

Fun Times Newsletter

South Florida Airstream Club Unit 30
Airstream Club International



Our Mission Statement
South Florida Airstream Club is a
welcoming family of
Airstream owners who invite and mentor
others to experience the adventure and
fun of Airstream travel.

President's Message

Submitted By: Matt Ponzio, President

This year is sure going by fast,

We've had some great Rallies already this year and once again the Disney Rally and the Keys Rally were both Big Hits!

Speaking of the Keys Rally that was also our Election meeting for next year's executive board.

Congratulation to:

Mike Bianchi, 2nd Vice President; Valerie Boyd, Recording Secretary; and Tom Henderson, Debbie Bianchi and Debbie Schein, Two Year Trustees

They will be joining:

Suzy Caldwell President; Pam McDow, 1st Vice President; Matt Ponzio, Immediate Past President; Linda Laviano, Treasurer; David Robshaw, Communications Secretary; and One Year Trustees, George Caldwell, Vicki Wasson and Chuck Wasson at November's installation.

It was great to see the interest in members willing to donate their time to serve on the executive council, It's a great reflection on our club to have so many volunteers.

Kim and I attended our First Region 3 Rally this year, what a great time we had at Sun N Fun Campground and Unit 30 ran the Pancake breakfast! Thanks To Tim McDow and his crew for a great job feeding everyone. Next Years Region 3 Rally will be in Sevierville TN. Maybe we can put together a caravan to head up there!

The International Rally at Minot ND is fast approaching, if you're planning on attending there are lots of volunteer opportunities available, Linda Laviano is heading up the photo contest and I'm sure she would appreciate some help with that. If you would like more info on how to volunteer let me know.

My wife Kim, Sea Jay and I look forward to meeting you at a future Rally! Until then we will see you down the road.

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*Please WELCOME Our New
Unit 30 Members & Affiliates*

Board of Directors

Matthew Ponzio,
President

Susan Caldwell,
1st Vice President

Pam McDow
2nd Vice President

Linda Laviano,
Treasurer

David Robshaw
Communications Secretary

Judi Fogel,
Recording Secretary

Lewis Fogel,
Parliamentarian

Tim McDow,
Immediate Past President

Trustees

2yr George Cardwell

2yr Chuck Wasson

2yr Viki Wasson

1yr Tom Henderson

1yr Valerie Boyd

1yr Jeff Boyd

Committee Chairs

David Robshaw, Membership

Jill McCullers, Ethics &
Grievances

Tom Henderson, Newsletter
Editor

Judi Fogel, Sunshine
Committee

Maria Linares, Audit

Tim McDow, Webmaster

David Robshaw, Public
Relations & Social Media

New Members & Affiliates

New REGULAR members:

Harold and Lynn Barton, BRN 6126

Laurel and Richard Noonan, BRN 6520

Lesa and Tom Dailey, BRN 8077

Tracey Burghy and Charlie Turgeon, BRN 2178

Hazel Thompson and Jeffrey Koch, BRN 2168

Gary Carmichael and Floy Turner, BRN 19805

Diana and Frank Tardonia, BRN 2632

Thomas and Mary Fedoration, BRN 2685

William and Blanca Perez, BRN 3356

New AFFILIATE members:

Kathleen and Robert Salazar, BRN 7888

Terry Montgomery, BRN 3156

David and Margaret Broad, BRFN 2381

Patti duBose, BRN 8002

Judy Barrett and Robert Jenkins, BRN 12814

Jim and Jeanne Doering, BRN 6155

Brian and Stephanie Allen, 5952

David and Mary Grider, 8422

Jason and Karrie Wikman, BRN 3121

Cheryl and George Cannon, BRN 7017

Kendall Felder and Melanie Wheeler, BRN 00420 and 30906

Angela Richardson, BRN 5046

Charles Weber, BRN 5633

Ty and Amie Cahill, BRN 2455

CURRENT TOTAL MEMBERS: 207 (117 Regular, 90 Affiliate)

CURRENT TOTAL FACEBOOK GROUP MEMBERS: 409

Travel Adventures and Photos Wanted

We are looking for your travel adventure stories and photos.

