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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



### ***FALL HAS FINALLY FOUND THE DEEP SOUTH***

**By Tom Beyer**

Finally, the fall season has found the Deep South! We should all be experiencing some cool weather now, perfect for camping. Our rally at Cotton Hill last month was fun and the weather was perfect. Cast iron cooking by the Hurst's and the Worthington's was once again a super success.

Since the September rally was cancelled due to weather and traffic conditions we had a lot of catching up to do. Our new slate of officers and trustees was approved by those present and has now been approved and finalized by the membership. Installation of the new officers and trustees will be at this month's rally at Georgia Veteran's Memorial State Park in Cordele, GA. The 2018 rally schedule was also approved at the October Rally. The approved rally schedule is included later in this newsletter. Please sign up to host a rally now.

Our Christmas luncheon will be at The Seineyard at Wildwood Restaurant on Highway 98 in Crawfordville, FL. Address and menu information are included in this newsletter. We will once again be making donations to ***Toys for Tots*** and ask everyone attending to bring an unwrapped toy.

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued . . .**

A reminder to everyone: make your reservations for the rallies as early as possible. Campgrounds are filling up fast and we don't want anyone left out who wants to attend any of our rallies.

I look forward to fun year of camping and group fun and hope to see each of you at the November Rally and Christmas Luncheon.

## **POSTCARD FROM THE ROAD: Greenwood, VA**

**By RoseMarie and Gary Anderson**

Look who we met on our travels this summer – Airstream friends, Ken and Isabel Pollard!





## **RALLY SPOTLIGHT: Cotton Hill Corp of Engineers Park**

**By Linda Coleman**

Cotton Hill is located on the shores of Walter F. George Lake on the Georgia and Alabama border near Ft. Gaines, Georgia. Friday afternoon our hosts, Charlie and Annette Hurst and Bill and Frankie Worthington welcomed: Tom and Karon Beyer, Craig Brinkley, Bill and Linda Coleman, Jason Friedrich, Dick and Ursula Glenn, Jim Hentz, Martina Pelley, and Jim and Sheila Skipper.

The setting was perfect –lakeside under an ample shade tree with a perfectly planned breeze. In true Airstream fashion nearby Airstreamers, Tony and Barbara Olm from Montgomery, AL were invited to join us. Tony is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President of Unit 1, Region 6. It is always fun to meet folks from other units.



Barbara and Tony Olm

Our Big Bender never fail pot luck dinner was - as always filled with crowd pleasers including Bill Worthington's pot roast and Ursula's Glenn's lentil soup! After dessert, it was easy to linger to savor the lovely evening and wonderful company of our members.

Our hosts arose at 5 a.m. to make sure we started our Saturday with a hearty breakfast. The Mountain Man (and mountain women) breakfast was wonderful and biscuits - well who could ask for more. Our hosts are our unit cast iron cooking experts. It's always amazing to experience and devour these one pot wonders.





## **RALLY SPOTLIGHT: Cotton Hill Corp of Engineers Park continued . . .**



Bill Worthington serving up Mountain Man breakfast to his wife Frankie

After breakfast, with tummies full, most were happy to relax and enjoy as we shared summer travels and one more cup of coffee. The Beyer's and Glenn's have NEW Airstreams so of course tours were in order. Even their pups seem to love their new digs!



Tom and Karon Beyer's "new" 30' Flying Cloud

After naps, bike rides and football, we gathered for happy hour. Tom conducted a business meeting which included announcing our 2017-2018 unit roster of officers and a formal vote to approve the 2017-2018 Rally Schedule. Karon handed out an article on selecting cast iron cookware and a beautiful collection of cast iron cooking recipes lovingly compiled by Katherine Kamiya and Jim Weilhammer. With Katherine, we share Jim's loss and know he would have loved being at the rally with us.



## **RALLY SPOTLIGHT: Cotton Hill Corp of Engineers Park continued . . .**

The excitement of a new year of fun rallies sparked our appetites. Our hosts didn't disappoint serving up King Ranch Chicken and Mexican Rice with Dutch Oven Cobbler. Empty plates then seconds pretty much said it all - simply delicious.

As the sun set we couldn't help but be grateful for the perfect day and the fellowship our group enjoys. While most headed for home on Sunday a few stayed and attended a lovely church service, a Sunday morning tradition at Cotton Hill.



Jason Friedrich, Jim and Shelia Skipper, Craig and Teddy Brinkley

It was a relaxing and yummy weekend. Thank you Charlie, Annette, Bill and Frankie.



