

GOOD LIFE NEWS



From Our President

It is with great appreciation that I close out the year in the position as President of the Florida Airstream Club. 2016 gave me the opportunity to get to better know our current members and induct new members into our club.

I would like to sincerely thank the 2016 Executive Board and those who held Chair positions for all the time and energy that was put into your volunteer roles. We had member meetings along with Executive Board meetings that our board and chairpersons were willing to participate in with their valued suggestions, provide members with detailed reports, attend not only meetings but support and host rallies throughout the year. I truly believe that leadership support and commitment is what makes an organization a success.

To our members, thank you for entrusting me with the honored role as your 2016 Club President. Also, thank you for your willingness throughout this past year to assist Rally Hosts as needed, attend and participate in members meeting, sign-up for club rallies and rally activities and as needed lead activities. Also, how proud we are to have folks willing to share their vast RV travel experience, maintenance knowledge and "let's make it better" ideas with others. A club is only as good as its membership and I believe our members are the best!

My husband Ron and I are looking forward to a great 2017 with lots of new rally locations, fresh leadership ideas and most importantly the fun that comes with being a part of the Florida Airstream Club.

See you down the road.

-Chris Allen

Otter Springs Rally & Annual Meeting

October 20 – 23, 2016

What a great time we had in October at our Otter Springs Rally & Annual Meeting. The weather was perfect for our outdoor activities of a group Canoe/Kayak trip down the St. Johns River, hiking & biking on the park trails and for our happy hours and grill night. The spring offered swimming plus additional canoe/kayak adventures, the Dakotah Winery offered wine tasting with a great gift store, Levy county Quilt Museum was filled with beautiful quilts and supplies to purchase or just view, Suwanee Valley Shoppes offered antique stores, fabric stores, café for casual dining, plus much more. All activities/attractions were conveniently located in or around the Otter Springs Campground.

Attendees included: David & Patsy Barr, Bill & Lynn Behnke, Al & Gracie Buchanan, Walt & Jeanette Deptula, Dale & Janis Edwards, Randy & Pat Godfrey, Keith & Cheryl Growe & Family, Robert & Lyn Masters, Brad McGloin, George & Pam Millis, Steve & Deb Opper, Joe & Kathleen Osborne, Gerald & Meriam Reed, Larry Scovotto, Mike & Mary Anne Swegles, Nick Verduzco, Vicki Digby, Dave & Betty Wenger and Ron & Chris Allen.

Our Annual meeting was well attended and we were able to move forward with selecting our Volunteer Fund Raising Project called Fisher House. Our club voted to support the Florida locations of this charity. The Fisher House provides free or low cost lodging to veterans and military families receiving treatment at military medical centers. They also provide student scholarships. A special thank you goes out to Susan Thompson and Kathleen Osborne for researching charitable organizations for us to review. You will be hearing lots more about the Fisher House as we work together to raise money for this charity.

Our last rally of the year will be held in Christmas, FL at Fort Christmas located near Titusville. Check out this newsletter to be sure you sign up for this fun volunteer rally. There will be lots of history, interaction with visitors to the park and a chance to work side by side with your Airstream Club members to help the park get ready for this annual event. Also, be sure to check out our rally schedule for 2017. There are several new locations and lots of fun activities to look forward to.

-Ron & Chris Allen, Rally Hosts

See our 2017 Rally schedule on Page 3

A Big Welcome To Our Newest Members!

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We hope to see and get to know all of our new members at a rally soon!

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Our Last Event in 2016

CRACKER CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER/ INSTALLATION RALLY; NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 5, 2016; 1300 FORT CHRISTMAS RD; CHRISTMAS, FL

Welcome to Cracker Christmas, our annual Volunteer and Installation Rally. Something new this year, we will have a representative on the grounds Friday afternoon representing Reese family of hitches, Zip Dee awnings and Fantastic Vent. Normally we just work, eat and enjoy each other's company and tell lies. This year you might learn something. Wednesday afternoon, Frank Carson will do a new member seminar. Maybe he'll learn something.

Fort Christmas does not permit camping at their park, but they do make an exception for our Club because of the work and volunteer hours we put in. You will have minimal electric, enough to keep your batteries charged and to run a TV. Sorry, no hair dryers or air conditioners unless you have a generator or use the electric in the restrooms. There will be one of the largest craft fairs in Central Florida on Saturday and Sunday. If the weather holds out, we could have between 40 – 50 thousand people attending.

