

GOOD LIFE NEWS



From Our President

Mary and I pray that all of our Airstream family are safe and your property sustained no damage. The eye of the storm passed just a few miles to the east of us, but we had nothing more than a few branches to clean-up. Lost power for three days, but our generator kept the well and refrigerator going and we had hot showers in the Airstream.

Unfortunately the Rock Crusher Canyon Rally had to be canceled. Hopefully this can be rescheduled. The Clerbrook October rally is still a go. Hope to see all of you there.

The Florida Airstream Club is one of the oldest (chartered in 1956) and largest (over 125 units registered) in the WBCCI. This has come about only by the continued support and participation of you, the members. Keep up the good work!

Our club has three rallies in the next four months. Please make plans to attend as many as you can, if not all. The October rally at Clerbrook RV Resort in Clermont, FL is our annual meeting. I invite all of our members to come to the meeting and share their thoughts on activities and direction our club needs to go to insure its future and growth.

As I mentioned earlier, our club is one of the largest in the country. Our Membership Chairman is Frank Carson. Frank has been/is doing a tremendous job for your club. He is undoubtedly the best in the WBCCI. Thank you Frank.

-Jeff Krabel

Escanaba, MI Report

WBCCI International Rally, July 22 - 29, 2017



Four of our member units made the trip to Escanaba, Michigan for the 60th International Rally: David & Diane Barker #8887, Bill & Lynn Behnke #5572, Randy & Pat Godfrey 3759I, and Robert & Linda Masters #7669. Lynn Behnke, our 2nd VP represented us at all the official functions. Thanks Lynn!

Our name change was approved. We are now officially the Florida Airstream Club, Unit 027 of the WBCCI, also known as the Wally Byam Airstream Club. Our flag was also approved, so the flags we bought early this year are now legal to fly. Lynn Behnke carried our new flag in the opening ceremony.

Our Region 3 2nd VP wrote a summary of all the business items that took place at the rally. That was emailed to all Region 3 members a few weeks ago. If you didn't get it or need a printed copy, contact Randy at (321) 432-1934 or randy_godfrey@mac.com.

Our Club's International Rallies are not all business. There are a lot of activities, tours, seminars, parades, meals, etc. The next two will be in Salem, OR (June 23 - 30, 2018) and Doswell, VA (July 20 - 27, 2019). Put one of these on your calendar. It would be great to have a huge Florida Airstream Club presence at a future International Rally.



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!

The Florida Airstream Club, Unit 027 of the WBCCI

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Florida Airstream Club #027 will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, October 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Clerbrook Golf and RV Resort in Clermont, FL. The Clermont RV Resort is located at 20005 US Highway 27 N; Clermont, FL. The meeting is being called for members to vote on the Executive Board Members for 2018 along with approval of the 2018 Rally Schedule. The nominees for the board and the proposed rally schedule are printed later in this newsletter. The meeting will be held during the Clerbrook Rally (October 19 – 22, 2017).

-Jeff Krabel, President

Our Next Events in 2017

CLERBROOK RALLY AND ANNUAL MEETING; OCTOBER 19 – 22, 2017

The Florida Airstream Club will have their October rally at the Clerbrook Golf and RV Resort located on US Highway 27 to the north of Clermont, FL. The dates are from Thursday, October 19 (check in time at the resort is 12:00 noon) to Sunday, October 22. The resort has a pool, golf course, fishing areas, and an excellent clubhouse for our use. We've planned a tour of the Lakeridge Winery, one of Florida's largest, for Friday.

As always, lots of good food and time to meet with old and new friends are on tap for this rally. Make your plans to come and join in the good times. A sign-up coupon can be found later in this newsletter.

Thursday 10/19

Arrive and set up (check in time is 12:00 noon)
4:00 p.m. Happy Hour - Bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice
Dinner on your own

Friday 10/20

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Breakfast hosted by the Allens
1:00 p.m. Leave for tour of Lakeridge Winery
4:00 p.m. Happy Hour
6:30 p.m. Hamburger cookout hosted by the Krabels - Please bring a side dish to share.

