



FTCAC Pirate FYI's June, 2019

Secretary Needed

Unfortunately, at the November, 2018, meeting we did not have a candidate for Club Secretary. We need to fill this position! Taking and writing up minutes for two meetings a year is the only challenge it entails. We have many men and women in this group who are well qualified to take on the job. Incoming officers Chuck Gorsuch (President), Jon Liversedge (VP), Blair LittleJohn (Treasurer), Trustees Jackie Groeneveld and Sue Wendt, as well as the entire Club, are depending on someone stepping up. Too many people say or think, "Let someone *else* do it." Please be that *someone*! If you are willing to be of service to the group, please contact one of the officers or reply to this newsletter.

Important - Change to Website - Please Note

Our website name has changed! The new site is floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net

The Region 3 website has changed to region3.airstreamclub.net.

What this means for YOU is that, if you have saved links in "Favorites" or tabs at the top of your browser page, you need to delete the old link and put in the new one. You can cut and paste. The website for International WBCCI is still wbcci.org.

The purpose of the changes is to comply with the License Agreement with the Airstream Corporation and to simplify and unify the entire club.

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*. As of this writing, they are still taking reservations for sites with limited amenities. 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. If you are attending the International Rally, please reply to this newsletter to let us know who is going.

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. Make your reservations soon!

November Unit Rally

The dates for the Installation Rally in Tarpon Springs are Oct. 31 - Nov. 3. Further details will be announced via email and/or newsletter concerning the campground reservation window.

New Directory

Kathy Dulas has volunteered to put together a comprehensive directory of our club members. In order to do so, in the near future, she will be contacting you by email to gather the necessary information. Please watch for her emails and respond promptly.

Region 3 President in the Spotlight

Many of us know **John Leake** as the popular Region 3 President and party-host extraordinaire. We also know that he is a talented woodworker and cabinetmaker. We have recently learned of some unusual projects he and son Jay have been working on. Click on the following link to view/hear an interview with them for a Charlotte NC television station. wcnc.com. Scroll down until you see the article on "father/Son duo in York County..." then watch the video. It's pretty amazing!

Travelogue

Robert and Lea Stanton poked their way home from the Region 3 Rally, stopping first at an Army Corps of Engineer Park in South Carolina. At Modoc Campground all sites were on Lake Strom Thurmond. There are seven U.S. Army Corps of Engineers campgrounds on the manmade reservoir, some of which are located in Georgia, as well as in South Carolina. Some are seasonal, so planning for a stay is essential.



The next stop was Okefenokee Swamp Park located in the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge near Waycross, Georgia. No pets are allowed in the park. This is an undeveloped area



seventeen miles in from the main road. The phone service is limited, but there is a landline on the front porch of the ranger station which automatically dials 911. It is a limited-light designation area, making the stargazing spectacular.

The Stantons took a boat tour with an extremely knowledgeable ranger. Rangers are required to live in the park. Surprisingly, there have been no alligator/human interactions since 1937. That was hard to imagine as the alligators were huge, numerous, and appeared to be fearless. The most dangerous animal in the park are considered to be the deer. People get too close and can be killed by their blade-like hooves. Fortunately, the Stantons were in their truck when they encountered a small herd of seven near the campsite. It was worth the visit!

(Gator and woodpecker photos courtesy of Lea Stanton)

2020 Region 3 Rally

The 2020 Region 3 Rally will be April 1 - 5, 2020, at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. Mark your calendars! Call OLFC and reserve your site 1-800-722-1451.

Tidbits

We have learned of an Airstream for sale in a neighboring unit.
1999 34' Excella For Sale \$20,900 or Trade for 25' - 29' Excella..
Reply to this newsletter and we will give you the owner's contact info.

In mid-May we received the following from **Carol Wallen**.

"Alicia, wanted to let you know that I am moving into Friendship Village just a few minutes from daughter Vicki. Leaving Florida after 21 years here and loved it all!"

New address

Carol Wallen

Friendship Village

5800 Forest Hills Blvd G4

Columbus, OH 43231

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

Help! News?

We are confident that some of you are out there traveling and/or participating in various activities! Why not tell us about it so we can share with others? Photos?

As we've written before, it is very difficult to publish a newsletter without much news!

Thanks to **Lea Stanton** and **Carol Wallen** for contributing to this issue. Thanks to **Kathy Dulas** for working on a new Directory.

For "Chuckles" (sorta)

With the Indy 500 just behind us last month, and the Daytona races coming up next month ... this photo posted on Facebook seems timely ...

We've all seen a version of this driver somewhere - either on the racetrack or, sadly, on the highway in the lane next to us.

