

FLORIDA SUNCOAST AIRSTREAM CLUB



Canopener Rally
Topsail State Park, FL

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Meet your board members!



Get to know the faces behind your club in our **"Meet Your Board"** blurbs featured inside this issue.

These short spotlights share a little about who your board members are, why they love this club, and what they're working on for all of us.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Florida Suncoast Airstream Club Leadership

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Dear Members,

It is truly an honor to write to you for the first time as president of our club.

One of the things I love most about this community is its diversity—not just in where we travel, but in who we are. Through this club, I've met people from every walk of life: people I may never have crossed paths with in my own day-to-day bubble. And yet here we are, connected by a shared love of adventure, curiosity, and those iconic Airstreams that bring us together.

In a world that often feels loud, divided, and overwhelming, this club is something special. It's a reprieve. A place where the focus shifts back to joy, to stories shared around campfires, to laughter, generosity, and a genuine sense of belonging. It reminds us that community still matters—and that it can be built simply by showing up, traveling together, and welcoming one another.

As we look ahead to the year to come, my primary goal as president is to support and advocate for the needs of our membership. I want to empower our members and board alike in their ideas and endeavors, and to help create an organized framework for the wonderful work already being done.

This club has an incredible depth of collective knowledge and experience, and by getting that knowledge on paper—captured, shared, and passed forward—we can ensure continuity, clarity, and long-term success for years to come.

Whether you are a long-time member or someone who joined more recently, I invite you to share your ideas, your experiences, and your insights. Every perspective matters, and every voice helps shape the future of this club.

I am deeply grateful to be part of this group and honored to serve it. I look forward to the miles ahead, the friendships yet to be made, and the many moments that remind us why we chose this life and this club in the first place.

Thank you for being here, and for making this community what it is.

Warmly,

Frances Hamblin



MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

FRANCES HAMBLIN President



Where are you from, and what's your Airstream (year & model)? Born and raised in Tampa, FL. We're in a 2022 25' Globetrotter FBQ.

How long have you been an Airstreamer, and what got you started? We got our Airstream, which was our first RV ever, in the summer of 2021 and joined the Club the same night we took delivery. We knew we were planning to sell our house and hit the road full-time the following year. We went to our first rally in Dec 2021 (Florida Suncoast's Holiday Rally), and were instantly hooked with the Club and community.

What's one of your favorite places you've traveled in your Airstream? From a purely scenic standpoint - Glacier National Park or the northern sections of the Pacific Coast Highway. Otherwise, our favorite places are any rally. It's like our own mini (or big) neighborhood and community. We love catching up with people and making new friends.

Who usually travels with you (family, pets, friends, etc.)? I travel full-time with my husband, Bill, and our dog, Rhett.

What's one fun or surprising thing about you that members might not know? I'm a Registered Nurse, but I work remotely in clinical research.

In three words, how would you describe your travel style? Planned. Slow. FHUs.

GAYLE & KARL YEAGER 1st Vice President and Webmaster



Where are you from, and what's your Airstream (year & model)? We are from Arcadia Florida, we have 2013 27 Flying Cloud FBQ and a 2023 Basecamp 20x.

How long have you been an Airstreamer, and what got you started? Airstreaming since 2021 always loved the Brand and found a model that worked for us.

What's one of your favorite places you've traveled in your Airstream? Our favorite spot so far was Ouray Colorado. It is a breathtaking place.

What's one thing you're excited to bring to the club in your role? Continuing to provide a welcoming community for our members.

Who usually travels with you (family, pets, friends, etc.)? We travel with our cat Tater and of course my hubby Karl. We live in our Airstream full time.

In three words, how would you describe your travel style? Diverse.