Saturday 10/21

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast
10:00 a.m. Florida Airstream Club Annual Meeting followed by a hoagie lunch (see agenda, 2018 Officer Nominees, and proposed Rally Schedule later in this newsletter)
4:00 p.m. Happy Hour
6:30 p.m. Grill night - Bring your entree to cook on one of our grills and a side to share

Sunday 10/22

9:00 a.m. Sunday Brunch - Bring your favorite breakfast treat to share
4:00 p.m. Happy Hour
Dinner on your own

Note: All Group activities will be in the air conditioned club house.

UNIT RALLY; MARY'S FISH CAMP IN WEEKI WACHEE, FL; NOVEMBER 9 – 12

This rally is presently sold out. The Florida Airstream Club has reserved the entire campground. If you are interested in a standby spot, please email Jeff Krabel at jk62gt@gmail.com or call or text to (352) 573-0489.

CRACKER CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEER RALLY; NOVEMBER 29 TO DECEMBER 3

Our annual volunteer event to help the Orange County Parks Department set up for and stage Cracker Christmas is a great opportunity for our club to give back to the community. This will be the 18th year for this partnership. During the week club members help prepare and decorate the vintage houses, set up tents and chair for event staff and volunteer areas, and anything the park needs help with. Saturday and Sunday we handle vendor parking, docent the house, act as greeters and assist the park staff as needed. BUT, it's not all work: happy hours, meals (many provided by the park), free time to explore this unique park, and our annual installation banquet. There is no charge for this event. Email Jeff Krabel at jk62gt@gmail.com or phone or text to (352) 573-0489 to make your reservations.

MY TRAVELS THROUGH CANADA AND MAINE, SUMMER 2017

*Alumapalooza*

I made plans to go to Alumapalooza at Jackson Center at the end of May. Since I was going that far North, why not just keep on going, so I did. First stop after Alumapalooza was to Can-Am RV in Ontario. Andy Thomson installed sway bars, a braking system, and a new hitch on my Bambi. I didn't think I really needed them but after watching his presentation on the benefits of such, I decided it was a good "life insurance policy"

Next, after making it through Toronto traffic, I headed east to the capital, Ottawa, where I spent a few days in a provincial park in Gatineau being eaten alive by black flies and mosquitos. They had just finished up a very rainy season. The park was beautiful regardless and Ottawa was busy preparing for both Canada Day July 1 and the 150th year anniversary of Canada, so lots of history and excitement there. And of course, being the beginning of summer, everything was being repaired. Ahh those blue tarps and scaffolding.

On then to Montreal to enjoy the old French city and all of its beautiful buildings and streets. My campground, Amerique Montreal, was comfortably nice and the owner, of course, was from Florida too. Many Canadians I met in this area

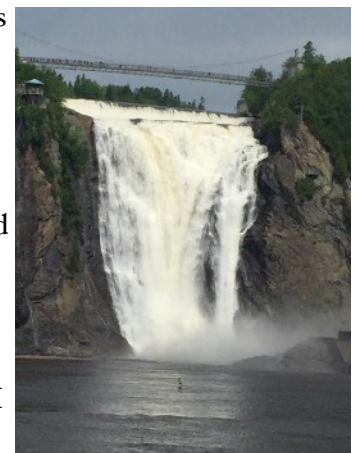
come to Florida, especially Dunedin, for the winter and Spring training with the Blue Jays.

From there I went to Quebec City. Oh my! What a fabulous city. The French history and ambiance is even more significant there. The streets make you feel as if you are in a little French town. The food, flower-lined streets, smells, beverages, music, etc. and the miles I walked exploring the city made it my favorite Canadian city. I saw a major bicycle race, climbed numerous steps, explored forts and city walls. I almost got my truck locked into an underground garage for the night until I pushed the right buttons at the gate and got someone to answer me, albeit in French, and let me in to get it out. Next day I parked in an outside lot! My campground, Camping de La Joie, was a bit out of town but it also looked over the city from atop the mountain where it was located.

