



## FTCAC Pirate FYI's February, 2019

### FTCAC Hobo/Boondocking Rodeo Rally

The reservation form for this rally has been sent out as a separate email. Please direct questions to [abrafter@bellsouth.net](mailto:abrafter@bellsouth.net) or [fjsjmedley@embarqmail.com](mailto:fjsjmedley@embarqmail.com). You can download and print the reservation form from the Events Page on the FTCAC website <http://ftcu.wbcc.net>.

### BYOB & F Picnic

With cloudy skies and intermittent rain, twenty-three folks enjoyed an "indoor picnic" at the Stantons' home on Sunday, January 27. In attendance were: **Eric & Susan Taylor-Arens, Ed & Charlotte Curran** (former members), **Fred Dulas, Jeanna & Chuck Gorsuch, Jan & Matt Healy, Blair & Sallie LittleJohn, Ron & Liana Mezza, Gabriel & Lois**



**Palotas** (prospective members), **Craig & Carol Pelton, Mike & Alicia Rafter, Keith & Susanne Schneider** (visiting from Carolinas Unit #021), and **Lea & Rob Stanton**. As usual, lively conversation and friendship were the highlights of the event.



*Photo above, L-R from lower left: Ron Mezza, Carole Pelton, Jan Healy, Matt Healy, Craig Pelton, Lois Palotas, Gabriel Palotas.*

*Photo at left, L-R Ed Curran, Mike Rafter, Fred Dulas, Rob Stanton, Craig Pelton, Blair LittleJohn.*

## FTCAC Luncheon - *note new location*

Spiro's Taverna, 2951 SW High Meadow Avenue, Palm City, FL  
Monday, February 18, 2018 @ 11:45 a.m.

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 13** to Robert and Lea Stanton by phone (772) 288-6282 or email [lea\\_h\\_stanton@yahoo.com](mailto:lea_h_stanton@yahoo.com). The restaurant needs a count of how many to expect.

If you have Airstream friends in the area, invite them to join us, but ask them to let us know they're coming.

## Region 3 Rally

For those looking ahead, **Joe Smedley** is planning to lead a caravan to the Region 3 Rally to be held April 24 - 28, 2019, at the Tom Johnson Camping World Rally Park in Marion, NC. The caravan will rendezvous in St. Augustine on Sunday, April 21 (Easter).

Information for registration for the Region 3 Rally is now available on the Region 3 website <http://region3.wbcc.net>. Be sure to read the Pre-Registration Info page first! As of February 6, only **one** FTCAC member had registered. (Guess who!)



## International Rally

The WBCCI International Rally will be July 20 - 27, 2019, at The Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA. (The Meadow is the birthplace of *Secretariat*.) Details are in the *Blue Beret*.

## Tidbits from members

**Robert and Lea Stanton #1193** sent the following: We camped in Hillsborough River State Park in January. We spent two days at the Florida RV Supershow. Elsie is in for the long run! We were just being nosy. It is fun to see the changes Airstream has made and what other companies are offering. Rob did purchase two "toys." He knows the key phrase to use with the budget-minded Lea, "These are for our safety." Craig Pelton helped Rob install the soft-start for the air conditioner. Imagine those two fellas on the roof of the Safari. Mission accomplished without dents or damage! Rob also updated our electrical surge protector. Thankfully, the recent cool weather made it a tad easier to pull interior wires. If you have not been to this show, we heartily recommend it. The ticket is for two days, making parking the biggest expense. It is fun to see what you can live without. Especially the two million dollar motor home we toured!

While there we did some research for the November rally. Tarpon Springs is the largest Greek-speaking community in the United States. We located camping, a charity related to the campground, a restaurant lunch package, and a river trip on a boat that demonstrates how sponges were once harvested. (We have taken that fascinating ride twice!) The research is