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

MIKE BUSSELL
2nd Vice President



Where are you from, and what's your Airstream (year & model)? We have a 2020 Flying Cloud 30FB Bunk

How long have you been an Airstreamer, and what got you started? Purchased it in May of 2025, this is our third RV. After about 1.5 years of being a Mobile RV tech and replacing several slide floors, decide we wanted a trailer without slides. After research, found that 90% of all Airstreams ever made are still on the road. Also liked the fact that Airstreams hold value better than most.

What's one of your favorite places you've traveled in your Airstream? Florida Caverns State Park in Marianna, Fl, However, signed up to go to Minot for the ACI Int Rally

What's one thing you're excited to bring to the club in your role? Hopefully a fresh set of eyes and Ideas. Maybe, just a different way of doing what is already being done. (if needed)

What's one fun or surprising thing about you that members might not know? Not sure if there is anything surprising about me. What you see is usually what you get.

Who usually travels with you (family, pets, friends, etc.)? My wife and our dog usually, on occasion our Granddaughter

In three words, how would you describe your travel style? Planned, structured, campgrounds.

MANDI CANTRELL
3rd Vice President



Where are you from, and what's your Airstream (year & model)? Sarasota, Florida. 2016 26U Flying Cloud

How long have you been an Airstreamer, and what got you started? We bought our first Airstream in 2008; a 2006 23' 75th Anniversary Safari. We both camped a lot during our childhood and we wanted our kids to have the same experience. We decided to purchase an Airstream so we could camp as a family.

What's one of your favorite places you've traveled in your Airstream? River Ranch RV Park was one of our favorite places because our kids loved the rodeo and the petting zoo and it was great camping as a family. As far as places we've traveled in our Airstream, Niagara Falls was nice and West Virginia is beautiful. We haven't really done a lot of traveling yet, but we plan to travel more when Seth retires.

What's one thing you're excited to bring to the club in your role? Fun!

Who usually travels with you (family, pets, friends, etc.)? I travel with my husband, and we both love to camp with friends. We do not have any pets.

What's one fun or surprising thing about you that members might not know? I love to host parties and it makes me happy to see other people enjoying themselves at my parties. I also decorate for every holiday, because it's fun.

In three words, how would you describe your travel style? Overpacked relaxed fun

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LISA HASKELL
Secretary



Where are you from, and what's your Airstream (year & model)? I was born and raised in Vermont. I moved to Florida from Connecticut over 25 years ago. We currently have a Classic 30, but are down-sizing to a Globetrotter 27 next week. (Finger crossed.)

How long have you been an Airstreamer, and what got you started? We bought our first Airstream in 2023 because we wanted to explore the US after we stopped motorcycling and sailing.

What's one of your favorite places you've traveled in your Airstream? Hard to choose my favorite place - because every place has been special to me, but our first caravan was the Taste of the Blue Ridge was fabulous.

What's one thing you're excited to bring to the club in your role? I retired after over 49 years in Nuclear Medicine - having worked at many hospitals in New England, NY and Sarasota.

What's one fun or surprising thing about you that members might not know? I was a lifeguard. I used to downhill ski. I played the trumpet and ukulele. I rode my own motorcycle after not even driving a manual car. My mom will be 102 in March!

Who usually travels with you (family, pets, friends, etc.)? I travel with my husband.

In three words, how would you describe your travel style? We like to plan our travels on RV Trip Wizard. I think our travel style would be "thought out". We also enjoy caravan travels - especially learning the history of the routes.

PEG AND PAUL NORMANDIN
Trustee and Treasurer



Where are you from, and what's your Airstream (year & model)? We lived in Saratoga, NY most of our married life and retired to Venice, FL full time in 2017. We have a 2023 FC 25FBQ with a hatch.

How long have you been an Airstreamer, and what got you started? We have been Airstreaming since September of 2022. We bought a new small Class A in 2021 and it didn't live up to our expectations. After owning it for 4 months we went to Airstream of Tampa "just to look" and ordered it that day. We waited 10 months for Hudson our Airstream to be built.

What's one of your favorite places you've traveled in your Airstream? Peg loves back in waterfront sites! But we both really enjoy Disney's Fort Wilderness campground and go several times every year.

