



FTCU Pirate FYI's January, 2017

Important Dates/Activities

Picnic

Mike and Alicia Rafter invite all members to a "BYOB & F with chairs" Unit picnic. Bring your own beverage and sandwich, salad or take-out, and come for a picnic on **Sunday, January 29, 2017**, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. at Alicia and Mike Rafter's house, 1864 Indian Rd W, Lake Clarke Shores, West Palm Beach, FL 33406.

Ice and ice cream will be provided. Bring your own picnic supplies. Please bring your chairs!

If the weather is good, we'll be on the patio; if not, we'll have an "indoor picnic."

Please respond by Wednesday, **January 25, 2017**, by email or leave a message at 561-965-2175.

You need to eat lunch somewhere, so why not join your Airstream Florida Treasure Coast Unit friends for an informal get-together! ☺ If you have Airstream friends in the area, invite them to join us, but ask them to let us know they're coming.

Luncheon

We have confirmed reservations for the luncheon at Manero's Restaurant in Palm City for **Monday, March 13, 2017** at 11:45. We will need to know who plans to attend by **Thursday, March 9th**.

Spring Rally

Our Spring Rally will be April 20 - 23, 2017 in Eustis, FL, hosted by **Blair & Sallie LittleJohn** and **Joe and Sue Smedley**. Make your own campground reservation as per notices sent on November 13 and December 5. To be assured of a site with the group, make your reservation ASAP. Further details and rally fee/reservation form will be sent in a couple of months.

As of January 4, 2017, the following had made reservations for this rally: Arens, Groeneveld, LittleJohn, Liversedge, Pike, Poast, Rafter, Southard, Stanton, Tansey.

Caravan to Region 3

Blair is coordinating a caravan from the Unit Rally to the Region 3 Rally. So far there are 7 rigs signed up for it and room for 3 more. Arens, LittleJohn, Liversedge, Martin, Quintana, Tansey and Werner are signed up for the caravan. Please contact him at blairstream72@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the group. He needs to finalize numbers with the campgrounds.

Region 3 Rally

The Region 3 Rally will take place at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, Georgia, **April 26 - 30, 2017**, 1311 Music Hall Road, PO Box 444, Hiawassee, Georgia 30546 (GPS Coordinates of campground entrance: 34.963745, -83.771287).

150 sites reserved until February 15. After February 15 site availability will be on a space-available basis, so book early! Be sure to mention you are attending the Region 3 Airstream Rally.

Call (706) 896-4191 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (ET) Monday through Friday now to make your site reservation. Full Hookup: \$28.00 per night. Water and Electric only: \$25.00 per night. WIFI is available. Early arrivals and late departures are possible, pending availability. Check-in 3:00 p.m. The Rally begins with supper Wednesday evening and ends after with a brief devotional service on Sunday, April 30. The Rally Fee is yet to be determined. Further details will be announced in the *Region 3 News* published by R3 VP Randy Godfrey.

International Rally

The 2017 International Rally is in Escanaba, Michigan, July 22 - 29. See the *Blue Beret* for details and registration.

November 2017 Installation Rally

The 2017 FTCU Unit Installation Rally is scheduled for November 2 - 5. **Rally hosts are needed.** If you are willing to host/co-host this rally, please let Alicia know. It will be held at the Stagecoach RV Park, 2711 County Road 208, St. Augustine, FL 32092 (904-824-2319).

Tidbits

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Don Kenney** on January 1, as reported to you on January 8th. Please continue to keep **Betty** and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Returning from their Christmas and New Year's camping trip in north central Florida, **Alicia and Mike Rafter** met **Keith and Missy Laycock** while stopped at a rest area on I-75. Keith's parents are former members of FTCU, and Keith and Missy are current members. They hope to attend more activities when they retire.

Blair LittleJohn continues to have a successful recovery from hip replacement surgery.

Alicia and Mike Rafter are once again "2 dog travelers." They acquired 8-week old Sheltie puppies on December 29th in Crystal River. The pups were good travelers as they went to Stephen Foster FCC SP for three nights before going home to West Palm Beach. Daughter Maggie and her family also got a puppy, a littermate of Sam's. The photo shows Kate in the foreground and Sam (Samantha) in the rear.



Daria Tansey "starred" as the Christmas tree in the Travelers Rest Christmas pageant. Thank you, Daria, for sending the photo!

Please send us your news! It's very difficult to publish a *newsletter* without it!

See 2016 Financial Statement on next page.

2016 Financial Statement

As Treasurer Blair LittleJohn mentioned at the Jupiter rally most of the financial transactions for our unit occur during the last few days of the year so they were not reported in the financial statement of 10/31/16 given at the rally. The following is the year-end statement.

Florida Treasure Coast Unit						
Treasurers Report						
Cash Basis - 01/01/16 - 12/31/16						
<u>Cash in the Bank and On Hand - 01/01/16</u>						12,828.92
<u>Income</u>						
Dues						2,825.00
Region 3 rally Refund						0.00
Miscellaneous Income						0.00
Total Income						2,825.00
<u>Expenses</u>						
Dues - International						2,425.00
Rally Expenses						910.83
Merchandise and Supplies						0.00
Donations from Unit Treasury						500.00
Office Expenses						71.71
Postage and Delivery						3.35
Region 3 Rally Refunds						0.00
Total Expenses						3,910.89
Excess of Expenses over Income						1,085.89
<u>Cash in the Bank and On Hand - 12/31/16</u>						11,743.03