*Do you have a great trip you want to write about for the
newsletter?*

Tell us about your travels and experiences on the road.

Stories should be submitted in MS WORD or Apple PAGES format.

Photos should be submitted in .jpg or .jpeg format.

Email them to:

thomashenderson@usa.net

*Thank you to those of you who have contributed
stories and photos to this edition.*

Airstream Rally at Disney Fort Wilderness Campground

February 19 – 23, 2026

Submitted by Linda Laviano

Once upon a time, an Airstream Club had an idea to bring a group of Airstreams together at Disney Fort Wilderness Campground. This was such a popular rally, we decided to keep the yearly tradition going and once again hosted the Airstreams at Disney rally February 19th – 23, 2026. This year the rally attracted even more participants, 125 in all! Club members from 23 different Airstream clubs and Members at Large from four regions rolled into the campground on a sunny Thursday afternoon and settled in for the welcome Poker Walk event.

Everyone enjoyed walking around the 300 loop meeting our South Florida Airstream Club hosts and co-hosts, enjoying snacks and drinks at 5 campsites and collecting poker cards along the way. The prize winners were Joe Pierro (best hand), Laurie Marr (second best hand), and Anne Hoyt (worst hand)

Disney provides unique opportunities for entertainment and relaxation. While many folks visited theme parks during the rally, others enjoyed the campground amenities and entertainment and dining options of Disney Springs and various Disney Resorts. From morning bike rides, pickleball, and coffee gatherings, to afternoon mini-golf, pop-up cocktail socials, scavenger hunts and chalk art drawing, there were plenty of activities and opportunities to make new friends. Evenings were filled with firework viewing, Disney dining, resort crawls, and pop-up fire-pit gatherings.

One of the rally highlights was the iconic Hoop Dee Doo Musical Review dinner show on Sunday. There were 88 rally attendees who gathered at Pioneer Hall for a hootin' and hollerin' good time. After dinner, there was a final gathering at the hosts site, to taste some bourbon, enjoy homemade apple pie, award door prizes, and announce contest winners.





Kylie and Erica Charbonneau
hitting on mini-golf course.

Host Linda Laviano and David Robshaw relied heavily on volunteers for the success of the rally, and wow, did we have some awesome volunteers. Starting with the poker walk hosts and judges, dinner reservation organizers, crawl leaders, fire pit hosts, there are too many to mention here by name. Big thanks to all! Special recognition to Melanie French AKA, the tee-shirt lady for our stylish rally logo shirts, Phillip and Elissa Miller the morning coffee barristers and craft cocktail pop-up hosts, Diane and Kenny Pagano for organizing the mini-golf outing, Jamie Kingseed for arranging the firewood donation, and Leon Lupien for the apple pies!

The 2027 Disney Rally will be hosted by the Florida Treasure Coast Club. You won't want to miss the fun, standby for further details.

Some responses from the after really feedback the hosts are proud to share.

"It was very cool to meet so many other club members, and the Fort Wilderness campground was incredible. We hope to be back for another down the road!"

"The Disney Rally had so many guests from other units and states that provided so many opportunities to meet fellow Airstreamers. We had a grand time and want to say Thank you again."

"With more than Unit 30 attendees being at this rally, it was a welcoming event to meet new potential members. The one common statement echoed while speaking to new friends was how inclusive Unit 30 made everyone feel. Attention to detail, inviting nature, responsiveness to questions all played a big part. "Clique free" was used a few times, specifically by one new member and her husband who felt that alone made their overall experience much more relaxed and less stressful. Kudos!"

"David and I are impressed with your communication. All are welcome and embraced. We will be on the lookout for the signup for 2027!"

Region 3 Rally at Lakeland

March 4 - 8

Submitted by Lewis Fogel

Yes, it's true. Although Judi and I have been active members in Unit 30 for over 6 years, we have never had the opportunity to attend a Region 3 Rally, as they often land on or very near Passover. But this time, we saw that we could attend, so we hopped on and registered. And boy, are we glad we did.

