

GOOD LIFE NEWS



From Our President

Ron and I have had a very busy summer. We left Florida the 3rd week in June and arrived back home on August 31, 2016. Our travels took us to the International Rally in Lewisburg, WV that we mentioned in the last newsletter, then up north as far as Prince Edwards Island in Canada. With our Airstream in tow we met up with 24 other Airstream rigs (48 folks) in Rhode Island. As we toured the Northeast (Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Maine, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island we saw beautiful surprises, lighthouses galore, informative museums, music played from fiddles and bagpipes, several playhouse shows, whale watching, lobster/muscles/clam dinners, wharfs with 46 foot tides, friendly locals, just to name a few of our adventures.

We highly recommend Airstream Caravans. The knowledgeable Caravan Leaders that scout out the trips have a passion for their position and provide great value to the participants. After all isn't that why we purchased our Airstreams, to make memories and take our rigs on the road for new adventures in the great outdoors?

Our Florida Airstream Unit has some exciting new and tried and true rallies scheduled through the end of the year. If you haven't signed up for the upcoming Blueberry Hill Rally in Bushnell, FL be sure to do that right away. You

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It's Time to Renew Your WBAC Florida Airstream Unit Membership

The Florida Airstream Unit is very dynamic offering a large variety of activities for you to enjoy across the great state of Florida. You will want to keep your membership current and the Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC) as well as the Florida Airstream Unit wants to make it easy for you.

During September you will receive individualized renewal instructions by mail. The package will have instructions and a form from WBAC. All you need to do is complete the form, choose your method of payment and return the form in the postage paid envelope provided. For those who have already paid their dues, you will just need to complete and return the form.

The cost is the same low price it has been for years, just \$75.00 (\$65.00 International and \$10.00 Florida Airstream Unit).

Please complete your renewal as soon as possible. Renewals processed by October 31, 2015 will have the opportunity to be included in the WBAC Membership Directory.

-Brad McGloin, Treasurer

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Florida Airstream Unit will have their Annual Meeting Saturday October 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Otter Springs Park & Campground recreation center located at 6470 SW 80th Avenue; Trenton, FL 32693. The meeting is called to vote on your Executive Board Members for 2017 along with member approval for the 2017 Rally Schedule. Nominations for the 2017 Executive Board and the proposed Rally Schedule are on page six of this newsletter. The meeting will be held during the Otter Springs Park & Campground Rally held October 20 - 23, 2017. We hope to see you there.

-Chris Allen, President

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.

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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won't regret it. The activities are endless, the food promises to tingle the taste buds and getting to gather with your fellow unit members is priceless. This Rally is followed by our October Rally and Annual Meeting in Trenton, FL and our Volunteer Rally in Christmas, FL kicks off the Holiday Season. Registration forms for all the Rallies are included in the newsletter.

Safe Travels and we hope to see everyone soon!

-Chris Allen

Our Next Events in 2016

BLUEBERRY HILL RALLY; SEPTEMBER 15 – 18, 2016

Tom & Sue Thompson have a fun weekend planned for us at the Blueberry Hill RV Resort. The RV Resort is located at 6233 Lowery St in Bushnell, FL. Please call the park now at (877) 411-6964 to reserve your spot for this fun event. There is also a sign-up coupon in the back of this newsletter to be filled out and mailed to Sue.

The RV resort amenities include: social hall, kitchen, heated pool, shuffleboard, pickle ball, covered pavilion, corn hole, fenced dog park, paved sites, horseshoes, game room, and laundry.



See the schedule of events below:

Thursday – Sept 15 Arrive at RV Resort, See hosts for handouts

5:00 pm – Happy hour bring your own beverage and a snack to share

6:00 pm – Dinner by hosts - Pizza and salad – bring your setups and your beverage

7:30 pm – Games and billiards

Friday – Sept 16 8:00 – 9:00 am - Breakfast potluck - bring dish to share - bring your own beverage

9:30 am – Depart for Dade Battlefield Historic State Park

3:00 pm - Corn hole tournament

5:00 pm – Happy hour bring your own beverage and snack to share

6:00 pm – Catered Dinner: BBQ. Bring your beverage of choice

Saturday – Sept 17 8:00 – 9:00 am – Breakfast by hosts - pancakes and sausage - bring drinks

