



# FTCU Pirate FYI's

March, 2017

## Important Dates/Activities

### Luncheon

We have confirmed reservations for the luncheon at Manero's Restaurant in Palm City for **Monday, March 13, 2017** at 11:45. We need to know who plans to attend by **Thursday, March 9th**. If you plan to attend, please email Alicia or call 561-965-2175 and leave a message. Directions to the restaurant will be sent to those who are planning to attend.

### 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 by calling Connie at Southern Palms, **(352) 357-8882**. To be assured of a site with the group, make your reservation ASAP. Further details and rally fee/reservation form will be sent soon.

### Caravan to Region 3

This caravan is filled at present. To be on the waiting list, or to cancel, please contact Blair.

### Region 3 Rally

Campsites at Hiawassee are going fast! If you haven't made your reservation there, do so NOW!

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).

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. Be sure to mention you are attending the Region 3 Airstream Rally. Check-in 3:00 p.m.

Register for the rally itself at the Region 3 website [region3.wbcci.net](http://region3.wbcci.net). Your campground reservation is NOT your rally reservation.

### International Rally

The 2017 International Rally is in Escanaba, Michigan, July 22 - 29. See the *Blue Beret* for details and registration. Additional sites have been made available as noted in the February *Blue Beret*.

### 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).

## New Members

We heartily welcome new members **Fred and Kathy Dulas**, from Stuart, FL; **Chuck and Jeanna Gorsuch**, from Port St. Lucie, FL; and **David Schafer and Jean-Renee Detar**, from Travelers Rest, Dade City, FL. We wish them all many happy Airstream and WBCCI miles and memories!

## In Memoriam

As reported in previous emails, we are saddened by the passing of FTCU member **Buzz Wallen** on February 3rd. He and Carol were loyal members and officers of the Tampa Bay Unit before the merger with FTCU. He loved his Airstream life and liked having the newest models.

**Tom Lafferty** passed away on February 21st. In the mid-70s, Tom was President of Cadiz Highlands Ohio Unit in 1975-76; he and Grace were currently members of FTCU. He was a member of WBCCI for 45 years. Over the past few years, in this newsletter, many of you have read Tom's colorful and descriptive accounts of his Airstream background and his and Grace's travels. We kept telling him he needed to write a book...

## Thoughts and Prayers Needed

Please keep **Dave and Vickie Buttleman**, **Sallie LittleJohn** and **Sue Wendt** in your thoughts and prayers. On February 21, we heard that **Rose Lipps** is "still on chemo, but doing better."

## For Sale

2011 Ford 250 Crew Cab Pickup, FWD

2005 Airstream Safari, 25' front bedroom, rear door, twin beds. One owner. Kept under cover. Non-smokers. No pets. **Morris & Norma Foreman** [mcnyforeman@yahoo.com](mailto:mcnyforeman@yahoo.com)

For further information, call and leave a message. Your call will be returned. 352-489-4658

## Business Meeting at April Rally

The Executive Board Meeting and the General Meeting will be Saturday morning, April 22nd. We will elect new officers for 2018. Those nominated are: President: **Susan Taylor-Arens**; Vice-President: **Joe Smedley**; Secretary: **Sue Wendt**; Treasurer: **Blair LittleJohn**; 1-year Director: **Mike Rafter**; 2-year Director: **Sue Smedley**.

## Alumaflamingo

**Morris and Norma Foreman** and **Mike and Alicia Rafter** attended the Alumaflamingo Rally in New Smyrna Beach February 21 - 27. Since the site was close to Daytona and it was "Race Week," that was the theme. As usual, good friends, good food and good entertainment were abundant, along with informative seminars and local tours. FTCU affiliates **Bill and Sandy Johnjulio** also attended the rally.



## News Needed

Region 3 VP **John Leake** recently wrote in an email to his Unit: "I would like to remind everyone that Fred is our newsletter EDITOR, not the sole contributor, and will welcome your news stories. ..."

"Anyone can contribute anytime....Found a new, great camping spot? Bumped into an old Airstream buddy recently? Been on a road trip? Had a wonderful meal at a hole in the wall restaurant somewhere? New grandchild?? Have a technical tip to pass along? Anything special happening at your house?"

As I've noted many times, it's difficult to publish a newsletter if no one send their news! -ABR