What's one thing you're excited to bring to the club in your role? Peg loves to plan, research, look at data, and see things happen! Paul is a detail person and always gets things done.

Who usually travels with you (family, pets, friends, etc.)? Primarily it's Paul, Peg, and our Jack Russell Echo. But we love to hit as many rallies as we can.

What's one fun or surprising thing about you that members might not know? Peg is an artist and loves the creative process. Paul says he is quiet and likes projects on the Airstream.

In three words, how would you describe your travel style? Researched, planned, and fast paced. Maybe too fast paced at times, we are working on that!

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BOB MAYES
Trustee



Where are you from, and what's your Airstream (year & model)? I have lived in Punta Gorda, FL for the last 14 years, arriving here by way of Indianapolis, IN. We have a 2020 International 28 RB, our second Airstream.

How long have you been an Airstreamer, and what got you started? We have been Airstreaming since 2018 when we traded a Class C for a better way.

What's one of your favorite places you've traveled in your Airstream? My favorite trip was to Maine where we stayed ocean front just outside Acadia National Park, then south to Cape Cod where we again camped ocean front.

What's one thing you're excited to bring to the club in your role? I bring many years of travel experience from my scuba years to the club and hope to encourage others that you can continue enjoying new experiences your entire life.

Who usually travels with you (family, pets, friends, etc.)? I travel with my private nurse and wife, Kathy, and my girlfriend Coco, our Havanese.

What's one fun or surprising thing about you that members might not know? Things you might not know about me--- I ran a large dive retail and instruction store in Indianapolis and have done more than 5,000 scuba dives around the world.

In three words, how would you describe your travel style? In 3 words--- Friends, Fellowship and New Sights!

MIKE FERRETTI
Assistant Webmaster



Where are you from, and what's your Airstream (year & model)? Hey I am Mike from Tarpon Springs and we have a 2019 30' Flying Cloud named Mship

How long have you been an Airstreamer, and what got you started? I love to travel, having been around the world many times for work. We started looking for a second home but as we talked to people with second places they all seemed to echo the idea of having to use this second property to get their value and when there all they did was maintenance and upkeep. At that point we started to look at an RV thinking if we get bored with an area we can always RV to another location. So back in 2018 after months of trying to figure out what we wanted in an RV we bought our Flying Cloud. We joined the Airstream club back in 2019 and after our first Rally at Alumilina in NC, we were hooked.

What's one of your favorite places you've traveled in your Airstream? Our favorite place is someplace new or for new experiences. We joke that we don't camp, we use our Airstream as a mobile basecamp to go and see and do.

What's one thing you're excited to bring to the club in your role? In a word Growth. Growth of our club, growth in participation of members, and growth in relationships and friends, just to name a few things.

Who usually travels with you (family, pets, friends, etc.)? My wife and chief navigator is Mary Ann. She does most of our detailed planning and is great at long complex itineraries, we also like to travel with puppy copilot but are currently between copilots.

In three words, how would you describe your travel style? Immersive Social Adventure

FLORIDA SUNCOAST MERCH IS HERE!



We're excited to share that the club now has its very own online merch storefront!

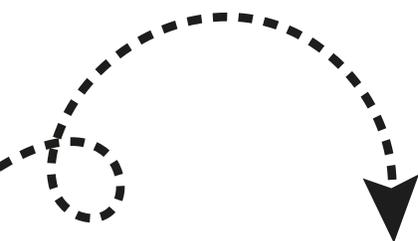
You can browse and order a variety of items featuring our club logo, including coffee mugs, garden flags, T-shirts, and more.

Want to make it extra special? Many items can be customized with your name and BRN.