10:00 pm – Water aerobics

3:00 pm – Shuffleboard tournament

5:00 pm – Happy hour bring your own beverage and snack to share

6:30 pm – Harbor Lights Restaurant - Dutch treat buffet - on Lake Panasoffkee

Sunday – Sept 18 8:00 – 9:00 am – Continental Breakfast - bring your own beverage

Rally ends Drive Safely

OTTER SPRINGS RALLY; OCTOBER 20 – 23, 2016

Our fall rally schedule includes a visit to the Otter Springs Park and Campground; 6470 SW 80th Avenue; Trenton, FL 32693. This is an exciting new location for our Unit to visit. I am sure you will all enjoy the tree lined sites, swimming pool, canoe/kayak launch, the opportunity to visit a charming southern town along with a walk through the Halloween haunted house which is an annual park display. Bring your bikes, canoes/kayaks, swimming suits and grills for a fun filled weekend.

Otter Springs Rally & Annual Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 20, 2016

- 1:00 – 4:00 Arrive at the campground and set-up your site
 4:00 – 5:00 Happy Hour at the Host Site (Bring chairs and beverage)
 5:00 – till Grill night at Host Site. Bring your *Steak (that will be distributed upon arrival at the campground) and set-ups (plates, silverware, beverage). Baked potatoes, salad, vegetable and dessert provided.

Friday, October 21, 2016

- 8:00 – 9:00 *Continental breakfast will be served at club house. Bring set-ups (plates, silverware and your beverage if you are not a coffee drinker). *Coffee will be provided.
 10:00 – 12:00 Depart campground for *group activity (car pooling recommended)
 4:00 – 5:00 Happy Hour at Host Site (Bring your chairs, beverage and snack to share)

Saturday, October 22, 2016

- 10:00 – 11:00 Annual Business Meeting at club house
 11:30 – 12:30 *Lunch at club house. Bring set-ups (plates, silverware and your beverage)
 1:00 – 3:00 Group Canoe/Kayak trip. Launch site at campground. Bring your own canoe/kayak or rent from the campground. Other option is to tour Trenton, FL on your own.
 4:00 – 5:00 Happy Hour at Host Site. Bring your chair, beverage and snack to share

Sunday, October 23, 2016

- 8:00 – 9:00 Pot Luck Breakfast at Host Site. Bring your favorite breakfast food to share.
 *Coffee and orange juice to be provided.
 4:00 – 5:00 Happy Hour at Host Site. Bring your chair, beverage and a snack to share
 5:00 – till Stone soup dinner at Host Site. Bring your chair, set-ups, a can of condensed soup (only water based soup no milk base or cream soups) and bowl for the soup. *Ice Cream Social directly following dinner.

Monday, October 24, 2016

Depart campground. Safe Travels

* Denotes items paid for by the Rally Fee.

The Rally registration form and sign-up instructions can be found in the back of this newsletter. Everyone needs to call the park directly to make their site reservations then mail the Rally registration form to our attention using the address on the form. Don't miss the fun!

-Chris & Ron Allen, Rally Hosts

CRACKER CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER AND INSTALLATION RALLY; CHRISTMAS, FL;
NOVEMBER 29 – DECEMBER 5 – 2016

Starting November 29 will be our annual Cracker Christmas Rally. This will be our 18th year assisting Fort Christmas Staff. There is no rally fee for Florida Unit members and affiliate members (fee for other WBAC members is \$16.00), and the fee, if any, includes the following meals: a sub-sandwich dinner on Wednesday evening (bring your own plates and silverware); Thursday dinner catered by Boston Market (everything supplied); Friday dinner, pulled pork plus (please bring a dessert to share to serve 6 – 8 people); Saturday continental breakfast, lunch, and pot luck dinner, meat supplied (bring own table setting, chair, snack table, and a side dish to feed 6 – 8 people); Sunday continental breakfast and lunch, dinner on your own.

Our Thursday evening dinner is our annual Unit dinner followed by the installation of officers for 2017. Florida Unit members, if you can't come for the rally, please try to join us for Thursday's dinner.