We arrived before the rally because Judi and I had volunteered for the parking team. Jenn Olsen and Tim Montgomery were in charge of the parkers, and we can't say enough about them. They did an amazing job of organizing the crew and made it fun, too. After all the rigs were safely parked, Judi and I decided to ride our bikes around to see some of our Unit 30 friends. And if you ask me, that's the best part of any Rally. Next came registration. It was so funny to see the expressions on people's faces when they saw our "newbie" rally tag attached to our name tags. The common question was, "Are you really newbies?"

So here are my first impressions. A Regional Rally is a lot like an International Rally. The major difference is size. And in this case, size does matter. The Region 3 Rally was large, but nowhere near as large as the International. And yet, it had vendors (Kleen Tank, RVSEF RV Solar and Safety, No Lox Solutions, Techno RV, and Wandering Bear) and many seminars/lectures to choose from. One of the things that I like to do is poke my head into new rigs. And this rally did not disappoint.

Airstream of Tampa brought many models of trailers and Class B Airstreams. And I took full advantage of that. I was excited to see the Stetson (Cowboy/girl) edition. I guess I will need to buy a few more cowboy hats before I ever pull the trigger (sorry for the pun).

Like most rallies I have attended, there was plenty of food and adult beverages (for those so inclined). Grapes and Grain hosted an event that was well attended. Oh, and did I mention raffles? Unfortunately, I was not one of the lucky winners.



As we walked around, I saw that RVSEF was there, and I decided to take advantage of their service. Their company provides scales that let you weigh each tire and wheel on your truck and trailer individually. I can hear some of you saying, "What do you mean you don't use the CAT scales?" And the answer is yes, of course I do. But I was curious how much each wheel was holding. And since we did get weighed, I now know my exact weights, and yes, they aligned well with the CAT scale total weights.



So if you (like us before this rally) have never attended a Region 3 Rally, I suggest that you try to build it into your calendar. Next year's Region 3 Rally will be held in the Smoky Mountains from April 7th to 11th, at the Ridge Outdoor Resort, in Sevierville, TN.

Pirates in Paradise Keys Rally

April 16-19

Submitted by Deborah Bianchi

Alert! Alert! On April 16-20 Sun Outdoors-Islamorada was invaded by a Mötley Crew of Pirates from the South Florida Unit 30, Airstream Club.

It was definitely an inside job with help from Jolly, George, Eyepatch Erika, and Marauding Mandy.

The rally kicked off Thursday evening at a Pirate Welcome Potluck with margaritas and games.



Friday morning was a book review of *The Last Train To Key West*. Hosted by Tom Henderson and Carol Rubiera. Then the gang headed over to the Key West Brewery for some delicious libations. The day ended with a scrumptious Shrimp Boil prepared by Rally Host Scalliwag Ken and Murdering Mike. The evening was topped off by Rum Grog and Rum Cake.



Saturday morning started with Unit 30 group pictures followed by coffee and donuts before the Unit 30 Annual Meeting. The afternoon was spent poolside with a pirate Popup hosted by Suzy and George Caldwell and Linda Lavino and David Robshaw. Pirate snacks and booty were washed down with rum punch.

That evening, the pirate crew joined together under the cabana for pizza and yes more rum punch. Unfortunately, in the middle of the party, Scalliwag Ken was murdered! So the gang rallied together to solve the mystery! By the end of the evening, Murderous Mike was exposed as the guilty party and was made to walk the plank. Prizes were then awarded.



On our last full day in paradise, some of the gang did a tour at The History of Diving Museum while the rest of us hung out around the pool. We ended the rally with a group dinner at Captain Craig's Seafood Restaurant.



Monday morning, we parted ways to head off on our next adventure. Thank you to all the volunteers and participants that helped make the rally a success.

