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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy February!!!

By: Tom Beyer

It was really cold in January. Do you think February will be the same? We had a cold rally at Seminole State Park, but we all enjoyed it. Those who attended were Scott and Jan Pfaff, Craig and Monica Brinkley and their granddaughter Audrey, Jason Friedrich, Lamar Waymire, Tom and Barbara Davis, Jim and Pat Hentz, Martina Pelley, Chip and Mary Adams, Jack and John White, Tom and Karon Beyer, and our newest members, Charles and Sue Goodman. Jason co-hosted with Karon and me and I think we have found a new breakfast chef in our club. We kept a fire going all weekend to keep warm and enjoyed the crisp cool air.

Craig Brinkley, 1st vice president, has almost finalized the 2019 Rally Schedule and will be presenting it soon. He sent out an email to everyone about us joining the January 2019 Can Opener Rally and using it as a "no host" rally for January. Be sure to respond to him with reservation info if you choose to go. It should be fun because of the crowd who will be attending from all over.

Thank you to Scott Pfaff, one of our new members, who will be taking over the Membership Directory and the Photo Directory. He is a skilled IT person whose knowledge and skills will be greatly appreciated.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE con't:

We have had several couples join our club in the last 3-4 months. We are so glad to see new faces and hear of camping experiences and future camping plans. Be sure to welcome our new members when you have a chance to meet them. Thanks to Mary and Chip Adams for their membership follow up.

Stay well and avoid catching a cold or the flu. This has been a nasty season. It's still not too late to get a flu shot.

Bill and Linda Coleman and Martina Pelley will be hosting the February Rally at Eagle's Roost in Lake Park Georgia. Please notify both of them and Karon when you make reservations to attend.

Stay warm and stay safe. Hope to see you in Lake Park.

RALLY SCHEDULE: February '18 – November '18

DATE/HOST	PLACE	DIRECTIONS/NOTES
Fri. February 16- Sun. February 18, 2018 Hosts: Martina Pelley, and Linda and Bill Coleman	<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 Host: None	<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 Hosts: Hugh and Euna Ridenour and Tom and Karon Beyer	<i>Spring Celebration</i> Salt Springs Recreation Area 13851 Highway 19 N Ft. McCoy, FL 32134 Information: 352-685-2048 Reservations: 877-444-6777	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



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	https://www.recreation.gov/camping/salt-springs-recreation-area/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=73853	a covered pavilion but the sites are concrete and large.
Tues. April 24 – Sun. April 24, 2018	Region 3 Rally Myrtle Beach, SC	Tom and Karon Beyer will be attending and representing the Big Bend Airstream Club. They will be caravanning from Salt Springs to Myrtle Beach. Please let Karon know if you have registered.
Fri. May 18 – Sun. May 20, 2018 Hosts: Jim and Sheila Skipper and Jason Friedrich	Summer Celebration Gunter Hill Campground 561 Booth Road Montgomery, AL 36108 Campground: 334-269-1053 https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/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	Gary Anderson will be the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club delegate.
Fri. September 14- Sun. September 16, 2018 Hosts: Craig and Monica Brinkley and Amy and Lamar Waymire	End of Summer Celebration Live Oak Landing 229 Pitts Avenue Freeport, FL 32439 Landing: 877-436-5063 http://rvcooutdoors.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 Host: RoseMarie and Gary Anderson	Columbus Day Celebration Hardridge Creek Campground 592 U.S. Government Road Abbeville, AL 36310 Campground: 334-585-5945	Rate: \$24.00/night. Reservations can be made through https://www.reserveamerica.com up to 6 months in advance.



	https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/hardridge-creek/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=71190	
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Fri. November 16- Sun. November 18, 2018 Hosts: Carol and Winston Montague and Jay and Elna Thompson	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.

JANUARY RALLY at Seminole State Park...



"If you worry too much about the weather, you're going to miss a lot of camping and golf!"

Lamar Waymire



The weather was cold at the January Rally at Seminole State Park in Donaldsonville, GA. We had a fire going most of the time and it became a gathering area for small talk and shared stories. This was part of the group waiting on dinner to be served. It was a fun time and we all enjoyed the crisp and clear weather and each other's company.



FEBRUARY RALLY: Friday, 2/16/18 – Sunday, 2/18/18



We will camp at Eagle's Roost in Lake Park Georgia at 5465 Mill Store Rd. The rate is \$33 a night. When making reservations be sure to mention "Big Bend Airstream" to get a 10% group rate. Bill and Linda Coleman and Martina Pelley will be hosting. Be sure to notify them and Karon Beyer when you make your reservations. Those already signed up are Craig and Monica Brinkley, Tom and Karon Beyer, Linda and Bill Coleman, Martina Pelley, Jim and Pat Hentz, and Jason Friedrich.

Friday

Social hour: 5:00pm at the conference room. Bring a hors d'oeuvre to share. Dinner is potluck. Don't forget a dish to share and your own set ups.

Saturday

Breakfast: 9:00am. Menu: Breakfast Pizza, Egg Muffins, Fruit and Coffee.

Afternoon: Free to explore the area. Suggestions: Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area or Horse Creek Winery in Sparks, GA.