Parking is free. Camping is not permitted at Fort Christmas except for our Unit. You will be parked on fairly level ground on a grassy field. You will have water and enough electric amps to keep your batteries charged, and watch TV. Refrigerators and water heaters must be turned to gas only. Please bring extra electric cords, preferably 10-gauge if you have them, an extra 5/8-inch water hose, and a free flowing "Y" hose connector. Mark all your equipment with your WBAC number.

During the weekdays, we assist the employees at Fort Christmas with decorating and cleaning the houses. We may have a few seminars. We are trying to have Zip Dee Awnings and Reese Hitches provide a seminar. Our afternoon happy hours are a great opportunity to get to know your Unit members, and ask questions about your Airstream and the WBAC.

On Saturday and Sunday, one of the largest craft shows in Central Florida happens just steps away from your Airstream, and you will be asked to volunteer for three hours each day as a docent at one of the many restored and reconstructed homes at Fort Christmas. "Cheat sheets" are provided to help you answer questions.

This is a volunteer rally and we depend on having your help through the weekend. No traffic is permitted through the park between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday because of the craft show.

You must register for the rally and tell us on what day you will be arriving and the number in your party. If you are only coming for the dinner on Thursday night, we need to know that too. Registration this year will be by email to the Rally Host, Frank Carson, fc23343@aol.com, or by txt message or a phone call to Frank (321) 704-2568. Frank will be accepting registration information up to one week before the rally, Tuesday, November 22, 2016.

Directions to Fort Christmas: Address, 1300 Fort Christmas Rd; Christmas, FL. From I-95 take exit 215 to SR-50. Head west on SR-50. Fort Christmas Rd is approximately 10 miles west of I-95. Turn right (north) on Fort Christmas Rd (look for the Christmas Tree). Go two miles north on Fort Christmas Rd, the Fort will be on your left. Pull in at entrance, bear left to go past the Visitor Center/Gift Shop, go to end of the pavement and continue straight until one of the parkers flags you into the parking area.



FLORIDA AIRSTREAM UNIT #027
NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 EXECUTIVE BOARD AND CHAIRPERSONS

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* Executive Board Members

PROPOSED 2017 RALLY SCHEDULE

January	Open
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	Unit Rally TBD <i>Region 3 Rally, Hiawasse, GA; April 26th (4 or 5 nights) Host: Region 3 Officers</i>
May	Mystic Springs Cove; Pensacola, FL; May 18th (4 nights); Joint Rally with the Pensacola Florida Unit; Hosts: Behnkes & Sweegles
June	Open
July	<i>International Rally; Escanaba, MI; July 22 (7 nights); email: jrethmann@wbcci.org to register</i>
August	Open
September	Open
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

MOUNTAIN CRUISING IN THE AIRSTREAM

In mid-August, we decided to escape the Florida heat with a trip to the mountains. The plan was to start in the mountains of northern Georgia and end in southwestern Virginia. So we hitched the Flying Cloud to the truck, loaded the dog and freezer, and headed north. The Top of Georgia Airstream Park was our first stop in the mountains. This park is located just north of Helen, GA, and at 1950' elevation, was the beginning of the cooler weather.



Our Airstream (with flag) at Top of Georgia

There are really three camping areas within this park; two north of the brook, and one south and each has a meeting pavilion complete with comfortable swings and WiFi. Sites have level

concrete pads for the trailer tires and hitch post and a small patio (but no table). Full hookups are provided, pets are permitted, and a volunteer host supervises the park from a shelter provided for his/her Airstream near the entrance. It was about 30% occupied, mostly by the local unit members, during our 5 day visit.

Nearby, (alpine) Helen is a Bavarian style town with German restaurants and shops. The Unicoi State Park is one of the nicest state parks we have seen and is 4 miles away. It offers camping, fishing, a terrific mountain bike trail, cabins, swimming and hiking.

We then headed north through Asheville staying overnight at a nice campground just east of the city off I-40. We reached our destination the next day at a campground in Fancy Gap, Virginia, which is just 8



Our #2887 in the cool, shady, Virginia mountains

miles inside the state line. The elevation is nearly 3000' so it is cool, typically near 60°F in the morning. The upper sites, which we prefer, adjoin the Blue Ridge Parkway which is on land managed by the National Park Service. The roadway is only 500 yards away and about the only thing one can occasionally hear are the louder motorcycles cruising the parkway.