**Cast Iron Cooks Extraordinaire!**



## **RALLY RECIPE: Mountain Man Breakfast**

**By Charlie and Annette Hurst**

You will need a 12- inch Dutch oven to make this recipe. To cook over an open fire, light the charcoal briquettes so they reach the white ash stage prior to starting the cooking. You will need 10 coals on the bottom and 16 coals on the top to create an oven temperature of 350 degrees. This recipe can be cooked in a conventional oven at the 350 degrees.

### ***Ingredients:***

1 pound bulk breakfast sausage  
2 pounds hash brown potatoes  
1 medium onion, chopped  
2 Tbsp. oil  
8 eggs, beaten  
2 cups grated cheddar cheese



### ***Directions:***

1. Cook sausage, breaking up large clumps until no longer pink. Add onion and cook until tender. This can be done in advance if desired.
2. Coat the bottom and sides of Dutch oven with oil.
3. Add hash browns, sausage/onion mixture, and eggs to the Dutch oven. Top with cheese.
4. Cover and bake for 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

***Serves 8-10 people.***



## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES**

**By Tom Beyer**

By vote of members at the October Rally and by email ballot, the following members have been elected by unanimous vote to serve as officers and trustees of the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club for 2017-2018.

### **OFFICERS**

President:	Tom Beyer
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Craig Brinkley
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Jason Friedrich
Secretary:	Karon Beyer
Treasurer:	Martina Pelley

### **TRUSTEES**

Second Term:	Linda Coleman
	Jim Lewis
First Term:	Dick Glenn
	Ursula Glenn

Congratulations to the new officers and trustees. Thank you for volunteering your time and sharing your talents with the club. We offer our help and support and look forward to another great year.

## **MEMBER NEWS**

**By Martina Pelley**

This is a quick reminder to renew your membership. You can renew online, by mail or by telephone. If you joined the club July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2017 or later, you do not need to renew until next year because at the time you joined you also renewed for 2018. Other member who joined prior to July 1<sup>st</sup> will have to renew. Life Members also have to renew and pay the local unit dues.

Dues are \$75.00 (\$65.00 for WBCCI and \$10.00 for Big Bend Florida). The online system is easy and saves the unit time and money. To renew online, go to [www.WBCCI.org](http://www.WBCCI.org) and click the "join" button. Go to the bottom of the page that pops up where there will be two choices. Click the "renew online today" button and proceed. Headquarters uses the PayPal system to process payments whether a PayPal account is used or not. There is no charge for using a credit or debit card. If you have questions or want to renew by mail, please call contact me.





## GEORGIA VETERAN'S STATE PARK RALLY SCHEDULE: Cordele, GA

The Installation Rally will be held November 10-12, 2017 at Georgia Veteran's State Park. The park was established in 1931 as a memorial to U.S. veterans. The 1,308 acre park includes a museum, aircraft, weapons and other memorabilia from the Revolutionary War to the present. Lake Blackshear Resort is located in the middle of the park and will host our installation ceremony and Saturday evening dinner.

The park and resort offer golfing, fishing, hiking and the Historic S\*A\*M Excursion Train that goes from the campground to Plain, GA at 10:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. For tickets and additional information go to [www.samshoreline.com](http://www.samshoreline.com).

To celebrate Veterans Day on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> we will host a Big Bend Florida Charity Marketplace, a combination flea market and craft fair with proceeds to benefit *K9 for Warriors*. See a separate article in the newsletter for more details.

If you have not done so already, please contact Karon Beyer right away and let her know you will be participating in the rally. We need a final count for food planning purposes and for the restaurant reservation. When you check in, try to get a campsite near the Beyer's. Thanks for your cooperation.

Below is the schedule of activities:

### Friday, November 10, 2017

- 5:30 p.m. Pot Luck Dinner. Please bring a dish to share, your beverage of choice, your chairs and set-ups. A pavilion in the campground will be selected for meals closest to the group.

### Saturday, October 14, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Casserole, fruit and coffee. Please bring your chairs and set-ups.
- 3:00 p.m. Big Bend Florida Charity Marketplace.
- 6:00 p.m. Installation of Officers and Dinner at Lake Blackshear Resort. Members will select from the menu and pay for their dinners individually.

### Sunday, October 15, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast and coffee.

**NOTE:** All times are listed in Eastern Time.





# BIG BEND FLORIDA CHARITY MARKETPLACE

**By Katherine Kamiya**

Jim Weilhammer was committed to community service in his presidency year whether we got “points” for it on an award competition or not. He asked club members to donate gifts for Toys for Tots, non-perishable food for the Second Harvest Food Bank, and pull tabs for children’s charities at the site of the International Rally. Each time he asked, club members were generous.

