



FTCAC Pirate FYI's July, 2019

URGENT! Secretary STILL 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, have promised to double the usual salary. They, and 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 and earn the "big bucks," please contact one of the officers or reply to this newsletter.

New Members

New members **Janet Kight Porter and Thomas Porter**, #18680, joined our club in June. They are residents of Palm City. We look forward to meeting them soon!

International Rally

So far, we know of only two FTCAC rigs planning to attend the International Rally - **Joe and Sue Smedley** and **Ron and Liana Mezza**.

If you are attending the International Rally, please reply to this newsletter to let us know who is going.

Caladium Festival - an invitation from Lea Stanton

Lake Placid is a small town (fewer than 2,000 residents) in mid-Florida known as the Caladium Capital of the World as it grows 98 % of the world's caladiums. To celebrate all things caladium, the town holds an annual festival. This year the 29th annual event is July 26 to 28, with a street festival, craft fair, food booths, classic car show, and entertainment. But the festival is about caladiums! You can view them in the town square and



make bulb purchases at the huge stand. The fair is free, but there is a charge (reservations recommended) to take the bus tour with a spokesperson who informs about the fields, 1200 acres of plants, and the 14 families who provide caladium bulbs worldwide. When **Rob and Lea Stanton** took the 2018 tour, the bus went through neighborhoods so they could see yards where the bulbs had been planted. One homeowner invited them to stop and wander her yard. Rather like going out to look at Christmas lights! A word of caution. The end of

July is often scorching hot. This year, as like last year, the **Stantons** will be camping at Highlands Hammock State Park near Sebring. Arriving Thursday gives set-up time, and makes Friday an ideal day to visit the festival. Friday is less busy as more working people and day trippers arrive on Saturday. Saturday is a good day to wander the shops. Check your calendar to see if you would like to join the **Stantons, Rafters** and other club members for an impromptu visit! All are welcome! *(Photos courtesy of Lea Stanton. Her favorite is the white one; Rob's favorite is the red one.)*

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!

Proposed New Logo

On June 20 a proposed new FTCAC logo was emailed to regular members with a request to respond as to approval or disapproval by July 10. Twenty-nine members responded, with 28 approving and one disapproving. It has been submitted to WBCCI for approval.

Fall Installation Rally

Jon and Barb Liversedge (with preliminary help from **Rob and Lea Stanton**) have planned a delightful weekend in Tarpon Springs! The dates for the Installation Rally are October 31 - November 3. Make your own campground reservation and mail the rally coupon and fee to Jon and Barb. Campground reservation information was emailed on June 26, and the rally agenda and coupon were emailed on June 28. Links to all three files are also available on the events page on the FTCAC website floridatreasurecoast.airstreamclub.net.

New Directory

Kathy Dulas has volunteered to put together a comprehensive directory of our club members. In order to do so, she has sent out by email a request for the necessary information. Please respond, if you have not already done so.

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.

In Memoriam



We recently learned of the death of **Beverly Jean "Bev" (Buhlman) Adams** on February 27, 2019.

Beverly Jean Adams
January 4, 1936 - February 27, 2019

If you would like a copy of the entire obituary, please let Alicia know. It is rather lengthy to include here.

Travels and Tidbits

On June 8, we received the following:

“Steve and Priscilla Harriman (and labradoodle Sadie) just left Colin Hyde Airstream Restorations in Plattsburgh, NY (Colin and his crew do such excellent work) after a few days of annual maintenance and now we're on our way to the delightful Moorings RV Resort where we'll enjoy three months by the ocean in Belfast, Maine. Come see us!”

Sue Wendt sent this update on her recent adventures.

