



Airstreamin' with Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club Q1 2026 Newsletter & Pirates Log

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President's Corner

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Hello, Fellow Airstreamers!

As we kick off 2026, I look out the windshield and see more than just a highway. I see a year of boundless potential for our club. Whether you're piloting a Classic, Globetrotter, Pottery Bar, International, Flying Cloud, Bambi, Class C, Camper van, or vintage Airstream, we all share the same heartbeat: a love for the journey, adventure and the people we meet.

This year, our club is focusing on the four pillars that make our club the best on the road:

Friendship

The best part of any campsite isn't the view; it's the neighbor who offers a hand with a tricky leveling jack or shares a caravan story over a morning coffee. In 2026, we're doubling down on our "Help your fellow Airstreamer" for new members to ensure no one ever feels like a stranger at a rally.

Adventure

We have some incredible rallies planned for the coming months. As I look into the new year with all the wonderful rallies and pop-ups planned, I cannot tell you how excited I am to attend them. The rally committee has really stepped up their game for the upcoming year. With multiple rallies in the spring from Revving up your engines at Sebring, to a boat cruise for shelling and dolphin watching, to singing your favorite karaoke song while enjoying a BBQ night at Tarpon Springs, in the fall a pop-up lunch in Hobe Sound, camping at Moonshine Acres in Fort White while visiting Ichetucknee Springs State Park with its crystal clear water and Manatees, then a repeat rally, The Airstream and the Arts in Fort Pierce, with a new favorite rally, the New Year's Eve rally at Summer Crush Vineyard and Winery to complete the year's adventures. You can tell the rally committee is working overtime to make this Club rock!

Volunteering (Giving Back)

It is in giving back that we find fellowship. Whether it's hosting a rally, pop-up, craft session, a trailer tech session, or donating to a local charity, we're committed to leaving a positive tire print wherever we roam.

Fun

Let's be honest, we're here for a good time! Expect more pop-ups, campfire sessions, and our first-ever "Karaoke night" at Tarpon Springs. Life is too short to stay home; let's make some noise and some great memories.

So, here's to each and every one of you. Let's keep building something special, together!

See you down the road!

Club memories

Debbie Schulenburg BRN 2248

In with the new, out with the old

From December 31, 2025, January 2, 2026, a group of airstreams from Treasure Coast Club #162 along with an affiliate from Unit #30, converged at SummerCrush Winery Harvest Host in Fort Pierce, FL. Our gathering got the juices going for fun and dancing to the Beatles Tribute Band as we rang in the 2026 New Year! The best part, at the end of the concert all we had to do was walk to our trailers. We gathered for casual breakfasts and took walks around the winery. Our conversations were inspirational. A spontaneous workshop on "how to change a tire" occurred! We explored the local area. The chatter and laughter around the evening campfires, under cozy blankets as coyotes serenaded on the fringes was contagious. Our friendships got a little bit deeper. It was a unique way to spend New Year's Eve.



Where to next? Join the fun!

