



FTCU Pirate FYI's July, 2017

New Members

We welcome **Chelsey Meise and Christina Strader**, new members who are currently full-timing out West; we hope to meet them when they return to South Florida.

We also welcome **Karen and Gary Goforth**, neighbors of Rob and Lea Stanton, from Stuart, FL. The Goforths bought **Morris and Norma Foreman's** trailer, and were able to keep the Foremans' WBCCI number. *[Thanks to Lea Stanton for the photo of the Foremans and the Goforths with the trailer.]*



New Phone and Address

Morris and Norma Foreman have moved! Norma wrote: "On Top of The World is the oldest retirement community in FL. and is located in Ocala. Our villa is located in Friendship Colony, part of the gated community. Our address will be 8875 B SW 92 St, Ocala FL 34481. Has 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, car and a half garage, kitchen, living room, family room, lanai, back patio, and front porch. All outside work done by association. Our villa is in the middle of 3 units all on 1 floor. Was built in 1992 and is in beautiful ultra clean

condition. Will probably list our house toward the end of July. Hopefully you will stop by to visit when you are passing through. Top of the World has so many amenities to enjoy, 3 swimming pools, gym, library, restaurant and more that we haven't seen yet. There are also beautiful homes."

From **Sue Wendt** we heard: "After a lot of visiting and 2 weeks, I finally got to Maine. I had decided not to tow a car. It was ok to use the Sprinter to get around during the trip. **Charlie and Carol Helm** and **Ed and Charlotte Curran** say hello. Their place in Franklin, NC was my first stop.

Back to the car, I bought a used Hyundai today!

Poco and I are really glad to be here, it was getting hot and muggy in FL."

Daria and Alden Tansey recently completed the Taste of the Blue Ridge Caravan. They had an opportunity for a brief visit with **Blair and Sallie LittleJohn** at Doughton Park where the Littlejohns are camp-hosting. Daria described their trip: "The Taste of the Blue Ridge National Caravan led by Kathy and Gene Blanchard started in June in Cherokee, NC and continued for 21 days along the length of The Blue Ridge to Staunton, VA. We traveled with 37 Airstreamers in 20 rigs including 2 Interstates, 2 motor homes, 16 trailers ranging from 20' to 31', nine dogs and two cats.



We camped at 6 spots along the Parkway and had lots of time to explore the many overlooks, visitor centers and museums along the way.

Some of the highlights include visits to a re-created Cherokee village where we were invited to dance with the docents, Biltmore Estates where the opulence of the buildings was only exceeded by the beauty of the surroundings. We visited Hickory Ridge Homestead in Boone, NC, where we learned about life as a hunter like Daniel Boone (they were called long hunters because they were away for a long time and many used long muskets). The docent demonstrated the musket he uses today to hunt bear. We also listened to mountain music in Galax, VA, went to the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA, and spent a wonderful day at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Charlottesville, VA.

The three weeks sped by with lots of good weather, good food and good companionship along the way. If you love trees and beautiful vistas, you will love the Blue Ridge Caravan."

[Pictured above at the Hickory Ridge Heritage Museum in Boone, NC are Jeannette and Walt Deptula, museum historian Pete Gallant, the Tanseys, and Betty and Dave Wenger.]

Susan Taylor-Arens's surgery on July 3rd was somewhat less intensive than originally anticipated, though still serious. She was discharged the following day. After a few days of headaches and nausea, she is better and was able to get out for a short walk. She is looking forward to being able to wash her hair when the stitches are removed July 18th.

Rob and Lea Stanton (#1193) spent a month traveling some of the Western states. They were awed by the beauty of Santa Fe, New Mexico where they visited with Rob's sister. (Getting there was a bit of a challenge as Texas had some alarming weather during their crossing. They vowed not to take that route again during tornado season!) Christine lives in high desert country at an altitude of 6500'. The Stantons were surprised at how cold it was for late May, and were shocked to see icicles dripping from their hose connections in the morning. They then camped and toured Mesa Verde before moving on to Chama, NM. Both of those stops were sentimental as they had been there before. Rob and Lea then struck out for new territory as they traveled through snowy areas at 10,000'. No bear sightings but plenty of tracks in the snow! At Great



