



## FTCAC Pirate FYI's April, 2019

### Region 3 Rally

The Region 3 Rally is April 24 - 28, 2019 at the Tom Johnson Camping Center Rally Park in Marion, NC, about 40 miles east of Asheville.

Information for registration for the Region 3 Rally is available on the Region 3 website <http://region3.wbcci.net>. Be sure to read the Pre-Registration Info page first! There is a coupon in the April *Blue Beret* if you want to register (do so soon) by mail, or you can download a registration form to mail from the region website. As of April 4th, nine members from our Club had registered: Barnes, Colson, Healy, Mezza, Pelton, Rafter, Stanton, Wendt, Wheatley.



There will not be a caravan led by Joe Smedley. Travel with your friends!

### 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*. If you are interested in a caravan to the International Rally, please let Joe Smedley know ASAP. His arrival date is July 16; you can get in then if you are on a caravan with him. Remember to save **pop tops** from aluminum cans to be donated at each International Rally.

### September Joint Rally

Via a separate email on March 22, 2019 we sent out information on a three-unit rally in Ft. Myers, hosted by **Vicki Digby** of the Florida Airstream Club. She has invited the South Florida Airstream Club and FTCAC. Dates are September 19 - 23. Details and reservation information and forms are available on the events page of our website [ftcu.wbcci.net](http://ftcu.wbcci.net). Make your reservations soon!

### Camping Recommendations From Your Friends

At the March rally, Happy Hour hosts **Tammy and Joe Dinneen** asked members to name their favorite place to camp. As we went around the circle, it was apparent that many of us had more than one, and that most of us would not remember all that was said. We suggested that those present write up their recommendations and send to the FYI's editor. Thus, the following: (If you have some others you wish to share, please send them to us.)

## **Matt and Jan Healy**

We now have 2 favorite campgrounds!

I liked Fontainebleau campground on Lake Ponchartrain north of New Orleans. It was right on the lake and offered free washer and dryer. Lake Ponchartrain is 28 miles wide and there is a bridge that crosses the lake and lands you straight into old New Orleans.

Jan liked Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas. She liked it because it was so unique with a field full of diamonds( we didn't find any). It was also a very pretty campground.

## **Dick Wheatley**

Some of our favorites -

The small municipal campgrounds around the upper Gaspé Peninsula, in Quebec. Unsure of specific towns, but some had full hookups and were on the shore of the Gulf of St Lawrence, nice views.

Fairfax County Park, in Virginia with easy access to sites in DC.

Our all time favorite for boondocking, Fish Creek Ponds campground in the Adirondacks near Tupper Lake, NY. One of the oldest campgrounds in the New York State system. Most sites are on the water, three kettle ponds, wide sites among white birch trees. I first went there with my parents almost sixty years ago. We would tell our WBCCI unit we planned to go there a certain weekend, often a dozen other couples would reserve also (9 months ahead), ended up being our most attended event each year (a fun non-rally).

## **Larry and Nancy Lemonde**

One of our favorites is Nature's Resort, 1039 West Halls River Road, Homosassa, FL 34448. 352-628-9544 or 1-800-301-7880. Their motto is "Come Stay Where the Manatee Play."

We were there during Scalloping Season. We met a friend who had a boat and had a great day scalloping in the beautiful waters off Homosassa.

## **Joe and Tammy Dinneen**

Our List:

San Antonio - Travelers World RV Resort full hookups, heated pool & hot tub, laundry, bike / hiking trails located next to the campground (Riverwalk and Mission to the Alamo) Very Clean.

Alaska - Denali National Park dry camping Riley campground has larger campsites, Mountain View's - Denali aka Mt McKinley WOW! Wildlife views moose can be seen everywhere at Riley, hiking/biking trails.

Homer- Homer Spit campground dry camping on the water Spectacular views. The sunsets with the Glaciers and the eagles on the beach right outside our door. Walking/hiking trail across the road. Close to restaurants, museums, parks and town.

Depoe Bay, OR - Sea and Sand RV Park full hookups overlooking the Pacific. Spectacular Views and Sunsets, whale watching and seals frolicking. Plenty to see and do nearby

Haystack Rock, lighthouses, Depoe Bay Marina world's smallest harbor, Newport historic downtown.

Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab, UT. Water and electric dump station nearby. Spectacular views overlooking the Colorado River, nearby Canyonlands and Arches NP, Amazing stargazing, hiking trails.

### **Craig Pelton**

A BLM spot just north (17 m) of the Grand Canyon, north rim lodge. On hwy 67 west side, called Demotte campground. Has bathrooms, water (not at site) and garbage pick up. In Kaibab national forest. Walking distance to a lodge with cabins for rent. The lodge has food, TV and beer. What else do you need? Beautiful views with aspen, deer and buffalo.