“It took me over a month to get to Maine. I went to Region 3 rally and enjoyed it very much. I was then going to Kentucky for a visit, but I had a breakdown on the way while in Tennessee. I used the towing insurance for the first time; it took a while to get it all sorted out, and because it was getting late, I got towed to the tow yard and spent the night plugged in. The driver had a very good idea, I texted him a picture of my Interstate so he would know what truck to bring — good thing to think of if anyone needs a tow. One of the employees used to work for Mercedes and checked mine to see what was wrong. A sensor for the anti-lock brakes and anti-skid system was bad. He ordered the part, installed it, and Poco and I were on the way later that day. Another learning experience: that failure made a lot of the lights on the dashboard light up, I could have driven it off the highway but all the errors scared me.

Next went to Wilmington, Delaware to visit friends. I slammed the driver's door when I got out at their house and heard a funny noise. It was the window on one of the back doors falling out! Apparently a rock had hit it, but it held together until I slammed the door. Little bits of safety glass everywhere. Thank goodness for Safelight; they were able to order and install a new window without delaying me.

I had to go south again to go to my niece's college graduation from University of North Carolina. I am very proud of her; she got a bachelor's in nursing and her RN. She was in a special accelerated program, and did it all in 18 months. She's a single mother and her dream is to be a nurse midwife.

Then headed north again and visited Long Island where my nephews live, cousins in the Hartford area, friends in New Hampshire and finally got to Maine in mid May.”

I'm doing fine now that the the weather has improved, for a while it rained almost every day and I had the heat on!”

This arrived on June 10 from **Norma and Morris Foreman**

“We are doing well. Grandson Vaughn is now 17 and works part time. He will be coming to spend a week with us this summer. We bought for him a 2017 red Mazda convertible and had it shipped out in a covered container to Kansas City. He did not know anything about it until it arrived. His Dad had him go out front of the house to watch it be unloaded and he couldn't believe it was for him. We bought it from the Mazda dealer in Ocala and they took care of all the details.

Morris went on an all day fishing trip out on the Gulf of Mexico with his sport club from here. Was pretty exhausted when he got back. I go to my knitting club today to knit and visit with the gals. Warm weather continuing but had 2 inches of rain yesterday that was very welcome. Have a relaxing summer and hope the doggies are doing well. Miss everyone.”

We are sorry to hear that **Dick and Kit Wheatley** were in an accident after their caravan finished in June. On a 2-lane road, a large passenger van attempted to pass them with oncoming traffic. The van clipped them as it attempted to merge, causing them to spin, then roll. They suffered some injuries, scrapes and bruises, and their truck and trailer were totaled. They planned to replace the truck and trailer in order to continue their planned family gathering in western Canada. They are deeply grateful for the local Montana community whose compassion and assistance was so helpful. According to Dick, “the kindness of so many strangers [made] it a memorable week.”

Joe and Tammy Dinneen sent their news and photos on June 28.

“We have traveled to Grand Tetons NP onward to Yellowstone NP June 17 - July 6. On our way we were able to overnight at a Harvest Host in Louisburg, KS at a Cider Mill, our first opportunity. Had planned to stay at Harvest Host in GA & AL , however it was too hot for dry camping.

Upon arrival in WY, we caught trout, cooked them up for lunch & dinner; enjoyed beautiful sunsets, hiked Lakeshore Trail &

Snake River, went horseback riding with beautiful views of the Grand Teton Mtns, also snowed on us at Headwaters campground Grand Tetons NP (FHU, privacy trees) on June 21st the beginning of summer!! The evening temperatures dipped down to 26°. We’ve viewed elk, fox, bison, river otter and moose so far!



We camped at Gros Ventre campground in Grand Tetons NP (Electric hookup only, water & dump station available spacious sites). Visited Mormon Row Historic District to get a picture of the most photographed barn, the John Moulton Barn. Spent a day in Jackson Hole Historic Downtown, saddled up at the Million Dollar Saloon and watched a Western Shoot Out reenactment!”

(Photos courtesy of Tammy Dinneen)

Thank you to all who sent news for this issue of the *FYI's*

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

Also, please save greeting cards for **Sallie LittleJohn**, who crafts small gift boxes from them.