SFAC Unit 30 Treasurer's Report, May 2026

Submitted By: Linda Laviano, Treasurer

FY 2026 Financial Report January 1 - April 30, 2026

Income	Amount	Expense s	Amount
Dues	910		
Ex Board Retreat Paradise Park	352.8	Exec. Board Retreat	500.33
Disney Rally	2284	Disney Rally	2075.36
Pirate Rally Islaorada	2572.17	Pirates Rally Islamorada	2358.86
Newbie Rally Bermuda Lakes	<u>1633.63</u>	Charity Donations	621.15
		New Logo Mailing	164.84
		Square App Credit Card Fees	<u>59.85</u>
Total Income	7752.6	Total Expense	5780.39
Checking Account Balance 4/30/26	3832.56		
Savings Account Balance 4/30/26	<u>5335.61</u>		
Total Account Balance 4/30/26	9168.17		

Did you know, we have a Grievance Committee?

Jill McCullers is our Grievance Chairperson. What that means for you is that if you ever have an issue with something that doesn't seem right, or if you have a question or concern and would like someone to talk to, Jill is here to help. She can serve as a liaison, help address concerns, or simply be someone who listens. If requested, conversations can also be kept confidential.

To contact Jill her email is jbysea7@aol.com

SFAC Unit 30 - 2026 Rally Schedule

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Jan 8-11	Canopener	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	Emerald Coast AS Club	~42/night	Pre-Canopener begins 12/28/25	NOW FIND A CANCELLATION!	N/A
Jan 23-25	U30 EB Workshop	Paradise Park	Punta Gorda, FL	U30	~50/night	Everyone's invited! Let Matt know you're coming - he'll handle reservation.	NOW	McDow/ Ponzio
Feb 19-23	Disney Rally	Fort Wilderness	Lake Buena Vista, FL	U30	~220/night	Standby list	NOW	Robshaw
Mar 4-8	Region 3 Rally	Sun n Fun Aerospace Expo-Campground	Lakeland, FL	REG-3	~325/rally	Standby list	NOW GET A CANCELLATION!	Region 3
Apr 16-20	Pirates in Paradise Rally and ABM	Sun Outdoors	Islamorada, FL	U30	~107/night	Standby list	NOW	Bianchi/ Perdue
May 15-17	Newbie Rally	Bermuda Lakes RV Resort	Fort Myers, FL	U30	~90/night	https://airstreamclub.org/unit-30-newbie-rally-bermuda-lakes-2026	NOW	McCullers/ Ponzio
Jun 12-14	Buddies at Margaritaville	Camp Margaritaville RV Resort	Auburndale, FL	U30	~90/night	https://airstreamclub.org/unit-30-buddies-margaritaville-rally-2026	NOW	Caldwell
Aug 22-27	69th International Rally	Minot ND	Minot, ND	ACI	\$320-\$550 (rally fee and site)	https://airstreamclub.org/rally2026	NOW	ACI
Sep 25-27	"Weekend at Blue Spring" Rally	Blue Spring SP	Orange City, FL	U30	~\$38/night	https://reserve.floridastateparks.org/Web/	NOW	Wasson
Oct 16-18	Space Coast Rally	Wickham County Park	Melbourne, FL	U30	~\$38/night	https://registration.brevardfl.gov/	April 19, 2026	TBA/TBA
Nov 5-9	Pumpkin Fest	Myakka River SP	Sarasota, FL	U30	~33/night	https://reserve.floridastateparks.org/Web/	NOW - Palmetto Ridge loop	Ponzio/ Wasson/ Valle
Dec 3-6	Unit 129 Holiday Rally	Sarasota Fairgrounds	Sarasota, FL	Suncoast AS Club	~35/night	https://airstreamclub.org/suncoast-holiday-rally-26	Registration begins in the spring	Unit 129
Dec 20-Jan 3 (2027)	Tinsel and Trailers at Topsail	Topsail Hill Preserve SP	Santa Rosa Beach, FL	U30	~\$55/night	https://reserve.floridastateparks.org/Web/	NOW	Robshaw/ Caldwell