### **Blair and Sallie LittleJohn**

Our favorite is Doughton Park Campground at milepost 239 on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina about 20 miles south of the Virginia state line. DPCG has 25 RV sites on one side of the Parkway and about 100 tent sites on the other side. There are no hookups or showers but potable water is available at the dump station and near the comfort station. Generators (quiet ones) are permitted from 8 AM until 9 PM. Reservations are available at [Recreation.gov](http://Recreation.gov) but are rarely necessary. The elevation is 3,500 feet so the temperature is almost always comfortable. Hiking is the most popular feature. The Mountain to Sea Trail (MST) runs right through the campground. There are numerous places to start or end your hike with parking available at most access points. There are several families of deer and wild turkeys that can be seen throughout the campground. Other than hiking there are no activities for small children which makes this a very attractive place for older folks to spend some quiet time. In July and August musicians find their way to DPCG and on most afternoons there will be a group "pickin' n grinnin'" and inviting others to join in or just sit and listen. Sallie and I are the campground hosts, our 14th year. The campground will be open from May 10th through November 3 this summer. We invite you to stop by and see why we love it so much at DPCG.

### **Jon and Barb Liversedge**

Campgrounds (that Barb and I like a lot) :

Montgomery AL - Gunter Hill Campground (Army Corp of Engineers), 561 Booth Rd, Montgomery 36108, (334) 269 1053. We've been here twice, both times were in Catoma Loop. Park is very close to downtown and the government buildings in Montgomery are very interesting

Dade City FL – Travelers Rest Resort (used to be Airstream only), 29129 Johnston Road, Dade City FL 33523 (352) 588 2013 (contact Jan). Not real close to anything, we use this location as a one night stay. They also honor Passport America, usually 50% off, unless in their season.

Sarasota FL – Myakka River State Park, 13208 State Road 72, Sarasota FL 34241 (941) 361 6511. Don't stay here unless you can book the Palmetto Ridge Campground. Very nice state park

Alva FL – W P Franklin North Campground (Army Corp of Engineers), 17850 North Franklin Lock Road, Alva FL 33920 (239) 694 8770. As you enter the park the sites to the right (sites 2 – 16, 17, 18) are all on the water. Try to get one of these. Sites 22 – 27 are to the left and they too are on the water, but not as nice.

Flagler Beach FL – Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area, 3100 South A1A, Flagler Beach FL 32136 (386) 517 2086 (reservations 800 326 3521). Sites 1 – 34 on are the ocean side, sites 35 – 68 are on the other side of A1A, nice but not as nice as listening to the waves at night.

Charleston SC – James Island County Park, 871 Riverland Drive, Charleston SC 29412 (843) 406 6990. This is the park you should book if visiting Charleston. They have shuttle service into the city (very reasonable) and their campground is great!

If Orlando is on your visit list Fort Wilderness is the best (lots of money, but a few nights won't kill you). If money is an issue then we use Bill Frederick Park at Turkey Lake, 3401 S Hiawasse Road, Orlando FL 32835 (407) 246 4486. This park is very close to Universal (and all the others too)

St. Augustine FL – 300 Anastasia Park Road, St Augustine FL 32080 (904) 461 2033 (reservations 800 326 3521). There are 7 loops in this campground, the only one we like is Coquina Loop. St Augustine is a very neat little town with lots to do.

Fernandina FL – Fort Clinch Road, Fernandina Beach FL 32034 (904) 277 7274. There are two campgrounds at this park. We have never been able to secure one at the beach, ours have always been under the Live Oaks. This is very close to Amelia Island, good eats and Barb loves the shopping.

Cincinnati OH – Winton Woods Campground (513) 851 2267. Our old home town and we love this park. There are about 37 sites that will work for your trailer...

Cheyenne Mountain State Park

410 JL Ranch Heights

Colorado Springs, CO 80926

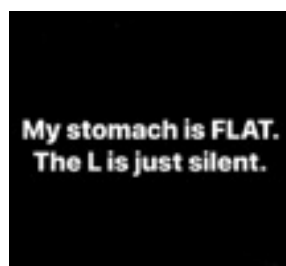
719-576-2016 (can't make reservations through this number but if you needed to ask any questions about the park this is right on the campgrounds)

800-244-5613 or online at [cpwshop.com](http://cpwshop.com) to make reservations. This park is great!

### **Mike and Alicia Rafter**

Most any of the Georgia State Parks. Some are “resort-ish” and some are more rustic, but they are well maintained and managed.

### **For a Chuckle**



A fellow Airstreamer posted this for those of us who would like to have a smaller waist line.