Fellow resident here to have a chat

Just down the mountain on Rt 52 is the town of Mt. Airy, home of the Andy Griffith show. Wineries are numerous in this area, but our favorite is the Shelton vineyard down in Dobson.

Along the Blue Ridge Parkway, there are two Park Service RV (semi-primitive) campsites, one at Doughton Park (around mile 240, 35 miles north of Boone) and Rocky Knob (around mile 167, 33 miles north of Fancy Gap). sites are paved, but there are no utilities. Water is available, along with restrooms, and a dump station. There were Airstreams dry camping in both parks. The resident host at Doughton Park lives in a 34' Airstream.

The Doughton site is at 3500' elevation and is just down the Parkway from the Blue Ridge Music Center which features daily, live music from local and passing musicians.

The Rocky Knob site is at 2800' elevation and has considerable hiking opportunities. It is not far from there to the Highland Haven Airstream Park (about 19 miles north). While a bit smaller than Top of Georgia, it is also equipped with full hookups, WiFi, laundry, and propane. Volunteer hosts supervise this 2700' park.

In summary, if you are looking for a bit of relief from hot weather, then the mountain elevations will provide a cool haven for you to enjoy nature in your Airstream.

-D. Doerr



SUNSHINE LIST

It is with a sad heart that I ask for prayers for Judy Martiny who's husband **Dick Martiny** lost his battle with cancer on September 1. Dick and Judy were members of the Georgia Unit. He served as 1st Vice President of Region 3 and just before becoming president had to resign because of his health.

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 11/1/2016

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the November 2016 edition of our newsletter by **November 1, 2016**. 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: rgodfrey1@cfl.rr.com. Or send by US Mail so they arrive by the deadline to

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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



Blueberry Hill Rally September 15 - 18, 2016

Blueberry Hill RV Resort; 6233 Lowery St; Bushnell, FL

Name: _____
 Spouse: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 E-mail: _____
 WBCCI#: _____ Number of Guests: _____ X Rally Fee \$30 = _____ Paid
 Contact phone number: _____

For the pot-luck breakfast, I/we will bring: _____

Rally fee is \$30.00 per person (\$60.00 per couple). Site reservation is \$30.00/night. **You must make your own reservations with the park.** To reserve your site please call (877)-411-6964 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily. Be sure to let them know you are part of the Airstream Rally so we can be located together and get the rally price. Reservations are preferred before September 1st. Late registrations may be accommodated if space is available. Please call/E-mail me if you have any questions: (954) 536-2175, soonreach@aol.com

Florida Unit Club Members Rally Fees to be paid by the Club, Please send the registration coupon for tracking purposes.

Members of other WBAC Units/Clubs are very welcome to attend. Please Make checks payable to Susan Thompson and mail registration to:

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**Otter Springs Park & Campground - Annual Meeting & Rally Registration
 October 20 - 23, 2016 - Depart Sunday 23rd (3 nights) or Monday 24th (4 nights)**

Otter Springs Park & Campground; 6470 SW 80th Ave; Trenton, FL 32693

Name: _____ Spouse and/or Guest(s): _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 WBCCI # _____ Number of Guests: _____ x \$25.00 = _____
 Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Included in the Rally Fee will be steak grill night on Thursday, continental breakfast on Friday, a group activity on Friday, lunch on Saturday following the Annual Meeting and an ice cream social on Sunday. The Rally agenda will be included in the September issue of our newsletter.

Rally Fee is complimentary for Full and Affiliate Members of the Florida Unit all other attendees are required to pay \$25.00 per person, (\$50.00 per couple).

Site reservation. You must make your own reservations with the park by calling (352) 463-0800, ask for Brooke and mention you are with the FL Airstream Club to ensure you are parked with the group and receive any available discount.

This **Rally Reservation Form** should be completed and received by your Rally Hosts Ron & Chris Allen by October 15th to help us prepare for activities and meals. Any questions call Ron or Chris Allen at 904-534-9896 or email: ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net.

Florida Airstream Unit #027 Full/Affiliate Members need only **mail** this completed Registration Form using the address below. All other attendees should mail their check payable to: WBCCI Florida Airstream Unit #027 with this completed coupon.

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