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Jan 3 - 10	Canopener	Biloxi Bay RV Resort	Biloxi, MS	Emerald Coast	~\$45/night	Pre-Canopener TBA	WAITLIST	Lindsay Shropshire
Jan 21 - 24	U30 EB Workshop	Jonathan Dickinson SP	Hobe Sound, FL	U30	~\$38/night	https://reserve.floridastateparks.org/Web/	NOW	Caldwell
Feb 5 - 9	Heart of Florida "Buddy" Rally	Lake Louisa SP	Clermont, FL	U30	~\$38/night	Cabins and yurts available for Buddies!	March 5, 2026	Henderson/Sundman
Feb 18 - 22	Disney Rally	Fort Wilderness	Lake Buena Vista, FL	U162	~\$220/night	Reservations will be distributed by hosts	Late spring/early summer	Sharon and Joe Moura
Mar 12 - 16	"Where The Airstreams Are" Rally	Yacht Haven RV Park and Marina	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	U30	~\$110/night	TBA	TBA	Caldwell/Robshaw
Apr 7 - 11	Region 3 Rally	The Ridge Outdoor Resort	Seiverville, TN	Region 3	TBA	TBA	Summer 2026	Region 3
Apr 30 - May 4	Keys Rally and ABM	TBA	TBA	U30	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA/TBA
May 13 - 23	Kentucky Bourbon Trail Rally	TBA	Louisville and Frankfort, KY	U30	TBA	TBA	TBA	Caldwell/Perdue Hand/Robshaw
Jun 26 - Jul 1	70th International Rally	Sweetwater Events Complex	Rock Springs, WY	ACI	TBA	Registration opens August 27, 2026	TBA	ACI
Sep 10 - 13	Springs Rally	TBA	TBA	U30	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA/TBA
Sep 23 - 27	TBA	TBA	TBA	U30	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA/TBA
Oct 20 - 25	"In My Mind I'm Goin' To..." Rally	TBA	Somewhere, NC	U30	TBA	Leaf peepers tour Blue Ridge Pkwy	TBA	TBA/TBA
TBA	Pumpkin Fest and Installation Rally	TBA	TBA	U30	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA/TBA
Dec 2 to 6	U30 Holiday Rally	TBA	TBA	U30	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA/TBA

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What you can expect:

- Luxury, ultra all-inclusive cruise on Riverside Ravel by Riverside Cruises.
- An Airstream exclusive river cruise sailing from Lyon to Avignon through the Rhone Valley and Provence region of France.
- Inclusions: Gourmet meals, unlimited premium drinks, choice of shore excursions, all gratuities, and all panoramic balcony-window suites with butler service.
- Great pre-cruise group options include additional 3 nights on Ravel, tours to Normandy or Champagne region. Post cruise is an optional group trip to Paris.



July 15-22, 2026

More Info:

JASONGRENDAHL@GMAIL.COM



<https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>

Paul & Jennifer Squeglia (BRN 4977)