Sand Dunes National Park Rob waded a snow-melt stream to climb the tallest sand dunes in North America. He said sand walking is not as easy as it appeared, and the distances were deceiving! The highlight stop in Colorado Springs was a cog rail train ride up Pikes Peak. The summit elevation is 14,115' which is one of the reasons there are snow banks there year 'round. It was 20* and snowing when the Stantons were there the first week of June! [See photo] Being true sightseers, the Stantons are willing to stop at any unusual place. In Cawker City, Kansas (population 600) they were thrilled to be invited to add to the world's largest ball of twine. They

also stopped at the Evel Knievel Museum, toured part of the bourbon trail, a cooperage, and My Old Kentucky Home. Passing through the Blue Ridge, the final tourist stop was the topiary gardens of Pearl Fryar in Bishopville, SC. Mr. Fryar has become an internationally recognized landscape artist because of his topiary work. His three-acre yard is open, without charge, for the public to roam at will. The Stantons felt privileged to meet and visit with him! Then they made it safely home to Stuart, while looking forward to the next adventure!

Blair and Sallie LittleJohn report that the RV Loop at Doughton Park will be closed for a few weeks beginning July 10 for repaving. The Tent Loop across the road will be open. If you are planning to visit, call the park office 336-372-8877 for details. They also report that they will be at Doughton until the end of October. They would love to have visitors!

Trailer for Sale

2005 25' Airstream Safari, rear twin beds; custom made drapes; new refrigerator; new tires in 2015; 2 Honda generators new December 2015, used for a few months in 2016; non-smoking; very good condition; second owners. Contact gracelafferty@aol.com. Before his death last February, Tom Lafferty had been an Airstreamer since the early 1970s. This was his fifth Airstream. Those who knew him know that he took good care of his rig.

Include "Airstream" in our Unit name?

We have had some feedback regarding a Unit name change to include the word Airstream. All feedback so far is in favor. The *Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club* has been suggested. Let us hear from you! There is a procedure to go through HQ if we wish to pursue such a change.

Due\$ New\$ from Blair LittleJohn

WBCCI has made dues payment much easier for all of us. You may now pay your International and Unit dues to the Jackson Center office. In early October, I will send you an invoice for 2018 dues. You have two choices: 1. Pay online using your PayPal account, or 2. Send your check to Jackson Center for the amount shown on the invoice. This will include your International dues, your Unit dues and postage fee (for those receiving the *FYI's* by snail mail). Affiliate members will continue sending your \$5.00 dues to me in the reply envelope mailed with your invoice.

November 2017 FTCU Installation Rally

The November Unit Rally will be at Stagecoach RV Park in St. Augustine, November 2 - 5. You should have received the initial information via email on June 3. **Gene and Sandy Poast** and **Rob and Lea Stanton** have volunteered to host. Please mark your calendars and make your campground reservations by calling Stagecoach at **904-824-2319**. Be sure to specify that you are with the Florida Treasure Coast Rally! Your hosts have made plans and promise a good time in the “oldest city.” The



rally coupon and fee notice will be sent in the next few days. Be on the lookout for it.

Mid-winter IBT Rally

The International officers have asked Region 3 to plan and host the Mid Winter IBT meeting/ rally next January 8-12 in Sarasota, Florida. The International Board of Trustees is made up of the 12 Region Presidents, the International President, and the 3 Int .VP's. The IBT meeting/rally is open to all members and is also a rally. Details should be coming soon from the Region.

2018 Region 3 Rally

Region 3 VP Randy Godfrey sent out the following on May 24: “Start Making Your Reservations Now for the 2018 Region 3 Rally. Our 2018 Region 3 Rally will be held April 25 – 29, 2018 at the beautiful [Ocean Lakes Family Campground](#); 6001 South Kings Hwy.; Myrtle Beach, SC 29575 (GPS: N33° 37.701, W78° 57.725). We have sites being held in the three oceanfront sections I, H, and HH, so there is plenty of room for everyone.

Call 1-800-722-1451 now to make your reservations and have your name put on one of our sites. Tell them you are with the AIRSTREAM REGION 3 RALLY. They have blocked off the entire week of April 22 – 29 for us, but you do not have to stay the entire week—pick your length of stay. A 50% deposit is required at the time of making your reservation

FTCU Website

Please go to ftcu.wbccci.net and check out our website, and go to wbcci.org and look under “Regions and Units” and “Unit Locations” to see our updated information. Many thanks go to the International EEC for their assistance in these updates.