January 8-11, 2026	Topsail Hill Prsv 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	Waymires & Knights	Window is open 1-912-264-3869
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 Praire Prsv State Park	Micanopy, FL	Camping on the Prairie	Ludlows, Phaff & Moscoso	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
Aug 22-27, 2026		Minot, ND	International		
September 10-13, 2026	Windcreek State Park	Alexander City, AL	Lake Life	Craig & Monica Brinkley	Window is open www.alapark.com
October 9-11, 2026	Pensacola RV Park	Pensacola, FL	Angels & Airstreams	Namans & Andersons	Window is open 1-850-944-1734
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

◆ Don't Forget! ◆

Big Bend has come into the digital world!

Members with Zelle accounts can **pay rally fees** directly to the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club through the club Zelle address, club153@airstreamclub.org. The treasurer can also quickly **reimburse members** with Zelle for rally expenses.

Of course, cash and checks will still be accepted!

Instructions to send and receive payments via Zelle - Big Bend FL Airstream Club

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2,200 banks have Zelle capabilities, so check your bank's mobile banking app. **The standalone Zelle mobile app no longer allows users to send and receive money transfers as of 4/4/2025.** So if your bank supports it, set up your Zelle account through your bank. When setting up your account, please include an email address in your contact information as club funds will only be transferred to members via an email address.

To transfer funds to Big Bend, use the following address: club153@airstreamclub.org

When sending funds, please indicate what the payment is for on the memo line. If you are sending payment for multiple items, please also note the amount for each item.

Please contact our Treasurer, Julie Ludlow at 352-213-3218, if you have any questions!



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