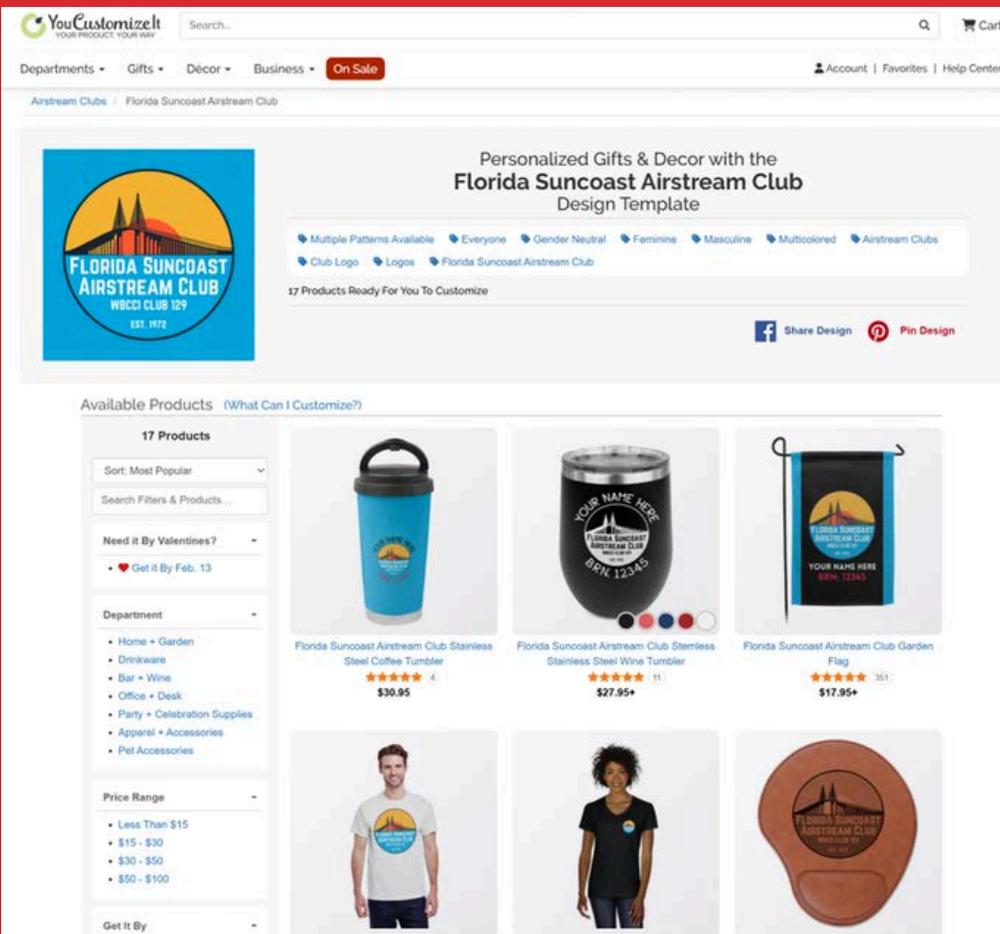
Don't see exactly what you're dreaming of? Good news: our logo can be added to any item offered by the company. If there's something you really want, just let us know and we'll help make it happen.

It's a fun way to show your club pride—whether you're at home, in the campground, or out and about. Be sure to check it out!

Show off your club pride by sharing a photo of yourself rocking your new merch on our Facebook page — we'd love to see it out in the wild!



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LET THE GHOUL TIMES ROLL! RALLY RECAP

Our “**Let the Ghoul Times Roll**” rally at Oscar Scherer State Park was a spooktacular good time, thanks to our wonderful hosts **Peg and Paul Normandin**.

Attendees enjoyed a cozy night of make-your-own pizza, scenic bike rides, beach walks, and some seriously creative pumpkin carving that brought plenty of laughs and autumn spirit to the campground.