Streaming the Gap Rally

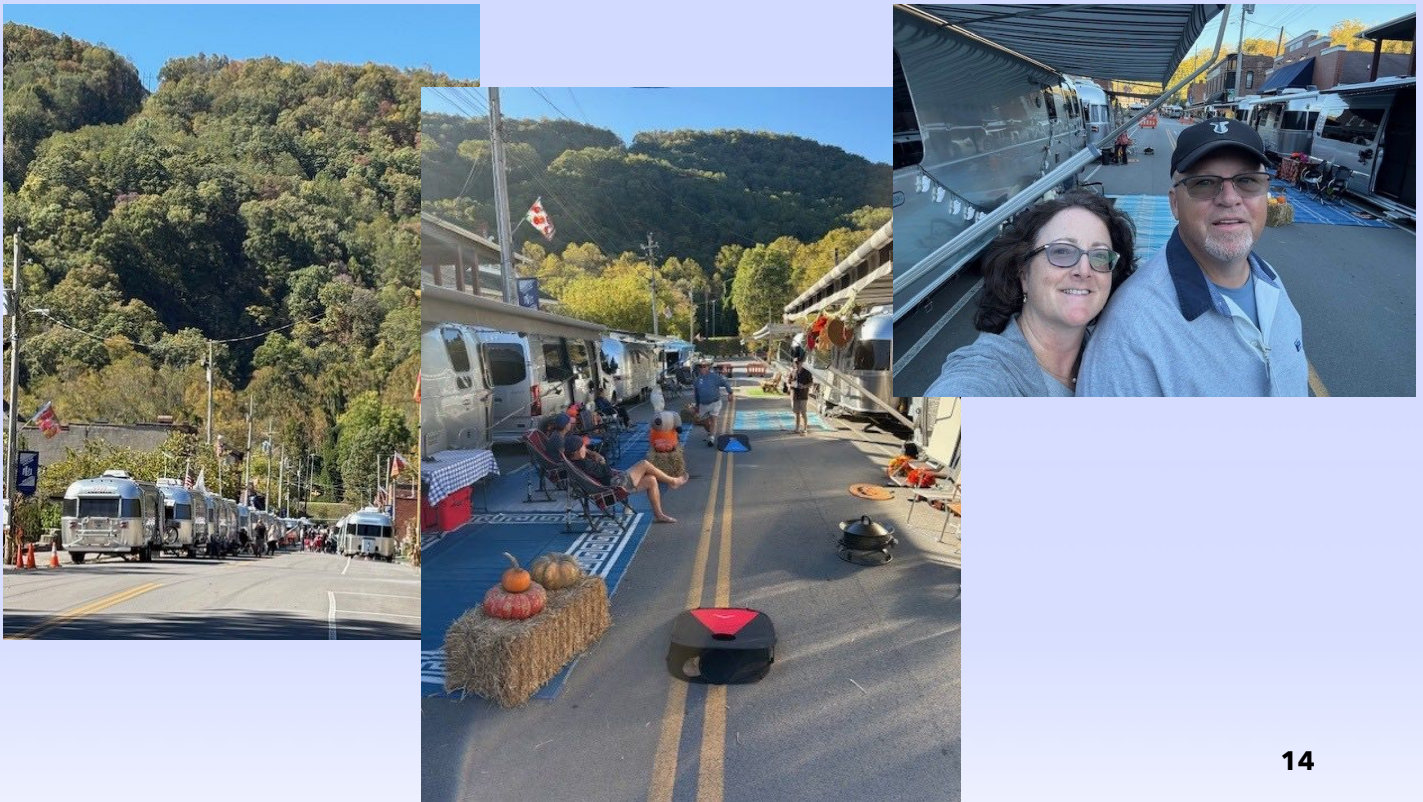
Cumberland Gap, Tennessee

October 16-19, 2025

Nearing the end of our cross-country trip, we had the great pleasure of attending a very unique Airstream Rally in mid-October. We left Nashville and headed to the very northeast corner of Tennessee - Cumberland Gap. This charming historic town was the site for the "Streaming the Gap" Airstream Rally for 3 nights over the weekend. We parked our Airstreams on the town's main street and it was a blast. As with all Airstream gatherings, we met some fun, kind and interesting people.

We played cornhole and enjoyed campfires together, along with all of the fun and beautiful things to do in this jewel of a town. There were about 30 Airstreams in total who participated and we truly enjoyed meeting not only the other Airstreamers, but also our local hosts who could not have been more welcoming and proud of their town.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time in this beautiful area and hope to join this rally again next year. We arrived to the rally not knowing anyone and left with special friends; two of the couples will visit us here in Naples over the next few months. Being part of the Airstream community is such a gift.



OUR NEW CLUB LOGO



For decades, our beloved smiling sun logo represented the heart of the South Florida Airstream Club — warm friendships, open roads, and good times under blue skies. That spirit hasn't changed one bit.

What has changed is our look.

We're proud to unveil our new club logo — a modern design inspired by our South Florida roots and the iconic trailers that bring us together. Featuring an Airstream silhouette, palm tree, flamingo, and sunset glow, it reflects where we are today while honoring where we've been.

New logo. Same sunshine spirit. And you can show your spirit with 115+ personalized products with the South Florida Airstream Club Logo Design at the You Customize It on line store. There is something for everyone!

Corrected link: <https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/South-Florida-Airstream-Club-Logo/8070117>