Dinner: 5:30pm at Cowboy's Fire Pit and Bar. After dinner meet at the conference room for dessert and a fun group game.



Sunday

Breakfast: Continental plus coffee at 9:00am.

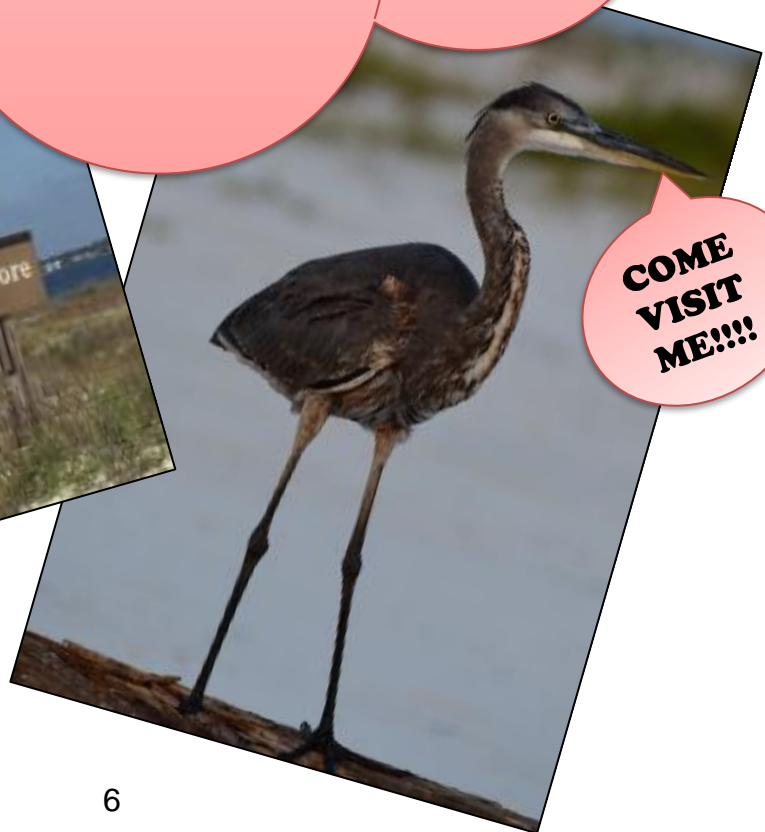


MARCH RALLY: 3/16/18 – 3/18/18

**The March rally will be at Ft. Pickens Campground,
1400 Fort Pickens Rd., Pensacola Beach, FL.**

**The rate is \$26 per night. At last check there were
no Friday night reservations available. We have 3
couples/members who will be arriving on Saturday
and staying an extra day.**

**Additionally, as of now, there is not a host for this
rally. We will have a potluck dinner Friday night
and enjoy the fine restaurants available in the area
for Saturday night and breakfasts will be on your
own. If you want to host, let Karon know. More info
will be available as we get closer to the Rally.**



**COME
VISIT
ME!!!!**



NEW MEMBERS

**WELCOME TO
THE CLUB!!**

Barbara and Tom Davis



Barbara and Tom are from the Villages, FL. Those who attended the Silver Springs Rally last year will remember their tour of the onsite museum. They still do great volunteer work and are both great crafters.

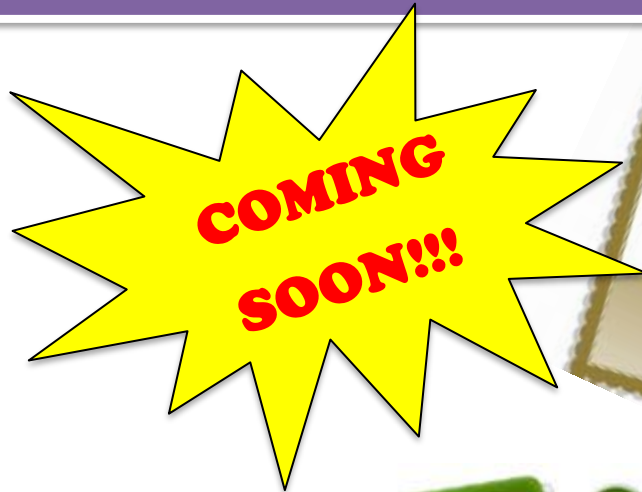
Sue and Charles Goodman

Sue and Charles are from Williston, FL. They have been campers for 10 years and just purchased a new Airstream. They visited with us and enjoyed the cold weather and the hot meals so much that they decided to join us and become members of our club.





Be on the lookout for the new Membership Directory!!!
Scott Pfaff will be sending it out to all of us. Be sure to thank
him for his hard work and keeping it up to date and accurate.



TRAVELLING, IT LEAVES YOU SPEECHLESS...
THEN TURNS YOU INTO A STORYTELLER!!



HEALTH & WELLNESS:

Flu Prevention:

Get vaccinated, wash your hands frequently, don't touch eyes, mouth, or nose unless hands are properly washed, do the "elbow cough", disinfect common surfaces like door knobs, drink plenty of water



Cold Symptoms:

Congestion, runny nose, weepy eyes, cough, fever, (usually the symptoms for a cold are from the neck up)

Flu Symptoms:

Dry cough, fever, body aches, chills, headache, vomiting and diarrhea (usually the entire body aches)



