



FTCAC Pirate FYI's March, 2019

FTCAC Luncheon

On Monday, February 18, 2019, twenty-seven members and former members gathered at Spiro's Olympic Taverna, 2951 SW High Meadow Avenue, in Palm City for lunch. Those attending were: **Susan Taylor-Arens, Bob & Caroline Barnes, Al & Gracie Buchanan, Ed & Charlotte Curran, Kathy Dulas, Jeanna & Chuck Gorsuch, Jan & Matt Healy, Blair & Sallie LittleJohn, Dan & Maxine McIntyre, Mary Ann & Jack McLaughlin, Gail North, Alicia & Mike Rafter, Joan & Jack Starr, Allen Strickland** and his son **David**, and **Robert & Lea Stanton**. Many thanks to the Stantons for making the luncheon arrangements!



Hobo Rodeo Rally

Eleven rigs gathered for boondocking in the pasture at the Smedleys' ranch for the Spring Rally, March 7 - 10, 2019. The rally coincided with the Arcadia Rodeo and some members attended the parade and the rodeo; some visited Solomon's Castle; some toured the parks and areas along the Peace River; and many checked out the numerous antique shops and boutiques in downtown historic Arcadia. FTCAC members attending were: **Tammy & Joe Dinneen, Jan & Matt Healy, Blair LittleJohn, Jon & Barbara Liversedge, Craig Pelton, Alicia & Mike Rafter, Joe & Sue Smedley, Robert &**

Lea Stanton, and Dick Wheatley. Guests included **Vicki Digby**, from Unit 27, Florida Airstream Club; and **Nancy & Larry Lemonde**, from Unit 129, Florida Suncoast Airstream Club. The attendees enjoyed a potluck dinner on Thursday night, a soup supper Friday night, hot dogs and hamburgers Saturday midday, and a catered dinner at the Masonic Lodge on Saturday night. Needless to say, there was plenty of food! The weather was perfect, as well! We thank the Smedleys for their hospitality and for hosting! *(Photo courtesy of Lea Stanton)*

Region 3 Rally

The Region 3 Rally is April 24 - 28, 2019 at the Tom Johnson Camping Center Rally Park in Marion, NC, about 40 miles east of Asheville.

Information for registration for the Region 3 Rally is available on the Region 3 website <http://region3.wbcci.net>. Be sure to read the Pre-Registration Info page first! There is a coupon in the March *Blue Beret* if you want to register by mail, or you can download a registration form to



mail from the region website. As of March 14, ten members from our Club had registered: Barnes, Colson, Healy, Mezza, Pelton, Rafter, Smedley, Stanton, Wendt, Wheatley.

There will not be a caravan led by Joe Smedley. Travel with your friends!

International Rally

The WBCCI International Rally will be July 20 - 27, 2019, at The Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA. (The Meadow is the birthplace of *Secretariat*.) Details are in the *Blue Beret*. If you are interested in a caravan to the International Rally, please let Joe Smedley know ASAP. His arrival date is July 16; you can get in then if you are on a caravan with him. Remember to save **pop tops** from aluminum cans to be donated at each International Rally.

Tidbits From Members

Recycle Opportunity

Sallie LittleJohn thanks all those who saved their Christmas cards for her. She is thrilled to have so many! Please continue to save any greeting cards, not just Christmas ones, throughout the year. She makes tiny, nesting, novelty gift boxes. She enjoys giving them away as much as, or more than, making them.

A Busy Lady

Just after the last issue of the FYI's went out, **Sue Wendt** sent the following news.

“Sue Wendt and 10 other ladies from the Travelers Rest widows support group took a cruise in the Caribbean in early February. Everyone had a great time (helped along by the new rules letting each person carry 1 bottle of wine on board!). We had a happy hour almost every day before dinner. The only problem was fog in Tampa Bay when we got home and we couldn't dock until after 5 pm rather than get off the ship at 8 am. We did have plenty to eat while we waited. We staked out a corner of a lounge and spent the day there talking, reading, napping and eating.

Sue Wendt is a Ham Radio operator and she and 14 other Hams and spouses went to “Hamcation,” a Ham Radio convention and RV rally in Orlando. More happy hours and eating out. She says, ‘Why cook in your RV when there are lots of places to eat?’ The ladies had a couple of shopping excursions and the Hams could browse to their hearts' content; there were hundreds of vendors and flea marketers. One friend said, ‘A Ham's jewelry is gold-plated connectors.’”

Storage Opportunity

On February 25, we received the following from **Bob & Caroline Barnes**. Whether it is still available, we do not know at this time.

“It was nice to see everyone at the luncheon. Wanted to share this info in the event anyone is looking for covered parking. A spot it opening March 1st @ Extra Space Storage off US1 & Baker in Jensen Beach. They can ask for Susan, Manager, if interested. We park there as well as Jeanna & Chuck.”



Off to a New Home

The following information arrived by email on March 15, 2019, from **Susan Taylor-Arens**.

“Just letting you know that little “1908” is on its way to Knoxville, Tennessee, with its new owners, Don and Marilyn Anderson. They are a lovely couple and it’s their 4th or 5th Airstream. So glad that they already were familiar with Airstreams. It made the transition much quicker. They are not WBCCI members and while I talked it up as much as I could, I think they are more to themselves.

We advertised on RVTraders, and Facebook (Airstream Hunters). Facebook was what came through for us. I totally forgot about AirForums. Anyway, the long wait is over and we are busy cleaning out our warehouse and moving a few things up to the Stuart storage unit (which is much, much smaller.). We are parked next to the Gorsuch’s under a carport.

Eric and I will be leaving at the end of April for the Finger Lakes and will be there through the month of May at five different state parks. Eric is going to have to build a platform for the top step of the coach so that [dog] Quincy can be lifted up and down the stairs. We will likely have sore backs from all the lifting.

We plan to post our travels on FB and we’d like to keep in touch with our Airstream friends. We will miss the rallies but if anyone is interested in meeting up, please let us know. We especially enjoyed the times we shared at Highlands Hammock State Park.

Hope to see you down the road!”

Chuckle

Though a bit crude, we found this post from a fellow Airstreamer to be humorous. His caption:

So true when sleeping in the Airstream in the winter. 😏