On Wednesday evening, we will have a hoagie supper with potato salad and cole slaw and a desert potluck; bring your beverage of your choice. On Thursday we will have Boston Market catering a full chicken dinner, coffee will be served or bring a beverage of your choice. Friday, There will be a pulled pork pot luck, bring a side dish to feed 6 – 8 people and a beverage of your choice. Saturday, continental breakfast, lunch supplied and a potluck supper at the Bee Head Ranch. Bring a side dish to feed 6 – 8 people and a beverage of your choice. Meat will be supplied. Sunday, continental breakfast, and lunch supplied, Supper on your own.

Items you should bring with you: Flashlight, snack table(s), chairs, extra 25 foot #10 wire or better extension cord, extra 25 foot of non toxic water hose, free flowing water "Y" and snacks for happy hours.

We need to know what day you will arrive, no early parking till after 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, and how many in your party. Please contact Frank Carson via Email fc23343@aol.com, text or phone (321) 704-2568 no later than November 15, 2016.

The cost for this rally is totally free for our Club members. Non members are \$16.00 per person.

2017 Rally Schedule

February	Sertoma Youth Ranch; Brooksville, FL; Feb. 16th (4 nights); Hosts: Krables & Sweegles
March	Morningside RV Park; Dade City, FL; March 1st (4 nights) Joint Rally with South Florida Unit; Hosts Allens from FL Airstream Unit, Perrucci from South FL Unit
April	<i>Region 3 Rally, Hiawassee, GA; April 26th (4 or 5 nights)</i> Host: Region 3 Officers
May	Mystic Springs Cove; Pensacola, FL; May 18th (4 nights); Joint Rally with the Pensacola Florida Unit; Hosts: Behnkes & Sweegles
July	<i>International Rally; Escanaba, MI; July 22 (7 nights)</i> ; email: jrethmann@wbcci.org to register
September	Rock Crusher RV Resort; Homosassa Springs, FL; Dates TBD; Hosts: Reeds
October	Clerbrook Golf & RV Park, Clermont, FL - October 19th (3 or 4 nights) Hosts: Krabels
November	Mary's Fish Camp, Weeki Wachee/Bayport, FL - November 9th (4 nights) Hosts: Krabels & Allens
December	Cracker Christmas Volunteer Rally - November 29th (5 nights); Hosts: Carsons

BLUEBERRY HILL RALLY; SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2016; BUSHNELL, FL

Thirteen airstream units attended the September rally at Blueberry Hill RV Resort in Bushnell, Florida. Highlights included, a tour of Dade Battlefield State park, a Corn Hole tournament, water aerobics, pancake breakfast from McDonald's, catered dinner from Sonny's BBQ, Joker, happy hours and happy times together.



During the rally at Bushnell we got out of our trailers and onto the trail at Dade Battlefield State Park.



New members Walt & Jeanette Deptula learning to play Joker



There was a large turn out for the Corn Hole tournament at Blueberry Hill



And the winners of the Corn Hole tournament—Jeff and Randy



A special award, The Boner Award, was presented to Walt Deptula for his forgetfulness at hooking up his water!

SOME NOTES FROM THE FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB (WBAC UNIT 027) MEMBERS MEETING

Our annual members meeting was held October 22, 2016 at the Otter Springs Park and Campground in Trenton, Florida. The official minutes of the meeting, when approved by the members, will be posted on our website.

- The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Chris Allen.
- A quorum of the members were present.
- The minutes of the members meeting held on May 21, 2016 were approved.
- The Treasurer reported we have a balance of \$18,674.19 as of October 14, 2016.
- We have 109 regular members and 17 affiliate members with a renewal of 59%.
- Our last newsletter distribution went to 142 email addresses.
- Our Historian reported November 17, 2016 will mark the 40th birthday of the unit.
- After much discussion, Fisher House, which provides free or low cost lodging to veterans and military families receiving treatment at military medical centers. is our new community project for fund raising. Any money previously collected for the Wounded Warrior Project will be mailed to them and fund raising efforts will now be focused on Fisher House in the Florida market.
- The slate of officers for the Florida Airstream Club for 2017 was accepted and elected by acclamation (see below).
- Kathleen Osborne volunteered to be the Chairman for Community Projects.
- The 2017 rally schedule was approved as submitted (see page 3).
- Randy Godfrey reported that when the motion was presented at the July 5, 2016 IBT meeting to change our Unit name to the Florida Airstream Unit, many asked why didn't we replace Unit with Club? After some discussion, the members present voted to again change the Unit name by replacing Unit with Club. We will always be Unit 027 of the WBAC, but we will call ourselves the Florida Airstream Club.
- We are ordering new flags to reflect our new name. A sample update was distributed during the meeting. The WBCCI initials found at the bottom of the flag will be updated to WBAC. See below and last page.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:24.

**FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB (WBAC UNIT #027)
2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CHAIRPERSONS**

President*	Jeff Krabel	Membership Chair	Frank Carson
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1 year Trustee*	Randy Godfrey	Community Project Chair	Kathleen Osborne
Immediate Past President*	Chris Allen		

* Executive Board Members





SUNSHINE LIST

We have several members who are ill, on chemotherapy, undergoing radiation treatments, awaiting medical procedures, and all trying hard to recover. Keep them in your prayers, and everyone travel safe, enjoy the good life, and stay healthy in the days ahead.

There were no other cares and concerns reported to your editor for this edition. Please let our Sunshine Committee Chair, Joan Carson (321) 704-2568 or fc23343@aol.com, know of anything that needs to be published here.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GOOD LIFE NEWS WILL BE 1/1/2017

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the January 2017 edition of our newsletter by **January 1, 2017**. All news and items of interest to members of our Unit are welcome.

Email in most any form is acceptable: text files (.txt, .rtf), Word documents (.doc, .docx), Pages documents (.pages), photos (.jpg). Send photos at large or medium size so they can be scaled to fit in the newsletter as needed.

Please email items to: rgodfrey@cfl.rr.com. Or send by US Mail so they arrive by the deadline to

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EDITOR'S NOTE

By providing your email address, you agree to receive emails from the WBAC Florida Airstream Unit. You may opt out at any time. We do not sell email addresses.

2016 Calendar

February 11 – 15

Unit Rally; Sertoma Youth Ranch; Brooksville, FL; Hosts: Krabel's

March 10 – 13

Joint Buddy Rally; Highland Hammock SP; Sebring, FL; Hosts: South FL Units

March 16 – 21

Unit Rally; Bluegrass Festival; Ft. Christmas, FL; Hosts: Carson's

April 6 – 11

All Florida State Rally; Sunshine Key Resort; Big Pine Key, FL; Hosts: D. Maciejczyk, F. Carson

April 27 – May 1

Region 3 Rally; Doswell, VA

May 19 – 22

Unit Rally; Wilderness RV Park; Silver Springs, FL; Hosts: McGloin's

June 2 – June 6

Unit Rally; Carefree RV Park; Dunedin, FL; Hosts: Godfrey's

June 28 – July 4

International Rally; Lewisburg, WV

September 15 – 18

Unit Rally; Blueberry Hill RV Resort; Bushnell, FL; Hosts: Thompson's

October 20 – 23

Unit Rally; Otter Springs RV Park; Trenton, FL; Hosts: Allen's

October 22

Annual Meeting; Otter Springs RV Park; Trenton, FL; Hosts: Allen's

November 30 – December 5

Unit Rally; Cracker Christmas; Ft. Christmas, FL; Host: D. Maciejczyk

December 3

Unit Dinner/Meeting & Installation of Officers for 2017; Ft. Christmas, FL; Host: D. Maciejczyk



Florida Airstream Club - Flag Order Form

There are 3 sizes available:

1. 3' x 5' Digital Print Logo Flag/Single or double sided with grommets. Double sided flag reads the same front and back side. (This is the size flag that the Club uses at the Region and International Rallies.) Single sided flag reads correctly on front side with the image showing through to the back side in reverse.
2. 2' X 3' Digital Print Logo Flag/Single sided with grommets. Flag reads correctly on front side with the image showing through to the back side in reverse.
3. 12" x 18" custom Garden Flag with pole pocket on top for use with garden pole. Single sided.

Quantity	Size	Price	Pick up at Rally	Mailed to Home	Total
	3' x 5' Double sided	\$163.00	No additional charge	\$6.95	
	3' x 5' Single sided	\$83.00	No additional charge	\$6.95	
	2' x 3' Single sided	\$48.00	No additional charge	\$6.95	
	12" x 18" Single sided	\$28.00	No additional charge	\$6.95	
Order Total					

Name: _____

Address: _____

WBAC Number: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Complete the order form with the quantity indicated beside the flag you wish to order. Add shipping if applicable. Fill in the total amount, and mail your order form and check made payable to the *Florida Airstream Club* to:

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Orders must be received by December 15, 2016

Questions? Call: (904) 534-9896