Final tourist stop was Parc de la Chute-Montmorency. These falls are taller than Niagara and you can walk to them.

I had underestimated the length of time I needed to spend in each area as I planned my trip. Luckily, it was not a busy time yet so I was able to extend and rebook campgrounds all through Canada without penalty!

From Quebec I headed to the coast through New Brunswick to the remarkable Bay of Fundy. I stayed in the National Park campground there and got to explore the amazing tides at Hopewell

*Montmorency Falls*

got to explore the amazing tides at Hopewell Rocks.

Then on to Prince Edward Island. Loved it! Drove the entire coastline north, south and west. The drive had a different view at every turn. The fishing villages were colorful. Lighthouses abounded. Harbors were spectacular, and camping well... look! And the seafood was plentiful and tasty.



Cabot Beach Provincial Park, PEI

From there I took the ferry to Nova Scotia, then up to Cape Breton and the breathtaking Cabot Trail drive around the headlands. Stayed in



Cape Breton Highlands

Baddeck, met new folks, and lots of eating, drinking, and hiking to make up for it all. The weather was perfect. Cool nights & warm days. Went to the usual must-see spots: Lunenburg and Peggy's Cove in the south (which was fogged in all three days there) and Fortress of Louisburg near Baddeck. July 1st in Halifax was Canada Day which made the city feel like one gigantic fair or party festival. A great time was had by all.

Now it was time to head back into the good ol' USA in time for 4th of July. Got to Lubec, Maine



Sunset Point Campground

for that celebration. Sunset Point Campground was befitting for its' name. Wonderful small town parade with a typical NE feel to it. Floats were "anything goes." What fun! And just outside of Lubec, and back into Canada, is Campbello Island and the Roosevelt compound there. Such history. Another must see if you're ever up there. Especially "Tea with Eleanor."

After Lubec I headed to Castine, Maine. A small town on Penobscot Bay, it is one of the oldest towns in America, founded in 1613. It has the oldest continuously running post office. The towns streets are lined with massive elms, most of the houses date back to the 1700's, and the people are so friendly. I stayed there 3 weeks with some folks I had met a few years ago in the Keys, and they said if you're ever up this way, you're welcome to stay as long as you want in our trailer park, full hookups. (Never make me an offer I can't refuse.) From there I was able to explore the Maine coast at my leisure. Acadia National Park and all the surrounding areas, Moosehead Lake region, summer festivals, lobster boat races, and all sorts of things Maine. Finally, sadly, leaving there, headed home via Ogunquit, through New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, to get to I-81 and south.

I was gone 70 nights, traveled 9,980 miles in the truck and put 6,800 miles on Rosie. It was an experience I wasn't sure I'd be able to do alone for that length of time, but I did it, and safely. Now I'm ready for the West and north to Alaska!

Judy Barrett

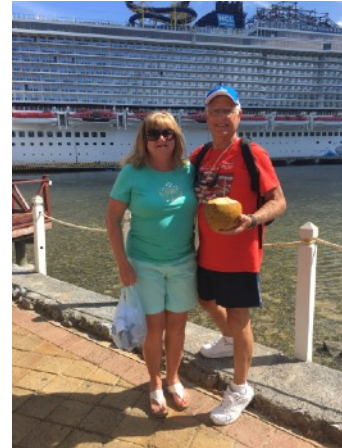
REEDS CELEBRATE A MILESTONE

Gerald & Meriam Reed celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 9 with a sit down dinner at the Indigo Lakes Club House with family and friends. There were power point presentations, toasts, speeches, and music to dance by. They then traveled in the Airstream Land Yacht to Madera Beach KOA for their 50th Anniversary "Honeymoon." They spent time on the beach, fished, went to the



Art District Museum for Glass Art and just relaxed. Such a wonderful life "Airstreaming" is.

In July the Reed's went on a cruise on the Norwegian Escape with their grandchildren and their daughter Michelle. It's not like traveling in the Airstream but they had a wonderful time.



