



# FTCAC Pirate FYI's September - October, 2018

## November Rally

The Registration Form (coupon) for the Installation Rally, November 1-4, 2018, at the Okeechobee KOA, was emailed to all members on July 23. It is also available on the events page of the website [ftcu.wbccci.net](http://ftcu.wbccci.net). Co-hosts are **Jeanna and Chuck Gorsuch** and **Susan and Eric Arens**. Do not contact the campground to register, as Susan will handle it after receiving your registration. Reservation forms are due to her by October 15th!

## Due\$ New\$ (from our Treasurer)

Just like last year, International members will pay your unit and International dues directly to WBCCI in Jackson Center, OH. I'll send you a notice of dues due along with a pre-addressed envelope in early October. If you prefer you may pay your dues on line through the WBCCI website using a credit card.

Affiliate members will receive a bill from me and should send your check for unit dues to me using the envelope I will enclose.

Blair LittleJohn, Treasurer

## New Members

We are happy to welcome new members **Barbara Colson**, from Travelers Rest, Dade City; **Craig and Carole Pelton**, from Stuart; and **Dick and Kit Wheatley**, who have transferred from the Northeast Mountaineers Unit. They are looking forward to meeting other FTCAC members at the November Rally.

## Airstream Country Jamboree

**Sue Wendt** wrote: "I attended the Region 1 rally in North Haverhill, NH (almost to the Vermont border) August 9th thru August 12th. I had a lot of fun, met some friends from TR in FL and other friends I have caravanned with. There were about 85 Airstreams attending the rally.

"The theme was Airstream Country Jamboree. A lot of people really got carried away with the cowboy theme. There were lots of cowboy boots, hats, spurs and even two men in colorful union suits!





“There is always someone who doesn’t get the message, so I missed my chance to reserve a seat on the Mt. Washington cog railway. It was a beautiful clear day so the people who went on the ride said it was beautiful.

“The organizers did a great job with the seminars. I learned about “Road Foods,” which was how to dehydrate foods for healthy snacks and portability; rug hooking, a drawing class and nature photography. With two left feet, I skipped the line-dancing class.

“There was breakfast and dinner every day, ending with a pig roast on Saturday night where everyone sat at one long table. I even won a flamingo set of dishes in the raffle!

“The Region 1 units have done a great job of coming up with new flags and, in some cases, new unit names.”

### **Caladium Festival**

In July, **Robert and Lea Stanton** spent 3 nights in Highlands Hammock State Park to attend the Caladium Festival nearby Sebring, FL. They enjoyed it in spite of the rain. According to Lea, “The deer were plentiful. Rob is confident they can read, so they relax on posted land!

“Friday at the Caladium Festival was hot, but tolerable. We paced ourselves from the outside craft displays to the inside art and floral arrangements. We watched an informative video in the Women’s Club that gave us much information about how the growers really work and grow caladium bulbs. We had no idea! Ninety percent of the world’s bulbs are grown in Lake Placid, Florida. Our Annett tour bus did not stop at the fields, but took tours through neighborhoods. We chuckled at the similarity of people touring neighborhoods for Christmas lights. There was one point where we stopped and were invited to walk about a homeowner’s yard! We returned to the festival Saturday for a short while, realizing Friday was the better day before families and working people arrived.

“Rob seems to have a passion for caladiums; we brought home almost 100 bulbs! Fortunately, they are planted only 2” deep so I managed to get 20 in today. More in the upcoming days.”

### **Eaton Rapids Urban Air Rally**

The following was sent in by **Jackie and John Groeneveld**.

“This year’s trip was to Eaton Rapids Air. It is a part of the Urban Air movement. This rally started in 2012.

“Eaton Rapids MI is a small town full of great, old buildings dating back to the 1800s. The city is surrounded by the Grand River. Downtown is an island and their city park is an island too. They have three vehicle bridges and six foot bridges in the city.

“We met in the city ballpark before being parked on Main Street by a tractor. Our TVs (tow vehicles) were parked at the ballpark two blocks away. A group was also parked in a parking lot off of Main Street and much to our surprise, *Ms. Elsie* was there! We met Robert and Lea Stanton for dinner and several times during the rally.



“This year’s theme was the Wizard of Oz. Every lamppost on Main Street had an Oz-themed scarecrow. Our dinners and entertainment were held at the Emerald City tent.

“The city residents came downtown to see all the trailers and kept thanking us for coming. The elementary kids made artwork for us, pictures of Airstreams. We proudly displayed ours on our door.

“There was a contest for decorating your trailer in the Oz theme. We voted with canned goods which went to the city food bank. There was a spaghetti dinner with proceeds going to their senior center and a 5k run with proceeds going to kid’s organizations. Never saw so many tin men, lions and scarecrows in a race.

“The rally was from Thursday to Sunday. They give you 7 amp electric, just enough for your batteries. You can get water before parking and a dump was available after the rally.

“Weather was perfect. Warm and sunny during the day and cool at night.

“After the rally, the Stantons headed north to Traverse City, MI and the Groenevelds headed to TCPC Airstream Park in Crossville, TN.”

### **New York (State) State of Mind Caravan**

This 25-day caravan has been restarted after about an eight-year hiatus. There were 20 rigs. **Mike and Alicia Rafter** had never toured New York State and thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful scenery and the sights. Among their favorite memories: Western and Upstate NY with the vineyards, rolling hills, picturesque hamlets and friendly folks; the Finger Lakes area; the Thousand Islands; and the many historic sights and buildings along the Hudson River.

