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Presidents Message:



The Summer sun is setting, which means our Fall rallies are upon us! Mary and I have turned back South after Int'l, and we are looking forward to hearing your amazing travel stories. I hope you enjoyed your break!

I want to thank Carol and Winston for hosting the summer get-together lunch at Sonny's BBQ in Tallahassee! And thanks to all who attended.

A couple of topics to repeat...We are collecting donations for the Big Bend and Thompson memorial bricks. And the scam e-mails are back, asking you to buy gift card for me. So be on guard!

There will be a business mtg at Grayton Beach. We will be voting on our Constitution & By-Law updates, and announcing next year's slate of officers & volunteers. If you're interested in serving, please let me, Amy Waymire or Carol Montague (montaguec43@gmail.com) know.

Keep Wandering Widely! ~David

Welcome New Members & Affiliates!

- A C & Mary Adams (BRN 8528)
- Bryan & Tonya Green (BRN 31081)
- Jerritt & Megan Federico (BRN 4099)
- David & Nancy Holsted (BRN 6884)
- Terry Glenn (BRN 9858)
- Pamela & Clark Ross (BRN 13424)



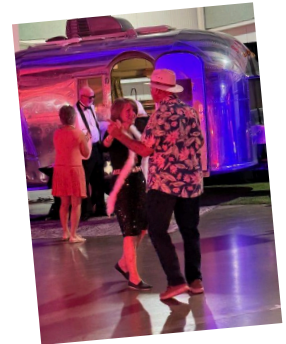
Rally Recap

Airstream International 2025, York, PA

What a fantastic time at the Airstream International Rally in York, Pennsylvania! The weather couldn't have been more perfect, setting the stage for a week full of fun, learning, and great company.



We especially enjoyed connecting with new friends from Grapes & Grains—always a pleasure to share stories and laughs with fellow enthusiasts. From informative sessions that sparked new ideas to casual evenings spent under the stars, the rally offered a little bit of everything.



Thanks to everyone who helped make it a memorable experience. Until next time, see ya down the road!

~David Conrad



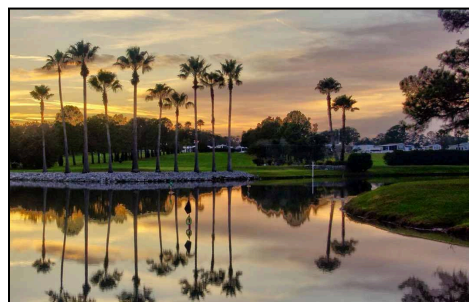
Our Remaining 2025 Schedule

2025	Campground	Where	Notes	Hosts	Reservation Information
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

Up Next...

	<p>Sep 26 - 'Cajun Luau' (wear Tropical attire!) Cocktails: "It's 5:00 O'Clock Somewhere" 6pm - Cajun Pulled Pork, Red Beans & Rice (A-G bring app's or salads, H-Z desserts)</p> <p>Sep 27 - 8am - Continental Breakfast 9:30 - Guided tour of Western Lake trail (TBD) Dinner at North Beach Social on 331</p>
<p>Grayton Beach State Park Sept 26-28, 2025</p>	<p>Join the Rally WhatsApp Group!</p>

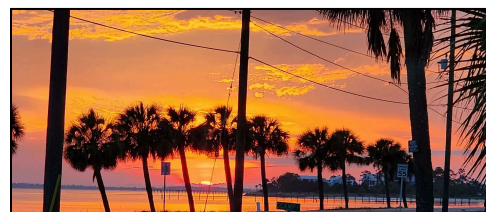
Come *Stay and Play* at Travelers Rest - October 23-26th!



It's the ideal location for fun! Like Pickle Ball or tennis? Bring your rackets. Bocce Ball anyone? Join our tournament. You say you're a golfer? Bring your clubs. Want to try some water aerobics? Bring your swimsuit. Just want to relax? You can do that too, or take a stroll through the beautiful gardens. There's so much to do and so little time. Other surprises are waiting for you when we see you October 23-26. Limited sites are still available! Book your site today

by calling Travelers Rest at **352-588-2013** and mention the Big Bend FL Airstream Club Rally. Then notify the Hosts that your reservation has been made by signing up on the ACI website.

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
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	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 Praire Prsv 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
Aug 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

2026 Big Bend Caravan ~ Tracin & Tastin Oct 11-19 2026

There will be limited spots, so notify Chad or Dolores Jones of interest or questions (cjanddo@gmail.com)

Tentative Itinerary:

- Oct 11- Arrive at Natchez, MS, River View Campground (Valdalia,LA)
- Oct 12- Explore Natchez, MS and have dinner downtown at a favorite restaurant
- Oct 13- Travel the Natchez Trace to Brandon MS then dinner at a local restaurant
- Oct 14- Travel the Natchez Trace to Tupelo MS
- Oct 15- Breakfast at local restaurant followed by day trips to Shiloh, Corinth and/or Elvis' birthplace
- Oct 16- Travel to Winchester, TN
- Oct 17- Explore Nearest Green Distillery in Shelbyville with lunch at Humble Baron
- Oct 18- Explore Jack Daniels Distillery, and then travel to downtown Winchester for the final caravan dinner.
- Oct 19- Departure

◆ 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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