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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March, March, March on to enjoying retirement!

By: Tom Beyer

Have you got enough time to do all the things you want? We all need to do our chores but still take time to enjoy each day. I always thought when I retired that I would have plenty of time to do the things I had been putting off. Forget it! It seems like I have less time now. That "Honey Do" list grows every week, there's always something to do in the yard or the barn or the house, and there are always things that need to be fixed or replaced. I've learned to pace myself; Karon calls it laziness or loafing. I try to get an afternoon nap or surf the web (usually they are the same thing) at least every other day but still no list is ever completed. I stay busy and do accomplish a lot, but I now wonder how I worked and got all of this stuff done before I retired. That's why I love camping so much. I'm not home and can't be responsible for "the lists". I bet some of you feel the same way I do. Let's decide to not stress over all we have to do but to keep working on it a little at a time.

We had a great rally at Eagle's Roost. Thanks to the Coleman's and Martina for hosting. We played a game that everyone enjoyed and found to be very informative. We wrote 3 not-so-obvious facts on a card about ourselves, passed the cards out, read them aloud one by one, and tried to figure out who the person was. It wasn't as easy as you might think, and we learned a lot about each other. The weather was great and the onsite flea market provided shopping enjoyment. Our March Rally is at Ft. Pickens in Pensacola Beach. We have a good group signed up and hope to have more fun on the road. Remember, if you come to each month's rally, you get out of work at home for a few days. Hope to see you at Ft. Pickens!





RALLY SCHEDULE: March '18 – November '18

| DATE/HOST | PLACE | DIRECTIONS/NOTES |
|--|---|---|
| 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 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. |
| Tues. April 25 – Sun. April 29, 2018 | <i>Region 3 Rally</i> 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 | <i>Summer Celebration</i> 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. |



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| 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://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 Host: RoseMarie and Gary Anderson | 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. |
| 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. |



FEBRUARY RALLY UPDATE:

Airstream trailers landed at Eagle's Roost in Lake Park, GA, February 16th-18th in big numbers. Those who attended were Craig Brinkley, Linda and Bill Coleman, Martina Pelley, Jim and Pat Hentz, Jason Friedrich, Carol and Winston Montague, Scott and Jan Pfaff, Katherine Kamiya, Don and Sandy Wood, Jay and Elna Thompson, and Tom and Karon Beyer.



Several people in the park asked if we were having an Airstream Convention or was it just coincidence that there were so many Airstream trailers. An explanation about our club followed with numbers about how many Airstreamers attend the Region and International Rallies and then you saw the jaws drop. There was even a new member from North Georgia in the park. Jay asked them to join us but they were unable to do so.

We had great breakfasts, potluck dinner Friday night, dinner at Cowboy's Restaurant, then ice cream and cookies back at the campground with time to play our game. Thanks Linda, Bill, and Martina.



We are daydreaming of sunbathing next to our Airstream!





Georgia Plantation's Caravan:

RoseMarie and Gary Anderson have notified us that there was an unexpected cancellation for their Georgia Plantation Caravan for March 22nd through April 12th. They want to give our members first shot at filling that space. The fee is \$1,500. for 2 people or \$1,200. for 1 person. RoseMarie says "great sights, great food, great fun". Contact RoseMarie at tango2020pc@gmail.com

Possible Change in Rallies for September and October:

As many of you already know, we are receiving conflicting information on whether Hardridge Creek Campground in Abbeville, AL will be open in October for our rally. They cannot be reached until March 1st. Tom will call them to verify information and an email will be sent to everyone with what our plans will be. Currently we are looking at swapping the September campout at Live Oak Landing in Freeport, FL with the Hardridge Creek campout scheduled in October. Don't make any reservations for Live Oak yet. When you call Reserve America you can't even make a reservation for Hardridge Creek for October. Sorry for the confusion. We will notify everyone by email as soon as we get this resolved.

2019 Rally Schedule:

Craig Brinkley has almost completed the 2019 Rally Schedule for approval by the club. All the rallies will be in Florida with an emphasis on "old Florida". Most of the parks will be new to many of us. Approval and posting of the final schedule will be soon. Good work Craig and Monica!



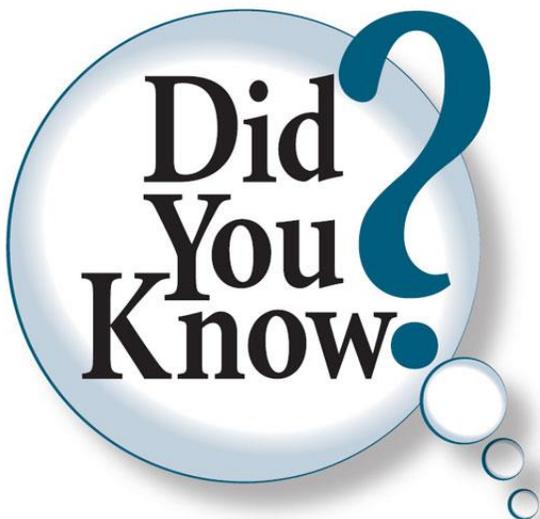
Don't forget to collect those soda and beer can pop-top-tabs. These tabs will be taken to the International Rally in Oregon. The proceeds from the tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House. Last year over 2,800 pounds of tabs were taken to a recycling plant. What an easy way to donate to a great cause and to help the environment too.



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New Big Bend Florida Airstream Club Flag ... is on the horizon



We are currently well into the process of getting made and purchasing a unit flag with our new logo. We hope to have the new flag purchased in time for the Region 3 rally in Myrtle Beach, SC. You will receive updates as the process continues. Who knew it could be so involved to create, design, choose a vendor, and select fabric for a 3X5 flag?



Scott Pfaff is combining photos of each club member and the contact information for each into one Directory. This Directory will be available from our website and will be password protected. It's a helpful tool throughout the year and useful to new members to familiarize themselves with a face and a person. Thanks to Scott for his work on this project.



**Sunday,
March 11th**

Don't get
pinched,
wear your
green!





Tires and Wheels For Sale:

**4 Airstream
(2013) aluminum
wheels and tires
w/ steel spare
wheel
\$300**



**4 GMC 2500 HD
18-inch aluminum
wheels
\$400**



**Contact
Tom Beyer
850-509-7231**

Airstream and Suburban For Sale:

2011 Airstream Flying Cloud 23 ft. with front bedroom for sale. It has a side dinette and a rear bath with shower. The bed is a queen with a walk-around. Everything works well. It comes with some equipment for parking and connecting along with all manuals as on a new model. Extra pillows and a cover for the bed are included. Skirts for the wheels while stored are also included. The tires are just over one year old. The fridge was replaced with a new one when we purchased it about 2 years ago. The unit originally came from JD Sanders in Alachua, FL. where it has been serviced since. The Airstream Trailer and Suburban are in The Villages, FL.

A suburban is also available. Both are available May 1, 2018 but if really needed an alternative date is negotiable. Both the trailer and Suburban are housed in FL where the trailer has been all its life. Both have been serviced and maintained regularly. Please call to request a viewing and sale price.

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