GIGI FEELS THE WIND IN HER HAIR

I recently posted this pic of our dachshund Gigi on social media and it made quite the stir. Hundreds of likes and counting. It was taken recently as we drove the winding, twisty roads to Virginia Highland Haven, where we have recently become shareholders. The photo seems to speak volumes about the thrill of the open road, wind in your hair, exploring the beauty of our countryside.

As summer winds down, we are counting 7,000 miles since leaving Mystic Springs in May at our last rally. Our New England tour for three months was superb. And now we are loving the mountains and music of the Blue Ridge.

Next stop after VHH is Fort Clinch in September. Excited! Not been yet. But we are really excited for this years line up of our Florida Club's rallies. Our goal for this year is to attend every one. Sure hope to see y'all there too. We just have too much fun.

-Mary Anne Swegles



**WBAC - Florida Airstream Club #027
Members Meeting Agenda
Saturday, October 21, 2017
Clerbrook Golf and R. V. Resort**

- I. Opening Ceremonies 10:00a.m.
 Call to order
 Invocation
 Pledge
 Welcome to new members
- II, Roll Call
 A sign-in sheet will be distributed for members/attendees to sign-in with their WBAC #. Recording Secretary to conduct a roll call of Executive Board Members.
 Jeff Krabel - President
 Ron Allen - 1st Vice President
 Lynn Behnke - 2nd Vice President
 Brad McGloin - Treasurer
 Mary Krabel - Recording Secretary
 Joan Carson - Corresponding Secretary
 Randy Godfrey - Trustee
 Gerald Reed - Trustee
 Chris Allen - Immediate Past President
- III. Approval of Minutes from previous Members Meeting
- IV. Report of Officers and Committees
 Treasurer's Report - Brad McGloin
 Nomination Committee - Ron Allen
 Membership Chairman - Frank Carson
 Community Project Report - Chris Allen
 Newsletter - Randy Godfrey
 Historian - Jeff Krabel
- V. Special Orders
 No special orders reported
- VI. New Business
 2018 Executive Board Members
 2018 Rally Schedule
 Rally Fees for Florida Airstream Club Members
- VII. Adjourn Meeting

THE FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE CHAIR
 NOMINEES FOR 2018 ARE:

President: J Ron Allen
1st Vice President: Lynn Behnke
2nd Vice President: Steve Opiel
Recording Secretary: Chris Allen
Treasurer: Brad McGloin
Corresponding Secretary: Joan Carson
One-year Trustee: Gerald Reed
Two-year Trustee: Mike Swegles
Immediate Past President: Jeff Krabel
Membership Chairman: Frank Carson
Legislative Chairman: Frank Carson
Newsletter Editor: Mary Anne Swegles
Web Master: Janet McGloin
Sunshine Committee: Betty Wenger
Historian: Jeff Krabel

2018 RALLY SCHEDULE

Attention Florida Airstream Club Members. We are in the process of setting up our 2018 Rally Schedule. We are looking for some volunteers who would like to share their favorite campground with their fellow club members by hosting a rally next year.

Our club is only as good as the people in it. I believe we have a great club full of wonderful people that like to have fun in the great outdoors.

For those who are apprehensive about hosting a rally, don't give it a thought. We have plenty of members who have put on rallies in the past that are willing to help others put one on too. We also have a basic checklist to help get you started. Most importantly, when you volunteer to host a rally, select a date that works best with your calendar. The hosts are the go to folks for the attendees and the campground. The hosts help ensures a smooth running rally, but they don't do all the work. Other members are willing to step-up and host a dinner, activity, tour, etc. and are just waiting to be asked.

To date we have the following rallies penciled in on our 2018 Rally Schedule. There are no rules that say we can't have more than one rally per month, so don't let that stop you from hosting. As in the past, we will present the Rally Schedule for approval at our October Members meeting.

