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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

By: Tom Beyer

Happy New Year fellow Airstreamers. Hope you all had a happy Christmas Holiday and are ready to begin a safe new year. We have planned a fun filled camping year and we have several new members with whom we will enjoy camping at our rallies. The January rally is at Seminole State Park and as of this date, we have 17 members who will be attending. More information on the rally is included in this newsletter.

There were 34 people who attended the Christmas Luncheon at the Seineyard Restaurant in Crawfordville, FL. A full large box of toys for Toys for Tots was collected. A good time was had by all.

This year we will be working on approval of a new flag for our Big Bend Florida Club. It will have our new logo and be specific to our club. In the next few months we will also be finalizing plans for the Region 3 Rally in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Watch for updates.

Included, is the Rally Schedule for the remainder of the year. Please remember to make your reservations as soon as possible for each campsite. These parks have many northerners (snow birds) still in residence which makes it hard for us to get sites. Remember to notify the hosts and Karon Beyer when you make your reservations. Final updates will be sent to those on the lists.

I hope you all have a safe and healthy new year and lots of fun Airstreaming. Hope to see you at Seminole State Park.



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RALLY SCHEDULE: January '17 – November '17

DATE/HOST	PLACE	DIRECTIONS/NOTES
Fri. January 19- Sun. January 21, 2018	<i>Holiday and New Year Celebration</i> Seminole State Park 7870 State Park Drive Donaldsonville, GA 39845 Reservations: 800-864-7275 State Park: 229-861-3137 http://gastateparks.org/Seminole	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.
Fri. February 16- Sun. February 18, 2018	<i>Valentine's Day Celebration</i> Eagles Roost RV Resort 5465 Mill Store Road Lake Park, GA 31636 Resort: 229-559-5192 https://www.eaglesroostresort.com/	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	<i>Daylight Savings Time Celebration</i> Ft. Pickens Campground 1400 Fort Pickens Road Pensacola Beach, FL 32561 850-934-2622 http://www.recreation.gov	Rate: \$26.00/night Reservation can be made through http://www.recreation.gov 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	<i>Spring Celebration</i> Salt Springs Recreation Area 13851 Highway 19 N Ft. McCoy, FL 32134 Information: 352-685-2048 Reservations: 877-444-6777 https://www.recreation.gov/camping/salt-springs-recreation-area/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=73853	Senior Rate: \$19.00/night. Reservations can be made through https://www.recreation.gov 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.



DATE/HOST	PLACE	DIRECTIONS/NOTES
Tues. April 24 – Sun. April 24, 2018	Region 3 Rally Myrtle Beach, SC	Please consider volunteering to represent the unit at this rally.
Fri. May 18 – Sun. May 20, 2018	Summer Celebration Gunter Hill Campground 561 Booth Road Montgomery, AL 36108 Campground: 334-269-1053 https://www.reserveamerica.com/campin/g/gunter-hill/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=71187	Rate: \$18.00/night. Reservations can be made through https://www.reserveamerica.com 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	61st WBCCI International Rally Oregon State Fairgrounds Salem, OR http://wbcci.org/international-rally/caravans/rallies/international-rally/2018-salem-or/2018-salem-or	Jay Thompson will be the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club delegate.
Fri. September 14- Sun. September 16, 2018	End of Summer Celebration Live Oak Landing 229 Pitts Avenue Freeport, FL 32439 Landing: 877-436-5063 http://rvcoutdoors.com/live-oak-landing/	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	Columbus Day Celebration Hardridge Creek Campground 592 U.S. Government Road Abbeville, AL 36310 Campground: 334-585-5945 https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/hardridge-creek/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=71190	Rate: \$24.00/night. Reservations can be made through https://www.reserveamerica.com up to 6 months in advance.



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

FEBRUARY RALLY – get your discount!

The February Rally is in Lake Park, Georgia February 16th – 18th at Eagles Roost RV Resort. Make your reservations now. Be sure to mention **"Big Bend Airstream"** to get a 10% discount.

This park is nice, spacious, and has an enclosed party room for our use and comfort. Bill and Linda Coleman and Martina Pelley will be hosting. If you are participating, let them know as well as Karon Beyer. Hope to see you there!



“Cheers to the new year and another chance to get it right”



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:

Our Christmas Luncheon at the Seineyard Restaurant in Crawfordville, FL was held on December 9th. Those who attended and celebrated Christmas together were Craig and Monica Brinkley, Sandy and Don Wood and her daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Lamar Waymire and their granddaughter, Karen and Dick Rush and Karen's sister Mary, RoseMarie and Gary Anderson, Linda and Bill Coleman, Katherine Kamaya, Jason Friedrich, Carol and Winston Montague, Gail, John, and Chris Duncan, Annette and Charlie Hurst, Elna and Jay Thompson, Jim and Pat Hentz, and Sheila and Jim Skipper.



Jim Sigman, representative for the Marines Big Bend Toys for Tots Campaign, joined us for lunch. Each member was asked to contribute a toy for the campaign. Mr. Sigman graciously thanked us for filling a large donation box with toys for needy and deserving children.



Selections of seafood, steak, and chicken were enjoyed by all but mostly we all enjoyed visiting with each other. A good time was had by all.





CROCK POT RECIPE:



SHOPPING LIST / INGREDIENTS

DRY RUB:

- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 tbsp. smoked paprika (the key and a MUST for the rub!)
- 1 ½ tsp kosher salt
- 1 ½ tsp black pepper
- ¼ tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 2 tsp garlic powder
- 3 racks baby back ribs (Costco has the best pre-packaged ribs already with the membrane removed)

BBQ sauce of choice
(Sweet Baby Ray's is awesome)

To make rub, whisk together all spices, set aside.

Remove membrane from back of the ribs. Season both sides of the ribs with dry rub (get your hands dirty, cover all over). Slice racks in half or in thirds depending on the size of your crock pot. Place the ribs vertically in a slow cooker crock pot, with the larger cut bone side down and meat side out. The key is not to lay the racks flat. Cook on low for 6-7 hours. There is no need to add liquid in the crock pot, the ribs make a great sauce during cooking process.

Remove ribs from slow cooker and place on baking sheet. Brush with BBQ sauce and place under the broiler for 3-5 minutes, until BBQ sauce is bubbly. Serve with additional BBQ sauce, if desired. The ribs fall off the bone!!





REMINDER: Your 2017-2018 Big Bend Air Stream Officers



Karon Beyer, Tom Beyer, Craig Brinkley, Martina Pelley, Jason Friedrich, Linda Coleman

“May the bad times you faced in the year 2017 be your stepping stones to success and may you be blessed with many happy moments in 2018! Happy New Year.





Top 10 Healthiest New Year's Resolutions:

New Year, healthier you!

New Year's resolutions are bit like babies: They're fun to make but extremely difficult to maintain.

Each January, roughly one in three Americans resolve to better themselves in some way. A much smaller percentage of people actually make good on those resolutions. While about 75% of people stick to their goals for at least a week, less than half (46%) are still on target six months later, a 2002 study found.

It's hard to keep the enthusiasm months after you have swept up the confetti, but it's not impossible. This year, pick one of the following below worthy resolutions, and stick with it! Here's to your health. **Pop. Fizz. Clink. CHEERS!**



Lose Weight



Stay in Touch



Save Money



Quit Smoking



Volunteer



Go Back to School



Cut Back on Alcohol



Cut Your Stress



Get More Sleep



Travel



“For my part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel’s sake. The great affair is to move.”

– Robert Louis Stevenson