Sharon Moura BRN 30592

- **March 4-8, 2026: Region 3 Rally. SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo** Campground, Lakeland, FL. Get ready for a rally packed with camaraderie, entertainment, and adventure!
 - **Registration: Get your name on the waiting list** here <https://airstreamclub.org/region-3-2026-rally>
- **March 18-21: Rev Your Engines Pop-Up. Sebring International Raceway**
Join Lea & Rob Stanton at the legendary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, where endurance racing meets unforgettable Airstream camping.
 - **Campsite Booking:** Boondocking only (no water, sewer, or electric hookups). First come, first served infield camping. Last year, spots filled by midday Saturday (race day) so STRONGLY recommended arrival: Wednesday. We'll try to drive in together to secure sites close to one another
 - **Rally Registration:** Email club162@airstreamclub.org to let us know you are going and we will get you on the WhatsApp. This is a pop-up which means you all coordinate amongst yourselves; there is no rally host or rally fee.
- **April 2 – 5, 2026: Tarpon Springs Airstream Rally at Hickory Point RV**
Oh My Gosh this is going to be fun! Visit to the sponge dock, join our boat cruise for shelling and dolphin watching, sing like no one is listening at the karaoke and BBQ night. We will be nestled in the heart of the historic Greek community of Tarpon Springs at a beautiful campground on the Angler River. This is a not to miss rally!
 - **Campsite Booking: Get your campsite now** We have 15 sites (Value sites – back in and full hook-up) on hold for you already at Hickory Point RV. Call them at 727-937-7357 and tell them you are with the “Tarpon Springs Airstream Rally”. Feel free to upgrade your site for additional cost...if you get a waterfront site we will all be hanging out at your place 😊
 - **Rally Registration:** Rally registration will be in your inbox closer to the event.
- **August 22-27, 2026: Airstream International Rally, Minot, ND**
Each year, Airstream Club members gather from all over the world to meet for 6 days of education, entertainment, shopping, socials, and fun at our International Rally! Registration is here <https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026>
- **September 19, 2026: Lunch in Hobe Sound**
- **November 5–8, 2026: Ichetucknee Springs Rally at Moonshine Acres Rally in Fort White, FL** Our highlight adventure will be exploring **Ichetucknee Springs State Park**, famous for its crystal-clear waters, wildlife, and the chance to spot gentle manatees.
 - **Campsite Booking: Get your campsite now** We have 15 sites on hold for you already at Moonshine Acres RV Park.

- **Rally Registration:** Rally registration will be in your inbox closer to the event.
- **November 20-22, 2026: Airstream & The Arts Rally at the Indian River County Fairgrounds in Vero Beach, FL**
 - **Campsite Booking:** We have sites on hold for you already.
 - **Rally Registration:** Rally registration will be in your inbox closer to the event.
- **December 3 - 6, 2026: The Keys Holiday Rally, Key West, FL.**
 - **Campsite Booking:** **Get your campsite now** We have sites (back in and full hook-up) on hold for you already at Sugarloaf Key KOA at a great rate and tell them you are with the "Florida Treasure Coast Airstream". Feel free to upgrade your site for additional cost and you can also stay extra days at the rally rate.
 - **Rally Registration:** Rally registration will be in your inbox closer to the event.
- **December 31, 2026 – January 2, 2027: New Year's Eve Pop-Up at Summer Crush! Fort Pierce, Florida**
 Celebrating another year of Airstream adventures and friendships with music and dancing under the stars.
 - **Campsite Booking and Event Details:**

New Year's Eve at Summercrush Crush Winery is now considered a special camping date and will have higher fees on that night of stay, requiring all campers staying on site either have a Harvest Hosts or RV Overnights membership OR a reservation through HipCamp (Bree thinks a membership would be the way to go cost wise) If staying the 30th and 31st, the 30th would be at our standard rate and then the 31st will be the special date/holiday rate.

The pricing is as follows for campers that are members of Harvest Hosts or RV Overnights:

Standard:

30A back in -\$49.50 +taxes

30A pull through - \$59.50+taxes

50A - \$69.50+taxes

Holiday:

30A back in \$100+taxes

30A pull through \$112.50+taxes

50A - \$125+taxes

This date will also be considered a Harvest Hosts blackout date, so even dry camping will have a fee of \$45+taxes on the night of the 31st.

All guests staying on the night of the 31st must have tickets to the NYE show.

The band will be 'Jumpin' Jack Flash New Year's Bash" with a nationally touring Rolling Stones Tribute band, cost TBD,

Anticipating tickets starting at \$50-60/person..

... And the Rally Committee has already started with 2027 planning. Here is how it is shaping up so you can block your calendars...

- **January 22-24, 2027:** We are locking down one of two options for a Pop-Up Salt Springs Campground (part of the Ocala National Forest) or an Everglades Adventure
- **February 18-22, 2027:** Our Club is once again hosting the **Disney Rally**. This is our target date, but we are waiting for confirmation from Mickey.
- **March 12-14, 2027:** **Arcadia Rodeo and Boondocking Pop-Up** at the Smedley's farm
- **April 2-4, 2027:** **Night Glow: A New Moon Bioluminescence Rally , and possibly a 2 mini caravan to the rally**

Join us as we gather along the lagoon for a rare new moon bioluminescence experience. Timed perfectly for peak darkness, this rally will feature guided night paddles or pontoon through glowing waters, waterfront gatherings, and unforgettable star-filled skies.

