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Presidents Message:



It's hard to believe a whole year has rolled by already — and what a ride it's been! When I took the wheel as president of Big Bend, I promised two things: we'd *have fun* and we'd *get some things done*. I'm happy to say we managed to do both — and sometimes at the same time!

From rallies and campfires to the occasional “where’s the coffee?” morning, we’ve made memories that shine brighter than our aluminum! You’ve all shown what makes this club so special: friendships, laughter, and a shared love of adventure (and good food, too).

Thank you to everyone who pitched in, showed up, and kept things rolling smoothly! I’ve enjoyed serving as your president, and I’m grateful for the chance to take my turn to steer this wonderful caravan of people for a little while.

Now it’s time to hand over the keys to our next fearless leader, who I know will keep the Big Bend spirit strong. I’ll still be around, parked nearby (or in Alaska!), ready for the next rally and definitely the next laugh.

Always Wander Widely, and see you down the road!

~David Conrad

Outgoing President, Big Bend Florida Airstream Club

Welcome New Members!

- Allen Slansky (BRN 5049)
- Dawn Micele & Andy Schriever (BRN 11904)



Up Next...



Sunrises and Sunsets
November 7-9th

Nov 7 - 4:30pm, Social hour at the Pavilion
5:30pm, Restaurant Crawl

Nov 8 - 9am, Coffee at the Pavilion, BYOB'reakfast
Enjoy the day exploring, or lounging by the pool
5pm, "Flip Flops & Flamigos" Social & Charcuterie
Board Meeting, 6pm Installation of 2026 Officers

Nov 9 - Check out and Head home

Join the Rally WhatsApp Group!

2025 Big Bend Christmas Luncheon

Join us for our annual Big Bend Christmas Luncheon on **Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 AM (EST)** at **Westminster Oaks**, 3927 Meandering Lane, Tallahassee. Enjoy a delicious catered meal by JBCrumbs of Thomasville, GA, featuring Chicken Cordon Bleu (a vegan option will also be available).

The cost of the meal is **\$25.00 per person**, payable in advance via Zelle, or by cash/check at the luncheon. Please RSVP to Amy Waymire at **waymire_a@yahoo.com** by November 26 to reserve your spot.

This year for our Community Service Project, we're supporting **NWF Health Network** with a **diaper drive** to help local foster families. All diaper sizes are needed and appreciated. Please bring a package to the luncheon. If you're unable to attend but would still like to contribute, **monetary donations** can be made **via Zelle** to our club account, and we'll purchase diapers on your behalf. Thank you in advance!

We Rally Together
AirstreamClub.org

Rally Recap

We Stayed and We Played!

Our recent rally at Travelers Rest RV Resort in Dade City was a wonderful mix of fun, food, and fellowship! The beautiful resort provided the perfect backdrop for a relaxing and activity-filled few days.

Some members took full advantage of the sparkling pool and sunshine, while others enjoyed a few holes of golf on the nearby greens. One of the highlights was our spirited bocce ball tournament, where friendly competition and laughter filled the afternoon.



We dined well throughout the rally — enjoying delicious Mexican fare in nearby San Antonio, a hearty bratwurst-and-sides dinner, and a cozy lasagna night, complete with a lively round of high-stakes *Left, Center, Right*.

Touring some of the resident homes and TR's lovely gardens was a special treat that gave us an opportunity to peek into the creativity and charm that make Travelers Rest such a special place.

Great memories, great company, and another successful rally in the books! We're already looking forward to our next adventure together.

~David Conrad



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Our 2026 Rally Schedule!

Dates	Campground	Where		Hosts	Reservation
Dec 6, 2025, 11am (EST)	Westminster Oaks	Tallahassee, FL			waymire_a@yahoo.com
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	Window is open www.reserve.floridastateparks.org
May 1-3, 2026	EastBank COE	Chattahoochee, FL	Off to the Races	Everyone	Window is open 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	<i>Club Caravan</i>	Natches, MS - Lynchburg, TN	Tracin' & Tastin' Caravan	Chad & Dolores Jones	Currently Full
November 13-15, 2026	Coastline RV Resort	Eastpoint, FL	Not So Forgotten Coast Rally	Sammy & Chris Stockstill Jason Friedrich	Window is open 1-850-799-1016

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





Invitation to the 2026 Region 3 Rally in Lakeland, Florida

We're thrilled to invite you to the 2026 ACI Region 3 Rally, set in the heart of sunny Central Florida at the Sun & Fun Aerospace Expo Campground in Lakeland, FL!

Get ready for a rally packed with camaraderie, entertainment, and adventure! Full hookup sites are limited! Be among the first 50 Airstreams to register and secure yours today.

Rally Location & Dates:

Sun & Fun Aerospace Expo Campground, Lakeland, Florida

Rally Dates: **March 4-8, 2026** (registration opened Friday, October 17th, 2025)

Rally Highlights:

- Onsite Vendors
- Seminars and learning opportunities
- Meals, entertainment, campfires
- Rep's from Airstream, Inc. and Airstream of Tampa

Explore Lakeland and the surrounding areas!

- 45 Minutes from Disney World and Disney Springs
- 20 minutes from the 2026 Florida Strawberry Festival taking place during the rally
- Florida Children's Museum
- Historic Downtown Lakeland
- Frank Lloyd Wright Architecture at Florida Southern College

Whether you're a seasoned Airstream rally-goer or joining us for the first time, this rally promises fun, friendship, and Florida sunshine. Don't miss your chance to be part of the excitement! And, stay tuned for more details and get ready to roll into Lakeland for an unforgettable rally experience!

Bob Ealy, BRN 229
Region 3 President
Airstream Club International



◆ 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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