To celebrate Veterans Day, Jim had a slightly different idea. State and regional Airstream rallies often host flea markets and they are always fun. You never know what treasures you will find. Our club used to hold auctions of white elephant items, things like bags of pull tabs and even “stolen” flags to raise funds. This marketplace continues those traditions with a *twist*.

We researched various veterans’ charities and found ***K9 for Warriors***. It is a Florida-based not-for-profit organization dedicated to training service dogs for veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and other traumas from military service. We have lots of dog lovers in the club and we also have proud veterans. ***K9 for Warriors*** seemed like a good fit.

The idea for a Big Bend Florida Charity Marketplace was to combine a flea market and craft fair for a good cause. I am moving forward to complete Jim’s last community service activity. I am asking members to donate items and the proceeds from their sale to benefit ***K9 for Warriors***.

If you are a baker, seamstress, crafter, jelly maker, wood turner or jewelry designer, please consider donating some of your goods for sale at this event. If you are not gifted in these ways, look in your closets and garage for excess Airstream parts, used books or other flea market items you could donate to help raise funds for this worthy veterans’ project.

We will set up at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday in the park pavilion where we have hosted our meals. You can set a sale price for your items or let the buyers make you an offer. The proceeds from the sale will be given to the Treasurer and she will write a check to ***K9 for Warriors*** from the Big Bend Airstream Club in whatever amount we have raised.

Think of this as a chance get rid of some things that are collecting dust, reduce your excess inventory and to do a good deed at the same time. Let’s make it fun for a good cause.



**BIG BEND FLORIDA AIRSTREAM  
CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

*Saturday December 9 2017  
The Seineyard at Wildwood  
3870 Coastal Highway  
(Highway 98)  
Crawfordville, FL 32326  
(850) 926-9191*



*We will be able to order from the menu and individuals will pay for their own meals. The menu includes shrimp, fish crab, oysters, scallops which can be prepared fried, blackened or grilled. Also available are steak and chicken dinners. All entrees are served with two sides. Choices are house salad or coleslaw, baked, sweet or French fried potatoes or grilled vegetables. Your choice of beverage.*

*To review all menu choices go to:  
[www.theseineyard.com/menu](http://www.theseineyard.com/menu).*

*Please R.S.V.P. by calling Karon Beyer at (850) 656-7487 or by email at [karonbeyer@outlook.com](mailto:karonbeyer@outlook.com) by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Please support **Toys for Tots** by bringing a gift of a new unwrapped toy or book for a child birth to 12 years of age. Gifts for older children are especially appreciated.*



# BIG BEND FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB

## UNIT 153 REGION 3

### 2017-2018 EVENT/RALLY SCHEDULE

**Approved 10/14/17**

If you have any questions or are interested in signing up to be a rally host, please contact Tom Beyer at [bucklake@hotmail.com](mailto:bucklake@hotmail.com) or (850) 509-7231.

NOTE: All rallies are scheduled for Friday-Sunday. Participants can opt to arrive early or stay late.

DATE/HOST	PLACE	DIRECTIONS/NOTES
Sat. December 9, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.	<b><i>Christmas Luncheon</i></b>  The Seinyard at Wildwood 3870 Coastal Highway Crawfordville, FL 32326 850-926-9191 <a href="http://theseineyardatwildwood.com/">http://theseineyardatwildwood.com/</a>	To reserve a place for the Christmas Luncheon contact Tom or Karon Beyer by December 2, 2017.
Fri. January 19- Sun. January 21, 2018	<b><i>Holiday and New Year Celebration</i></b>  Seminole State Park 7870 State Park Drive Donaldsonville, GA 39845 Reservations: 800-864-7275 State Park: 229-861-3137 <a href="http://gastateparks.org/Seminole">http://gastateparks.org/Seminole</a>	Rate: \$30.00/night. Located 16 miles south of Donaldsonville via Georgia Highway 39 or 23 miles west of Bainbridge on Georgia Highway 253/Spring Creek Road. From Tallahassee (approximately 1 hour, 10 minutes) take Highway 27 north into Bainbridge then Highway 253/Spring Creek Road west.