- **Campsite Booking:** Manatee Hammock (a Brevard County campground)
 - **Important Campsite Booking Information:**
 - Everyone must make their own campsite reservations.
 - Non-Brevard County residents' reservations open October 4, 2026
 - Brevard County residents can book 395 days out, so by the beginning of March, 2026.
 - Nightly Rates: \$53.92 for non-residents and \$36.95 for Brevard residents.
 - **Rally Registration:** Rally registration will be in your inbox closer to the event.
- **April 4-7, 2027: Mini Caravan to Region 3 Rally**
Come on a 3-night caravan with us from "A New Moon Bioluminescence Rally" in Manatee Hammock to the Region 3 Rally in Sevierville, Tennessee. It will be ~11 hours in total to explore the drive-up together. We will likely have another caravan returning to Florida from April 11 – 14, 2027.
- **April 7-11, 2027: Shining in the Smokies, Region 3 Rally, Sevierville, Tennessee**
 - **Rally Registration:** Keep an eye out for the [rally registration to open in the summer of 2026](#) on the Airstream Club website. After you register for the rally, you can call to get one of the ~200 campsites at The Ridge Outdoor Resort.
- **July 23-25, 2027: Caladium Festival Pop-Up, Lake Placid, Florida**
Join Lea and Robert Stanton for a fun time for all at the Caladium Festival. Book your campsite at Highlands Hammock State Park. Mark your calendar, [Florida residents can book their campsite 11 months in advance, on September 23, 2026](#)
- **June 26 – July 1, 2027: Airstream International Rally, Rock Springs, WY, and possibly a 2,000-mile caravan to the rally**

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- **October 22 -24, 2027: Fort Clinch Fall Rally, Fernandina Beach, Florida**
An unforgettable coastal rally at Fort Clinch State Park and Fernandina Beach where historic charm, maritime forest camping, oceanfront biking, and sunset strolls through a storybook downtown create the perfect blend of adventure and relaxed Old Florida elegance. Mark your calendar, [Florida residents can book their campsite 11 months in advance, on November 22, 2026](#)
- **November 19 -21, 2027 (dates to be confirmed!): Airstream & the Arts, Vero Beach, Florida**
Our annual journey to lovely Vero Beach! Full hook-up camping at the fairgrounds and sites are on hold for us.

YOUR Florida Treasure Coast Rally Committee Members:

Angie Koehler BRN 2801
Debbie Schulenburg BRN 2248
Janice Danvir BRN 6196
Lea Stanton BRN 1193
Robin Keen BRN 27209
Sharon Moura BRN 30592
Tammy Dinneen BRN 2744

Our thanks to our Rally Committee for all their hard work!

RALLIES AND POP-UPS- We love them both!

Sharon Moura BRN 30592

Our club offers two great ways to gather: Rallies and Pop-Ups. Whether structured or relaxed, both reflect our pillars: friendship, adventure, volunteering, and fun.



A Rally is an organized, hosted event with a planned schedule.

What makes it a Rally:

- Set dates and official registration
- Published itinerary
- Organized activities (meals, excursions, workshops, meetings)
- Host team coordinating logistics
- Often includes rally fee
- Campground block or reserved group area

The Experience:

- High energy. Structured. Shared meals. Coordinated fun.

Recent examples:

- Tarpon Springs Rally and Ichetucknee Rally



A Pop-Up is an informal gathering — simple, spontaneous, and low-pressure.

What makes it a Pop-Up:

- Someone says, “We’ll be here — join us if you’d like!”
- No formal itinerary
- No rally fee
- Casual self-organized meetups (coffee, happy hour, dinner out)
- Pop-Ups can be camping, an event, a lunch... any place or event you enjoy and would like others to experience with you.

