



FTCAC Pirate FYI's September, 2019

Fall Installation Rally

The time is getting closer! The dates for the rally are October 31 - November 3. 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 Members

New members, **Ray and Carol Smith**, #21734, from Cape Coral, joined our club in early September; **Ben and Diana Walton**, #9576, from West Palm Beach, joined in September also. We look forward to meeting all of them in Tarpon Springs.

Club Directory

Kathy Dulas has volunteered to put together a comprehensive directory of our club members. She has received a weak response to her email request for information. When she returns from the SW Adventure Caravan, another request will be sent. Please respond to it!

Due\$ New\$

Membership renewal notices will be mailed within the next few weeks.

International members should mail your check payable to Wally Byam Airstream Club (WBAC) for \$70, along with the white copy of the dues notice, in the enclosed reply envelope, to Jackson Center. Please make any corrections and fill in the blanks on the form so the ladies in Jackson Center can update your records. If you prefer, you may pay online (<https://airstreamclub.org/current-members/membership-renewal>) using a credit card. To maintain your listing in the club directory, your dues must be received by November 30.

Affiliate members should mail your check payable to Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club (FTCAC) for \$5, in the enclosed reply envelope, to me. Please understand that I will not process your check until I return home in early Nov. — **Blair LittleJohn**, FTCAC Treasurer

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.

Summer Travels

Daria Tansey sent the following: **Alden** and I have just finished the Nor' by Nor'east Caravan. We spent 42 days traveling from Ashaway, RI to Cornwall, PEI with 29 other Airstreamers. We didn't think it was possible to eat lobster that many times but between the caravan dinners and our own explorations we ate lobsters no less than 10 times, all of it was delicious. We also ate clams, mussels, fish and other seafood many, many times. This caravan is definitely for seafood lovers.

We spent about half the caravan in New England where we visited many historical sights such as Plymouth Rock, The JFK Library and the Searsport Maritime Museum. Special highlights for us included talking with the docents in Plimoth Plantation [sic] because Alden's ancestors came over on the Mayflower, the Whale Watch off the coast of Gloucester and the Seal Cove Auto Museum near Bar Harbor.



The second half of the caravan went through Canada, starting in Campobello and moving to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton and ending in PEI. There were so many highlights for this part of the caravan, especially because Daria has Scottish ancestors who lived in Nova Scotia. Among the most outstanding things were the Hopewell Rocks in New Brunswick where the Bay of Fundy tides rise over forty feet in 12 hours and advance up the shoreline two feet every minute, Peggy's Cove near Halifax which is impossibly picturesque with its lovely lighthouse and resident bag piper, and the beautiful Cabot Trail in Cape

Breton. The ferry trip to PEI was fun as was the Anne of Green Gables musical we attended in Charlottetown. PEI has lovely rolling hills with lots of farm land and beautiful beaches.

The time on the caravan went very fast and we met wonderful people that we hope to see again down the road. Gayle and Trevor Lake are terrific leaders and made this a very memorable caravan. FTCAC members **Bob and Caroline Barnes** were on the caravan also.

Joe and Sue Smedley recently sent a summary of their summer and fall experiences. Departed July 10th enroute to Doswell, Virginia for the International Rally. Also attending from our unit were **Allen and David Strickland, Janet Werner, and Ron and Liana Mezza**. Extremely hot most of the week. We were fortunate not to have any heat related incidents. 700 + rigs. Managed to herd unit presidents through the opening ceremony and to coordinate the parade at the other end of the week. Will be chairing both committees again next year in Loveland.

Was fortunate to have dinner one evening at the same table with **Dale Schwamborn** and **Caroline Zimmer-Stone** who were on a caravan together at the ages of 17 and 12 respectively. Quite a bit of history.

Visited with several old shipmates of 40+ years ago in Tidewater, then on to NJ for several weeks with children. We then headed northward, stopping at Newport RI, Hartford CT, Salem MA, Provincetown MA, Bethel ME, finally courtesy camping in Georgetown ME with **Chester and Chun Horne #6019**.

While in Newport, I challenged an Airstreamer without red numbers. His answer was that he was waiting for his father to give up his grandfather's number. His grandfather was **Ardean Miller**, a photographer, who did most of the marketing photography work for Airstream in the 60's and 70's. His father, uncles, and grandmother were often featured in the brochures. He was gracious enough to lend me his collection of brochures from that era.

We are now in New Hampshire, headed to Pennsylvania and Ohio to visit family, then to the Swiss Festival, the Shenandoah Parkway, the Storytelling Festival and home.

Blair and Sallie LittleJohn report from their camp-hosting locale on the Blue Ridge Parkway: Doughton Park campground is located at mile post 239, about 25 miles south of the NC/VA line. We always have available campsites for visiting Airstreams. Come see us if you are in the area.



In mid-August, **Joe and Tammy Dinneen** sent an update on their western trip:

After our visit to Olympic N.P. we traveled to the Historic Columbia River Gorge where we hiked and biked the Waterfall Trails. We traveled along the Oregon Coast visiting the lighthouses.

The weather has been cool with fog rolling in for the afternoons. However enjoyed numerous Awesome sunsets!

We continued south to visit Crater Lake N.P. It is Very Blue; the deepest lake in the

U.S. at 1949ft, is a volcano that collapsed forming Crater Lake about 6800 yrs ago!

From here we drove over to the California coast to visit Redwood N.P. & State Parks. We hiked the redwoods trails visiting the oldest redwood at 2000yrs on the Lady Bird Johnson Grove Trail. We departed Lassen Volcanic N.P. today after hiking to waterfalls and hydrothermal area similar to Yellowstone but on a very small scale.



Now heading to Lake Tahoe.

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.

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