DATE/HOST	PLACE	DIRECTIONS/NOTES
Fri. February 16- Sun. February 18, 2018  <b>Hosts:</b> Bill & Linda Coleman and Martina Pelley	<b><i>Valentine's Day Celebration</i></b>  Eagles Roost RV Resort 5465 Mill Store Road Lake Park, GA 31636 Resort: 229-559-5192 <a href="https://www.eaglesroostresort.com/">https://www.eaglesroostresort.com/</a>	Rate: \$33.00/night. Advise "Big Bend Airstream" when making reservations for 10% group rate. From junction I-75 (exit 5) and Highway 376, go 500 feet east on Highway 376, then ½ mile south on Mill Store Road.
Fri. March 16- Sun. March 18, 2018	<b><i>Daylight Savings Time Celebration</i></b>  Ft. Pickens Campground 1400 Fort Pickens Road Pensacola Beach, FL 32561 850-934-2622 <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">http://www.recreation.gov</a>	Rate: \$26.00/night Reservation can be made through <a href="http://www.recreation.gov">http://www.recreation.gov</a> up to 6 months in advance. Two-way hook-ups; covered picnic pavilions within ½ mile of campground available on a first come first serve basis or by reservation for \$70.00 per day
Fri. April 20 – Sun. April 22, 2018  <b>Hosts:</b> Euna & Hugh Ridenour and Tom & Karon Beyer	<b><i>Spring Celebration</i></b>  Salt Springs Recreation Area 13851 Highway 19 N Ft. McCoy, FL 32134 Information: 352-685-2048 Reservations: 877-444-6777 <a href="https://www.recreation.gov/camping/salt-springs-recreation-area/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&amp;parkId=73853">https://www.recreation.gov/camping/salt-springs-recreation-area/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&amp;parkId=73853</a>	Senior Rate: \$19.00/night. Reservations can be made through <a href="https://www.recreation.gov">https://www.recreation.gov</a> up to 6 months in advance. Sites 4-22 are around a bath house and are grouped together at the far end and are convenient. There is not a covered pavilion but the sites are concrete and large. We will need a couple of canopy covers for inclement weather. (Beyer's have one.)
Tues. April 24 – Sun. April 24, 2018	<b><i>Region 3 Rally</i></b> Myrtle Beach, SC	Please consider volunteering to represent the unit at this rally.





DATE/HOST	PLACE	DIRECTIONS/NOTES
Fri. May 18 – Sun. May 20, 2018  <b>Hosts:</b> Jim & Shelia Skipper and Jason Friedrich	<b><i>Summer Celebration</i></b>  Gunter Hill Campground 561 Booth Road Montgomery, AL 36108 Campground: 334-269-1053 <a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/gunter-hill/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&amp;parkId=71187">https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/gunter-hill/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&amp;parkId=71187</a>	Rate: \$18.00/night. Reservations can be made through <a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com">https://www.reserveamerica.com</a> up to 6 months in advance. There are many things to do around Montgomery, more details at a later date.
Sun. June 17 – Sat. June 30, 2018	<b><i>61<sup>st</sup> WBCCI International Rally</i></b> Oregon State Fairgrounds Salem, OR <a href="http://wbcci.org/international-rally/caravans/rallies/international-rally/2018-salem-or/2018-salem-or">http://wbcci.org/international-rally/caravans/rallies/international-rally/2018-salem-or/2018-salem-or</a>	Jay Thompson will be the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club delegate.
Fri. September 14- Sun. September 16, 2018	<b><i>End of Summer Celebration</i></b>  Live Oak Landing 229 Pitts Avenue Freeport, FL 32439 Landing: 877-436-5063 <a href="http://rvcoutdoors.com/live-oak-landing/">http://rvcoutdoors.com/live-oak-landing/</a>	Rate: Off Season rate: \$45-\$47/night.  -10% off - 5 to 9 units -15% off - 10 to 20 units Advise "Big Bend Airstream" when making reservations.
Fri. October 19- Sun. October 21, 2018	<b><i>Columbus Day Celebration</i></b>  Hardridge Creek Campground 592 U.S. Government Road Abbeville, AL 36310 Campground: 334-585-5945  <a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/hardridge-creek/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&amp;parkId=71190">https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/hardridge-creek/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&amp;parkId=71190</a>	Rate: \$24.00/night. Reservations can be made through <a href="https://www.reserveamerica.com">https://www.reserveamerica.com</a> up to 6 months in advance.



DATE/HOST	PLACE	DIRECTIONS/NOTES
Fri. November 16- Sun. November 18, 2018	<b><i>Installation Rally</i></b>  Sugar Mill RV Park 4857 McMillan Road Ochlocknee, GA Reservations: 229-227-1451  <a href="http://www.sugarmillrvpark.com/">http://www.sugarmillrvpark.com/</a>	Rate: \$25.38/night Advise "Big Bend Airstream" when making reservations.



Hope to see you down the road.



*Friendship doubles our joy and  
divides our grief.*

*Swedish Proverb*