The Experience:

- Relaxed. Flexible. Connection-focused.

Recent examples:

- Vero Beach Blues Festival, Rev Your Engines 24 Hours of Sebring camping, and Summer Crush NYE camping

Membership

Robin Keene BRN 27209

Welcome new members, we are happy to have you join our campfire!

New Members:

Andrew and Susan Ansley BRN 1213- Orange City, FL
Eric and Susan Arens BRN 21908 -Jupiter, FL
Charlie and Megan Cook BRN 8084- Sewell's Point, FL
Bonnie and Ernest Svolto BRN 8411- DeLand, FL

New Affiliate Members:

Frank and Heidi Hamilton BRN 6488- Panama City Beach, FL
Jennifer and Steve Lee BRN 6462 - Clio, MI
Frankie and Donna Montagnino BRN 9958- Pompano Beach, FL
Carl and Candy Morehouse BRN 8038 – Avon Park, FL
Ann Marie Turnbull BRN 10543- Welaka, FL

Not a member or want to refer a friend to our campfire?

Join Here:



Pirate Preparedness, Hacks & Tech Tips

By Ben Walton BRN 9576

Hurricane Helene caused widespread catastrophic damage and numerous fatalities across the Southeastern United States in late September 2024. At the coast, on landfall, it was the strongest hurricane on record to strike the Big Bend region of Florida. For total impact, it became the deadliest Atlantic hurricane since Maria in 2017, and the deadliest to strike the mainland U.S. since Katrina in 2005. The storm caused catastrophic rainfall-triggered flooding, particularly in western North Carolina, East Tennessee, and southwestern Virginia, and spawned numerous tornadoes. In Virginia where we were, Governor Glenn Youngkin issued a state of emergency.



Diana and I were staying in our Airstream (BRN 9576) at a state park in the storm-impacted region of mountainous SW Virginia. Our location, Hungry Mother, near Marion, Virginia, is not far from the convergence of the borders of North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. Nearby in Virginia, over a 72-hour period, rainfall reached 12.2 inches Grayson Highlands State Park and 8.6 inches in the town of Galax. Floodwaters in Damascus crested over 19 feet. Many buildings, along with US Hwy 58 and the popular Virginia Creeper Trail, were wiped out. Most of US Hwy 21 outside the town of Independence was destroyed. After the storm, the entire Blue Ridge Parkway, nine state parks and four preserves closed due to damage from Helene. Diana and I were staying in our Airstream in one of the parks that closed, Hungry Mother, near Marion, Virginia (not far from where North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia come together). Our campground was below the dam pictured, and State Park staff assured us that the dam would hold. It did.



Still our campsite flooded and many trees were toppled throughout the campground. Fortunately, as the water rose we were able to move to a more elevated campsite. We had a very close call when a large tree toppled across the road not more than a couple dozen feet behind us. As the wind died down and the rain stopped, we were without electrical, internet and cell service. The state highway was blocked in both directions by fallen timber, so we could not leave. We boondocked overnight with the few remaining campers. By the next day the road was cleared. The Park Service gave us a deadline to leave, so they could assess damage and start

recovery. We were able to secure a site at Wytheville KOA, 36 miles away and out of the severe devastation zone. A trickle of RV'ers arrived during our stay at the KOA, with tales of the storm-related death and devastation that they had witnessed throughout the area. Our friends with homes in the area, were pretty much cut off by washed-out and debris-strewn roads. The area was gearing up for a long period of recovery. We decided it was best to end our stay early and head home. Our drive south was littered with evidence of storm-fallen trees and high water all the way from Virginia to North Florida, giving us a picture of what a wide swath of the Southeast had been impacted.

Our Thanks to Bill Walton for sharing his experience with his Airstream when dealing with a hurricane, a situation which we are all subjected to living in Florida. Safe travels down the road to all our fellow Airstreamers!