BUDDY RALLY IN PARADISE RALLY RECAP



Our “Buddy in Paradise” rally at Camp Margaritaville in Auburndale over Thanksgiving truly lived up to its name. The highlight was a festive group Thanksgiving that brought everyone around the table together, Airstreamers and guests alike. Throughout the weekend, members and buddies enjoyed breezy bike rides along the beautiful TECO Trail, flipped smash burgers hot off the griddle, and toasted to good times with drinks at the Tiki bar – because what’s Thanksgiving without a little tropical flair?



As a **Buddy Rally**, the event welcomed friends of Airstreamers to join in the fun no matter what rig they travel in, and that inclusive spirit made the gathering feel especially lively and welcoming. A big heartfelt thank you to our fantastic hosts, **Gayle and Karl Yeager**, for planning, coordinating, and keeping the good vibes rolling all weekend long.



2025 HOLIDAY RALLY RECAP



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



Our holiday rally once again proved why it's the heart of our year—our most well-attended gathering yet, filled to the brim with activity, camaraderie, and that unmistakable Airstream magic. A huge thank-you goes to our wonderful host team—**Mandi and Seth Cantrell, Bill & Frances Hamblin, and Gayle and Karl Yeager**—who kept everything humming along beautifully.

Between **Peg Normandin's** sea-glass Christmas tree craft, the fiercely competitive (and hilariously chaotic) Bug-A-Salt championship, a bustling silent auction for Dogs Inc., and a Long, Long Charcuterie table that seemed to stretch for miles, there was truly something for everyone. Members also appreciated **Airstream of Tampa** being on hand for maintenance, and **Sarasota Ford** rolling in with shiny new trucks for us to climb into and dream about towing upgrades.

Of course, no holiday rally would be complete without a cornhole tournament, **Arts A Blaze** pottery painting, a spirited chili cookoff, and—most importantly—so many laughs that our cheeks hurt by the end of the weekend.

We watched new friendships form over shared tables, campfires, and friendly competitions, and we soaked up gorgeous Florida weather that reminded us exactly why we love calling this place home (at least in the wintertime). It was the kind of weekend that leaves you already looking forward to next year.



2025 HOLIDAY RALLY RECAP



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Our silent auction was a huge success thanks to the generosity of our members and the incredible effort of our hosts, **Kathy and Todd Estabrook**. Every single item was donated by members, and the table was packed with goodies—from a weekend stay at a beach condo to Airstream décor, bottles of liquor, and fantastic memberships donated by Harvest Hosts, RV Life, and Maxim Skylight. The friendly bidding buzz lasted all night long, and **together we raised \$1,445**, which was proudly donated to local Dogs Inc., an organization that raises and trains guide, service, and therapy dogs.



Airstream of Tampa rolled into our rally, bringing along a brand-new Flying Cloud hatch and a pop-up shop stocked with swag and camping essentials.

But what really stole the show was the chance to sign up ahead of time for on-site service. Some lucky members had maintenance handled right then and there, while others got expert eyes on their rigs and left with a clear plan—and a scheduled appointment—so they didn't have to haul their trailer in twice. Even the **Airstream of Tampa** technicians said they had a blast, soaking up the gorgeous weather and enjoying the rare treat of working outdoors among friends and fellow Airstreamers.



2026 UPCOMING RALLIES

Sun Meets Sea Rally

Apr 8-12, 2026
Jolly Roger RV Resort
Marathon, FL



[REGISTER NOW](#)

Explore the picturesque landscapes, enjoy water activities, and connect with your fellow Airstreamers. You'll be treated to incredible views of the turquoise waters and laid-back vibes of the Keys. Don't miss out on the perfect opportunity to unwind, meet new friends, and experience everything the Florida Keys has to offer. Make memories, enjoy beautiful sunsets, and rally in paradise!

Hosts: Peg & Paul Normandin (peg.normandin@gmail.com)

Silver Streamin in the Golden Isles

May 14 - 17, 2026
Coastal Georgia RV Resort
Brunswick, GA



[REGISTER NOW](#)

Come to the Coastal Georgia RV Resort, conveniently located near St. Simons, Sea, Jekyll, and Little St. Simons Islands. Enjoy oversized paved buddy sites, perfect for camping with a friend or meeting new Airstream enthusiasts. This event promises a fun, engaging group gathering with plenty of planned activities for everyone to enjoy.

