



FTCAC Pirate FYI's August, 2019

Fall Installation Rally

The time is getting closer! The campground has assured us of 20 spots until September 1st. The dates for the rally are October 31 - November 3. We received the following from rally hosts **Jon and Barb Liversedge**.

Hello everyone! Jon and I are hoping you all are having a great summer. We just wanted to check in with you all regarding the Fall Rally at Tarpon Springs.

We had another opportunity to camp at Hickory Point Campground in Tarpon Springs after having work done on our AS trailer (Amazing Grace). The work was done by Airstream Tampa (this is the new location on I-4, (great dealer by the way!). While we were at HPC, we had the opportunity to do some more exploring. We visited Fred Howard Park, 1700 Sunset Dr. Tarpon Springs (www.pinellascounty.org/park/06_Howard.htm), approximately 6.5 miles from our campground. Fred Howard Park is located on the Gulf of Mexico. Its location provides access to the Gulf by a 1 mile long causeway. White sandy beaches provide a popular swim area and perfect location to view spectacular sunsets! You can bring your fishing gear, rent kayaks and standup paddle boards or boat. Also bring your bike - lots of inland paths and picnic pavilions. Pets are allowed, but not on the beach area. Also they must be leashed in the parks. Parking Fees are \$5.00 for all day.

Jill Ricketts and **Lois Martens** met up with us while we were at the campground and we tried another restaurant which was Rusty Bellies, 937 Dodecanese Blvd, Tarpon Springs, mainly known for their seafood, but had a variety of other dishes if you're not a lover of seafood. Come hungry! The servings were very generous.

We enjoyed our little visit to Tarpon Springs and can't wait to go back for our Fall Rally. Don't forget to get your camping reservations in to Hickory Point by Sept. 1st and send in your Rally Fees to Barb and Jon Liversedge. The park has agreed to hold 20 campsites for us and we are up to 15. So please don't wait to the last minute to make your campground reservations! Our Rally will be here before you know it. — Jon & Barb Liversedge

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.

Club Secretary

We are delighted to announce that **Roxanne Peebles** has graciously volunteered to be Secretary for Unit 162! We will elect her at the General Business Meeting at the Fall Rally and she will be installed with the other officers.

September Joint Rally

Via a separate email on March 22, 2019 we sent out information on a multi-unit rally in Ft. Myers, hosted by **Vicki Digby** of the Florida Airstream Club. Dates are September 19 - 23. Details and reservation information and forms are available on the events page of our website. **Barbara Colson, Ron and Liana Mezza** and **Mike and Alicia Rafter** are planning to attend. Make your reservations soon!

New Members

New members **Matthew and Liz Conner**, #8661, joined our club in July. Liz is the daughter of **Gerry and Roxanne Peebles**. They are residents of West Palm Beach. We look forward to meeting them at the Fall Rally!

Proposed New Logo

The proposed new logo has been submitted to WBCCI for approval. We are awaiting their response.

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.

Sad News

On August 1, **Jay Thompson**, Caravan Leader and former Region 3 President, posted the paragraph below on Facebook. We are sure that all who know **Jay and Elna**, and/or who knew John, share in their loss.

My brother, **John Thompson**, died yesterday, age 94. He bought his first Airstream at 78, attended six international rallies, traveled on 12 national caravans and enjoyed the Airstream family. He was a member of the Big Bend FL Airstream Club. Those that knew him are certain that he is still "checking the price of corn".

Reminders

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.

Recent Photos



Sue Smedley, Joe Smedley and Tina Lambert from the Ontario, Canada Unit, visited at the Doswell Rally. Tina and Michael came to the March Rodeo Rally at the Smedleys' for a day visit. *(Photo by Michael Lambert, courtesy of Lea Stanton.)*



Norma Foreman sent this photo with a caption of "My Airstream resident, Mr. Frog." Our further inquiry clarified that the Airstream *and* the frog are on the Foremans' front porch.

Summer Travels



In mid-July, **Tammy and Joe Dineen** sent the following, accompanied by a number of interesting photos.

"We dry camped in Madison campground in Yellowstone NP for 8 nights! On day of arrival we walked through our campground to get a lay of the land; well, we almost ran into 2 bison!! They hung out every day in Madison. Speaking of which, on our way to visit Old Faithful Geyser, we were caught in a Bison Jam. We hiked and biked our way around the different geothermal sections of the park. Yellowstone NP is one of four famous active geothermal area in the world. The others are located in New Zealand, Russia and Japan. There were geysers, mud pots, hot springs, paint pots, thermal springs, fumaroles and terraces throughout the park. We're

heading to Mount Rainier NP then Olympic NP. "

WBCCI Recruiting

We recently received a call from **Mary Ann McLaughlin** who reported that she and **Jack** are doing well. An Airstream was parked next to them at their summer place on Long Island and she had been encouraging the Florida couple to join WBCCI and FTCAC. We have no further update, but it was good to hear from Mary Ann.

Caladium Festival Follow-up

Last month's issue included an invitation to join **Rob and Lea Stanton** and **Mike and Alicia Rafter** to camp and attend the Lake Placid Caladium Festival. Perhaps the threat of heat, or other plans, prevented club members from joining them. The heat was not as bad as had been anticipated. The two couples had a good time and enjoyed the weekend of camping, visiting, festival-attending and buying caladium bulbs. Lake Placid has 47 murals and a rich history in the "Heartland of Florida." We encourage members to consider attending next year's festival, even if they do



not want to experience growing from bulbs (left) to plants (right).

(Photos courtesy of Lea Stanton.)

For a Chuckle



The photo at left was posted on Facebook and titled, "A Crossover Community!"

Under the photo was this caption:

I saw an Instant Pot roaming my neighborhood this morning!
Is it rogue?

Instant Pot® Community

August 5 at 12:50 PM

Thank you to all who contributed to this issue of the *FYI's*!