



FTCAC Pirate FYI's October, 2019

Logo Approved!

We recently received official approval of our new logo. A huge "thank you" to Jan Healy for her time and efforts! The next step is to design a flag using the logo. If you have ideas you would like to have considered, please submit them by October 10th to abrafter@bellsouth.net.

The official word came by email from Region 3 President **John Leake**:

Alicia,

Finally, approval of the new logo for FTCAC.

My thanks to you and your fellow members for working hard to update, remain active, and keep the FTCAC moving forward.

Well done!!

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. So far, there are eighteen on the reservation list for this rally.

New Members

New affiliate members from West Palm Beach are **Jay and Chris Matousek**, WBCCI #1372. They are members of the South Florida Airstream Club.

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 have been mailed.

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.

Tidbits



The Joint “Rally in Paradise” in Ft. Myers was well attended with 40+ rigs and 68 people. The Florida AC, South Florida AC and FTCAC were the original core; Suncoast AC and the Florida Springs AC were also represented. Dignitaries in the group included Past Int’l Treasurer **Jack Glouner**; Past Int’l Secretary **Eileen Frerking**; Past Region 3 Presidents **John Frerking** and **Tom Tisdell**; Past Region 2 President **Bob Richardson**; and Past Region 5 President **Monte Barksdale**. Rally Host and Florida AC member **Vicki Digby** and her crew did a great job! **North Trail RV** provided Friday night shuttle transport, special rally shirts, Friday lunch and a tour of their Airstream building and service areas. They

went out of their way to help the group have a good time! In addition to the food, downtown music, tour of Echo Farms and North Trail, some members toured the Edison Museum/Estate and some went kayaking. FTCAC members attending were: *(in photo at left)* **Mike and Alicia Rafter, Ron and Liana Mezza, Barbara Colson, Roxanne and Gerry Peebles**. *(in photo at right)* **Gerry and Roxanne Peebles** are seen from the kayak paddled by **Barbara Colson and Liana Mezza**.



In mid-September, **John and Jackie Groeneveld** wrote: “We got back a couple of weeks ago. Only gone for 2 weeks. Traveled 2800 miles including 1400 miles of towing. FL to TN to MI and back. Visited family and friends in MI and spent some time at T.C.P.C. In TN.

Next Friday we head back to TN for a week. Then it’s time to winterize the trailer-southern style. Bring her home for the winter.” [Ed. note: TCPC is an Airstream Park near Crossville, TN,]



As **Tammy and Joe Dinneen** have continued their western summer, they wrote: “From our enjoyable time in the Lake Tahoe area we found Mammoth Lakes, CA on the Eastern side of the Sierra Nevadas. A cool weather, active town in the Long Valley Caldera which is earths largest at 29 miles long 11 miles wide. We hiked Devils Postpile & Rainbow Falls through Ansel Adams Wilderness; Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest with the world’s oldest trees at 3500 to 5000 years old!!

We also visited Manzanar Historic Natl



Site, one of 10 war relocation centers of the Japanese Americans. Our next stop was Mono Lake Basin where we visited the ancient lake with limestone Tufa formations and a Gold Rush Ghost Town -Bodie State Historic Park. We then visited Yosemite N.P. traveling over the Tioga Pass to hike in Tuolumne Meadow area.

Our next campground was in Kings Canyon NP & Sequoia NP visiting Giant Forests of Sequoias, hiking to waterfalls and driving the scenic byways.

Since the temperatures have cooled down a bit we're now heading to the National Parks in Utah."

Some time ago, we asked **Matt and Jan Healy** for info on their current "gig."



ST. LUCIE SOUTH CAMPGROUND

JAN AND MATT'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE
by Matt Healy

Presently we are Camp Hosts at the St. Lucie South Campground which is run by the Army Corps of Engineers. It is small; 9 RV sites, 8 boat slips and 3 tent sites. It is only 5 minutes from I-95 yet you feel like you are 100 miles from everything and we are thankful for every day we are here.

St. Lucie South Campground is located on the St. Lucie Canal, part of the 152 mile Okeechobee Waterway that spans South Florida from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico. The lock is set up so you can walk up to the lock and watch the boats (and sometimes manatees) as they are going through.

Last fall while watching a large barge squeak through the lock we started a conversation with Gene and Tamera who were camp hosts. Jan thought being a camp host sounded like fun and this started the adventure. The camp host idea percolated in Jan's mind until just the right time to go onto the Army Corps of Engineers website and fill out an application. While on the way to the Region 3 Rally in Marion, NC, Casey, the park ranger in charge of volunteers called and interviewed Jan. After the interview Jan was offered a position as camp host.



BOATS EXITING THE LOCK



VISTOR CENTER

The camp hosts here at St. Lucie Locks are responsible for working either as the receptionist at the visitor center or at the campground office. The work requirement is 20 hours a week which works out to 2-3 full 7 hour shifts. While Jan was the person who was hired I also filled out an application which allows us to split a shift and only work 1/2 days. If I have an outdoors project Jan will open so I can work before it gets hot. Likewise when Jan has water aerobics at the Stuart YMCA I will open. The only schedule written in stone is Sundays where I will open and Jan will start the afternoon shift at 12:30 which allows me plenty of time to watch football. Our only other rule is who ever opens cooks dinner as who wants to finish work and run home to cook.

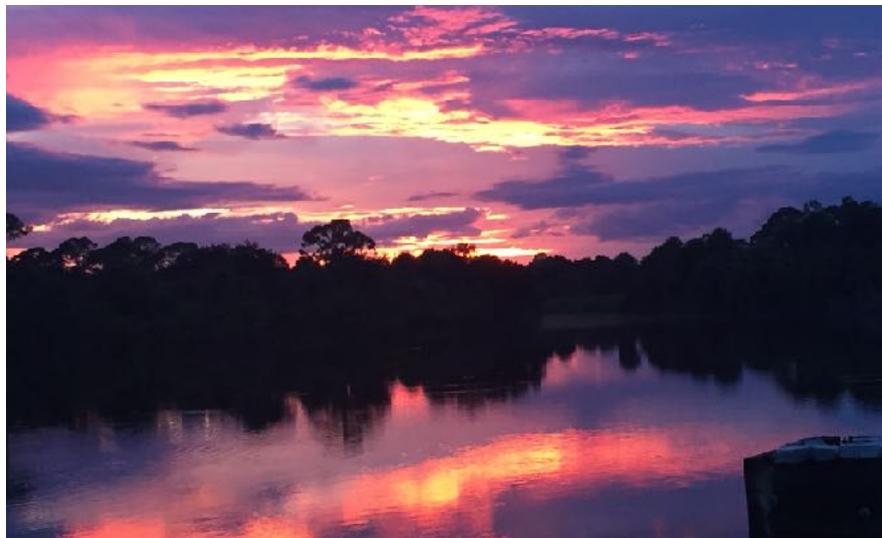
Please if you are in the area stop by and say hello!



ALLIGATOR TRAPPER CAME TO RELOCATE THIS 10 FT GATOR AWAY FROM THE CAMPGROUND



INSIDE THE VISITOR CENTER



SUNSETS ARE BEAUTIFUL!

Thank you to **Barbara Colson, Tammy Dinneen, Jackie Groeneveld, Matt Healy, and Blair LittleJohn** for their contributions to this FYI's.

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.