Host: Mandi Cantrell (mandicantrell@gmail.com)

Rally At Bermuda Lakes RV Resort

Jun 4-7, 2026
Fort Myers, FL



[REGISTER NOW](#)

Save your dates for Bermuda Lakes. This is a newer resort with a great location and several top-notch amenities. Register now to mark your calendar and get on the list for updates as they come.

Host: Mandi Cantrell (mandicantrell@gmail.com)

2026 UPCOMING RALLIES

**Georgia Airstream Club
Appalachian Brew & Music Fest Rally**

Georgia Mountain Fair Campground
October 22-25, 2026
Hiawassee, GA



[REGISTER NOW](#)

We're excited to tag along with the Georgia Airstream Club for the 2026 Appalachian Brew & Music Festival! This lively event features 70+ craft breweries from Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama, plus delicious eats from local restaurants, regional arts & crafts, and a full lineup of Appalachian & Americana music. Your ticket includes a souvenir tasting glass, brewery tastings, access to food and craft vendors, live music, and even garden tours. Shuttle service will be available from local campgrounds and hotels—come sip, savor, and soak up the mountain vibes with us!

Host: Georgia Airstream Club

Florida State Parks Rolling Rally 2026

November 13-22, 2026



[REGISTER NOW](#)

Join the Florida Suncoast Club as we explore three iconic parks on our Rolling Rally.

Nov. 13th- 16th, Silver Springs State Park
Nov. 16th – 19th, Fort Clinch State Park
Nov. 19th – 22nd, Anastasia State Park

[Click here for the full itinerary!](#)

Please note that due to Florida State Park booking policies, campsites are most likely already reserved. However, we encourage you to periodically check the reservation system in case sites are released.

If you're still hoping to join the fun, feel free to contact the rally host for recommendations on nearby campgrounds. Staying locally is a great way to participate in all rally activities while camping off-site.

Hosts: Peg & Paul Normandin (peg.normandin@gmail.com)

Holiday Rally

December 1-6, 2026
Sarasota Fairgrounds
Sarasota, FL



Mark your calendars!! Suncoast's event of the season in a historic Wally rally location. Sure to impress with an unforgettable lineup of fun activities and meals, silent auction, vendor talks, swap meet, and more. Register with the link below.

NEW RALLY PAYMENT DETAILS

To provide flexibility and improve accounting, the Florida Suncoast Airstream Club will offer four approved methods for paying rally fees:

- **Square**
- **Check:** Made payable to Florida Suncoast Airstream Club #129 to the club Treasurer:

Paul Normandin
24228 Gallberry Drive
Venice, FL 34293

- **Zelle:** Made payable to: club129treasurer@airstreamclub.org
- **Cash:** Cash payments should be used only when no other payment method is feasible and should be coordinated in advance with the rally host or Treasurer.

Unless otherwise specified by the rally host, all rally fees must be received by the club at least one month prior to the start of the rally.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

SHARE YOUR RALLY IDEAS!

Do you have a favorite campground that would make a great rally location? Ever thought about hosting a rally yourself? Or maybe you're a natural party planner with fun ideas for activities that the group will love?

We'd love to hear from you! Share your suggestions for future rally locations, recommend campgrounds, or raise your hand if you'd like to help host or plan. Your input helps us create memorable experiences for everyone!



MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS!

Have a great story, favorite moment, or fun photo to share? We'd love to include your experiences in future newsletters and recaps. Send us your photos, memories, or short write-ups—whether it's a funny mishap, a new friendship, or a beautiful shot of your rig. This community thrives on shared stories, and we can't wait to see yours!

KEEP IN TOUCH