Month	Dates	Location	Activity	Hosts
January				
February				
March	TBA	Ft. Christmas, FL	Bluegrass Volunteer Rally	Frank & Joan Carson
April	3 – 9	TBA	6-Night Canoe/Kayak Caravan	Ron & Chris Allen
April	25 – 29	Myrtle Beach, SC	Region 3 Rally	Region Officers
May	16 – 19	Daytona Beach, FL	Joint Rally with Vintage Airstream Club	Larry & Linda Scovotto
June	23 – 30	Salem, OR	International Rally	International Officers
July				
August				
September	13 – 16	Great Outdoors; Titusville, FL	Club Rally	Curtis & Rachel Hargett
October	16 – 19	TBA	Club Rally and Annual Meeting	Ron & Chris Allen
November				
December	11/28 – 12/3	Ft. Christmas, FL	Cracker Christmas Volunteer Rally	Frank & Joan Carson

A special thank you to everyone who hosted a rally this past year. Our club appreciates your willingness to volunteer and show members how we have fun camping.

Please send all your rally dates, location, etc. to Ron Allen (email: ronchrisallen@bellsouth.net, phone: 904-534-9896) by October 1, 2017. We will need this information compiled for our Annual Meeting and to submit to be published in the Blue Beret to help everyone plan their travels for next year.

-Ron Allen



SUNSHINE LIST

Frank Carson writes to say, “After 6 weeks of being in a sling, I finally get to start therapy which could last up to 26 weeks. Still living in a recliner most of the day and night. Had to buy an electric operated La-Z-Boy since my arm is not able to operate the slide handle on our chairs. The only problem was that Joan fell in love with the matching sofa. It comes tomorrow. Joan will be happy not to get up all hours of the day and night to let me out of the chair.

“The doctor thinks the cadaver tendons seem to be holding my shoulder in place. The rotator cuff is repaired and hopefully in working order. With all this, they also found that I might need a pacemaker since my heart rate has dropped.”

We have 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 you would like to be printed here.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF GOOD LIFE NEWS WILL BE 11/1/2017

Please send your editor any articles you have for publication in the November 2017 edition of our newsletter by **November 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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2017 Rally Schedule

February 16 – 20

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

March 1 – 5

Joint Rally with S FL Airstream Club; Morningside RV Park; Dade City, FL; Hosts: Allen's/Perrucci's

April 6 – April 10

Unit Rally; Astor, FL; Hosts: Millis'

April 26 – April 30

Region 3 Rally; Hiawassee, GA; Hosts: Region 3 Officers

May 18 – 21

Joint Rally with Pensacola FL Unit; Mystic Springs Cove; Pensacola, FL; Hosts: Behnke's/Sweegee's

July 22 – July 29

International Rally; Escanaba, MI

September 14 – 18

Unit Rally; Rock Creek RV Resort; Crystal River, FL; Hosts: Reed's

October 19 – 23

Unit Rally; Clerbrook Golf & RV Park; Clermont, FL; Hosts: Krabel's

October 21

Annual Meeting; Clerbrook Golf & RV Park; Clermont, FL

November 9 – 13

Unit Rally; Mary's Fish Camp; Weeki Wachee/Bayport, FL; Hosts: Krabel's

November 29 – December 4

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

November 30

Unit Dinner & Installation of Officers for 2018; Ft. Christmas, FL



EDITOR'S NOTE
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Clermont Rally and Annual Meeting

October 19-23, 2017

Clerbrook Golf & RV Resort

20005 US Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34715

Name: _____ Spouse/Partner: _____

E-mail: _____

Camping Fee: \$34.00 X _____ Number of Nights = _____

Contact phone number: _____

Your camping fee is \$34.00 per night (\$136.00 for 4 nights). Make check payable to the Florida Airstream Club, complete the registration form and mail it to:

Brad McGloin, Treasurer
776 Peppervine Avenue
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Reservations are preferred before October 1st. Late registrations may be accommodated if space is available.

You may be able to extend your stay at the rally rate up to 2 days before and after rally dates. Please call/E-mail me if you have any questions: (904) 716-0781, mcglointrio@comcast.net.