### **Dinneens’ Alaskan Travels Continued**

On August 12 Tammy sent the following info.

“We are headed to Anchorage staying at Creekwood Inn and Campground.

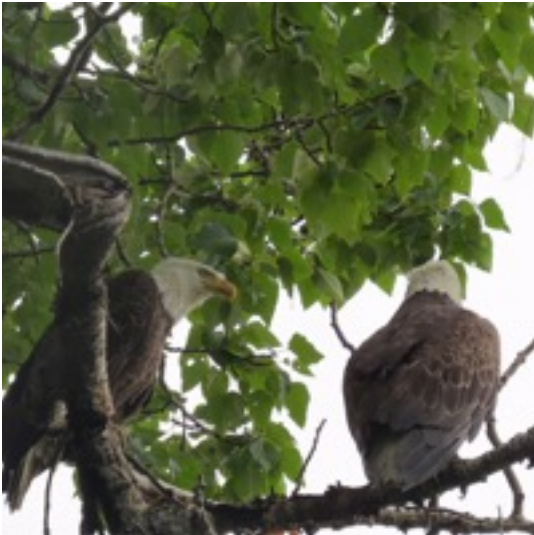
While in Anchorage we purchased 4 new tires on our Airstream not due to the roads but it was time(tread wear). The next day we Road our bikes along the Chester Creek trail and the Tony

Knowles Coastal Trail. On our return we almost ran into a Bull Moose!! Along this trail you can see Denali!!

“We visited the Farmers Market, Salmon Viewing platforms filled with families fishing very few salmon though. Stopped in at the Visitors Center, the Mint, Hard Rock Cafe to collect our pin and walked Historic Anchorage. No we did not eat reindeer hot dogs (they are sold at the hot dog stands in town)! Also visited the Alaska Botanical Gardens.



“We stayed an extra night to meet fellow Airstreamers with a YouTube Channel “Less Junk more Journey” Nathan and Marissa. They announced the MEET UP at Cabela’s with another YouTuber “Keep Your Daydream” Mark and Trisha. Very insightful on their experiences while traveling with a RV trailer.



“Heading for the Kenai Peninsula a very scenic trip south on Seward Hwy with the mountains, glaciers along Turnagain Arm. Also along this route was a sign posting “Moose Crash Area” 192 Moose killed on the Kenai roads since July 1st!!

“First campground Capt Cook S.R.A. no hook ups but large sites on a “First Come First Served” basis. We saw our first Bald Eagles; they were in our backyard at the campground!!

“Since we were expecting rain this next week we stayed at Alaskan Angler RV Resort with full hook ups in Ninilchik.

Hiked to the beach to view the 4 volcanoes across Cook Inlet( Spurr, Redoubt, Iliamna and St. Augustine), the small boat harbor and the historic Russian Village.

“Also spent the afternoon in Soldotna in search of the Salmon Run stopped at the visitor center then walked along the Classic Fishwalk on the Kenai River to watch the anglers.

“Stopped at Crooked Creek Hatchery to find out the recorded numbers of salmon running and view another spawning area (we saw 1 red salmon). Was told the numbers were very low, the state has put numerous regulations on the amount allowed to be kept except no King Salmon are allowed. Halibut has restrictions too and the razor clams are off limits due to their low abundance.

“We traveled south to see the unique way the tractors take the boats in & out of Cook Inlet at Deep Creek and Anchor Point. Anchor Point is North America’s Most Westerly Highway Point.”

On August 14, Tammy sent more.

“We are arriving into Homer the views are Stunning as it’s a clear day!!

“We camped on the beach at Mariners campground at the beginning of Homer Spit. No hook ups \$24 a nite with Awesome views less crowds.

“We biked the trail along the Spit to the End of the Road Park, saw numerous Glaciers, Seafarers Memorial, the “Fishing Hole”, small boats harbor looked for the Time Bandit on the “Deadliest Catch”, saw the eagles nest, the Wooden Boats Society/Museum, saw a raft of otters in Kachemak Bay.



“Biked to the Farmers Market, dined at Capt Patty’s and Glacial D’s for Halibut they were both highly recommended. 2Thumbs up from us!!

“We enjoyed many late afternoon entertainment on our beach from 1 to 3 eagles and otters looking for food and the low tides which are similar to the Bay of Fundy. Drove the Skyline Drive for more Magnificent views of the glaciers, Kachemak Bay and Moose.

“From there we camped at Russian River Falls campground (no hook ups \$18 a nite very spacious)to see the salmon running, boy were we Surprised at our view!!



“Along the Angler Walk we also saw numerous people fishing. We hiked Russian River Falls to see the salmon trying to jump up the falls to spawn.”



## Tidbits

Remember to save **pop tops** from aluminum cans to be donated at each International Rally.

**Recycle Opportunity:** If you haven't already thrown them out, please save Christmas cards for **Sallie LittleJohn**. Also, she'd like to have any greeting cards, not just Christmas ones. She makes tiny, nesting, novelty gift boxes from them.

The editor wishes to thank **Tammy Dinneen**, **Jackie Groeneveld**, **Lea Stanton** and **Sue Wendt** for their contributions to this issue.

So what/where is **your** contribution?

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