



FTCU Pirate FYI's September, 2017

November 2017 FTCU Installation Rally

The November Unit Rally will be at Stagecoach RV Park in St. Augustine, November 2 - 5. **Gene and Sandy Poast** and **Rob and Lea Stanton** are hosting.

New Member

We officially welcome **Jon and Barbara Liversedge** to FTCU! They are transfers from the Everglades Unit. Some of us met them at the April Rally in Eustis; some of us knew them already from previous travels. We are happy to have them join us!

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. A number of Units across the country are making their Units easier to find online and on social media by having the word *Airstream* in their names. Let us hear from you! There is a procedure to go through HQ if we wish to pursue such a change. There will be a motion at the November meeting to change the name to the above in order to begin this process.

Helpful Hint

Do your loved ones know how to find you? If they had to get in touch with emergency officials to locate you, does your family have the necessary information to do so? You probably already give them at least a tentative itinerary. You should also give them the year, make, model and tag number of your rig and tow vehicle or towed vehicle, as well as your big red numbers.



Apparently, at the International in Lewisburg, WV, last year during the flooding, the local and state police received over 100 calls from children and grandchildren wanting to make sure their (grand)parents were okay. When asked for info on how to find them, all most of them could say was, "They're in an Airstream trailer." Of course, that wasn't much help to the authorities.

Due\$ New\$ from Blair LittleJohn

WBCCI will be collecting the 2018 dues from International members this year. In October I will send out the dues notices prepared by the staff in Jackson Center. Please check the information printed on the form. Make corrections if necessary. Then mail your check in the

enclosed envelope to the WBCCI office in Jackson Center, Ohio. They will forward the unit dues to our bank account. If you have a Pay Pal account you may pay on line. Affiliate members will receive a bill from me and will send your dues to me in the enclosed envelope.

Tidbits

Carol Wallen wrote that she has “bought a house in Michigan, planning to keep house in the Villages. It is a beautiful day here in Michigan. Live on the edge of a woods that has view of golf course and putting green on No 4. Deer, turkeys, birds and other wildlife visit us around the clock.”

Blair LittleJohn sent this update recently. “The paving is complete. It took 2 1/2 weeks for the prep work and two days for the actual paving. Then another 10 days or so before it was inspected and accepted. DPCG re-opened on Wednesday, Sept 6 and then closed again on Monday, Sept 11 for Hurricane Irma. The Parkway was closed (in our area) from the District office near Laurel Springs north to Mahogany Rock Road. About 11 miles. We moved our Airstream to the maintenance area for Monday and Tuesday nights and returned to the campground on Wednesday. Lots of rain but very little wind. The Parkway south of the Northwest Trading Post had numerous closures but re-opened before the weekend. We had a fair number of campers this weekend. Still lot of vacant campsites. ... November is getting closer and we are looking forward to seeing all of our friends.” He also reported no damage from Irma at their home in West Palm Beach, only food lost in refrigerator/freezer when power was out at least eight days.

“We are fine after Irma - lake rose and street flooded. Lost electric for only 12 hours. Not cool to ride out a hurricane though. We hope all of you are safe. Love **Vickie & Dave [Buttleman]**”

Due to Irma, **Rob and Lea Stanton** missed going to the Eaton Rapids Urban Air Rally. They were disappointed, but planned an abbreviated itinerary, figuring the downed trees in their yard would wait for their return.

Gene and Sandy Poast went to Gulf Shores, AL to ride out Irma. They report much less damage at Travelers Rest than expected.

Eric and Susan Taylor-Arens shuttered up and weathered the storm at home with no damage.

Jon and Barbara Liversedge were on their round-a-bout way home from their “Escanaba Adventure” when Irma passed their Estero home. They lost pool screens and one roof tile, but felt very blessed to have no other damage.

Mike Rafter took the Airstream and the two Shelties to South Carolina on Tuesday before the storm hit on Sunday. Because they were keeping her brother’s two large labs which were too big to transport, **Alicia** stayed behind in West Palm Beach. They had some minor tree damage and some damage to their wooden fence, plus four days without power. Mike returned the Saturday after the storm.

Trailer No Longer for Sale

Grace Lafferty has sold their Airstream. She thanks all those who helped spread the word about it. She will miss her Airstream travels and friends.

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. See the recent *Blue Beret* for registration details.

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

2018 International Rally

Sites are going fast for the next International Rally in Salem, OR. You should have received information recently from R3 VP **Randy Godfrey** with more details

FTCU Website

Please go to ftcu.wbcc.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.