Pirates on Caravan

By Debbie Schulenburg BRN 2248

Southwest Adventure Caravan

If you are

- Curious
- Adventuresome
- Love socializing
- Enjoy sharing stories
- Get satisfaction when you are “out of your box”

Then you need to look at the Blue Beret, find the section about caravans, and just choose one that looks intriguing. Sign up! Choose 2 or 3 because chances are you might be on a waiting list. Do not fret about that, waiting lists shrink quickly. Be willing to change your plans if last minute opportunities arise or make choices that fill your calendar year after year.

Last summer Rick and I took 5 months to explore. We met Joe and Sharon in Albuquerque, NM We traveled up the east coast to Ontario Canada and then continued west coming back into the states to travel as far as the west coast. So, we put our big toes in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.



Schulenburg's and Mura's Caravaning together

On the return we joined the Southwest Caravan for 53 more days where we became immersed into an area called the Four Corners. We had the opportunity to feel the culture of the area. There is too much to share, but what I can say is this, when you travel with an open mind, you will be amazed

how much you can learn, how your perspectives can change or confirmed, and see how beautiful our country is.

We are so fortunate to be able to explore with and without caravans and to be able to share our experiences with each other! Do not be shy about asking about this experience, but be prepared to sit back, we have lots to say!

Galley Recipes

By Anne Lanan BRN 7476

Here is a recipe, which is great to make ahead of time and take on a trip in the camper.

Baked Eggs Recipe

1 tablespoon butter or can use nonstick spray

12 eggs beaten

1lb (16oz) shredded cheese of your choice (I use sharp cheddar)

1 16oz cottage cheese

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Use a 9x13 pan or use two 8x8 or 9x9 aluminum pans for easy disposal.

Spread melted butter or use nonstick spray on pans.

Whisk the remaining ingredients and pour into the pan of choice.

Bake for 50-60 minutes, or until the eggs are set. Begin to check at 45 minutes. Egg bake is complete when eggs are set.

Enjoy!

Pets Corner

By Rosemarie Kistler BRN 7484

Many Airstreamers, like us, travel with one or more pets. In fact, we chose the Airstream lifestyle because we owned a pet and wanted to travel with him. Through trial and error, we have now learned how to make Buffett, our labradoodle, comfortable in our AS when we're with him, and when we're off on an adventure. For example, one thing we always do is leave our radio or tv on which seems to make him more comfortable when we do leave. We often keep the AC on as well, which seems to eliminate outside noise, or our voices which he may hear and then bark. Also, we close all our curtains except for one window so he can see out and "guard" the AS. Having his favorite toys and offering him treats when we return both seem to work well, too. To keep him "involved" when we are around, we always bring a 30-foot rope leash to use when we are doing arrival or packing up jobs outside. And we can't forget that Buffett really likes meeting other Airstreamers' dogs (especially smaller ones!) so we always bring a tennis ball for that activity. These are some of the tips which work for us. What kinds of tips work for you and your pets?



Buffett

There's a place at our campfire for you

By Debbie Schulenburg BRN 2248



Here we are into the first quarter of 2026! Treasure Coast Club #162 is truly that, a treasure! One of the things I absolutely love about this group is that someone is stepping up to the plate on a task before anyone has asked for involvement. Like Anne who appeared with breakfast for everyone at our New Years Gathering! "Everyone is doing so much for us, I just wanted to do something as well!" Anne and John Lanan BRN 7476 just joined our membership. No other words needed.

I am sure that some our new membership is by word of mouth and casual conversations that each of you are having with new connections wherever you are. Please continue this! Thanks for walking up to the rigs without BRN's, thanks for eyeing someone who appears to need an extra hand, and thanks for your kindness.

We now have cards to share with others who may be interested in our club! You will soon get some of your own to pass out when it makes sense. They have enough info about our club and how to sign up. Membership is about each of us making a new connection with others. Thanks in advance for liking our info on facebook and whatsapp! Together we grow our club. You are so appreciated!

Everyone has a spot around our campfire

Upcoming stories.....

We'd love to hear from you for the next newsletter...recipes, adventures, trips, tips, AS fixes, a funny story? Send them to rkistler209@gmail.com