



FTCU Pirate FYI's

May - June, 2017

Spring Rally

The Spring Rally was April 20 - 23, 2017 in Eustis, FL, hosted by **Blair & Sallie LittleJohn and Joe & Sue Smedley**. Please look for a separate *Spring Rally Issue* of the *FYI's* for photos and the details.

Region 3 Rally

Blair LittleJohn carried the Unit flag at the Region 3 Rally in Hiawassee, GA.

Leslie Martin wrote: "I went to the Region 3 Rally I won 2 Zip Dee chairs. Yes, it was a great rally, had a great time." Other Unit members attending were **Sallie LittleJohn, Gene & Sandy Poast, Allen & Cindi Strickland, and Jan Werner**.

The R3Rally included 283 people from 23 Units.



International Rally

The 2017 International Rally is in Escanaba, MI July 22 - 29. See the *Blue Beret* for details and registration.

November 2017 FTCU Installation Rally

The November Unit Rally will be at Stagecoach RV Park in St. Augustine, November 2 - 5. You should have received information via email on June 3. **Gene and Sandy Poast** and **Rob and Lea Stanton** have volunteered to host. Please mark your calendars and make your campground reservations by calling Stagecoach at **904-824-2319**. Be sure to specify that you are with the Florida Treasure Coast Rally! Do it soon so the hosts will know how many to plan for. The rally coupon and fee notice will be sent at a later date.

Mid-winter IBT Rally

The International officers have asked Region 3 to plan and host the Mid Winter IBT meeting/ rally next January 8-12 in Sarasota, Florida. The International Board of Trustees is made up of

the 12 Region Presidents, the International President, and the 3 Int .VP's. The IBT meeting/rally is open to all members and is also a rally. Details should be coming soon from the Region.

2018 Region 3 Rally

April 25 - 29, 2018, at Ocean Lakes Campground Myrtle Beach. You may reserve the entire week of April 22 -29. When you call, 1-800-722-1451, specify AIRSTREAM REGION 3 RALLY. A 50% deposit for the site is required. The rally fee, TBD, will be paid separately. Watch for information in the *Region 3 News* sent out by Randy Godfrey, 2nd VP.

Use of "Airstream" name

The legalities appear to be taken care of and, with some restrictions and limitations, the name "Airstream" can be used in club names, among other uses. WBCCI has a License Agreement with Airstream which outlines the conditions under which the name may be used. On behalf of our Unit, as President, we signed a Sublicense Agreement with WBCCI. If our Unit decides to add the word "Airstream" to our Unit name, we will follow the proscribed procedures. We are interested in feedback regarding making such a Unit name change. Let us hear from you!

Due\$ New\$ from Blair LittleJohn

WBCCI has made dues payment much easier for all of us. You may now pay your International and Unit dues to the Jackson Center office. In early October, I will send you an invoice for 2018 dues. You have two choices: 1. Pay online using your PayPal account, or 2. Send your check to Jackson Center for the amount shown on the invoice. This will include your International dues, your Unit dues and postage fee (for those receiving the *FYI's* by snail mail). Affiliate members will continue sending your \$5.00 dues to me in the reply envelope mailed with your invoice.

FTCU Website

Please go to ftcu.wbcci.net and check out our website, and go to wbcci.org and look under "Regions and Units" and "Unit Locations" to see our updated information. Many thanks go to the International EEC for their assistance in these updates.

Tidbits

In early April, **Betty Kenney** wrote: "I am still at a loss without Don, the love of my life, and I want to thank everyone for their cards, their thoughts and prayers. I am now returning to my choir, playing bridge and taking daily walks ,and I have so many friends here at Heritage Pines and my church who have given me courage. My son and daughter were with me for a couple months. They are so supportive and such a blessing! I will go to Vermont this summer to enjoy being with my daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Recently, my daughter Deb Farley and I flew to San Diego to visit her son, Ross, his wife, Celia and 6 mo.old baby girl, Ruth Alice. It was a wonderful trip, my first to San Diego. It's a beautiful area!"

We received the following update on the **LittleJohns'** summer plans.

"From my point of view the Spring Rally at Eustis and the Caravan to Region 3 went quite well. If you participated in either, then you probably know about the changes in our summer plans.

During the winter we were notified that we would not be returning to Doughton Park Campground where we have hosted for the past eleven years. Instead, we could go to Mt Pisgah for May, June and July if we wished. We agreed and spread the word that we would be

at a new location for this summer. We invited all of our Airstream friends to stop by and spend a night or two at our new location.

About 4 PM on our first day out from home we got a phone call from the Blue Ridge Parkway campground management asking if we would like to return to Doughton Park. It seems that they just found out that the campground ranger for the last three years had accepted a job at Acadia National Park in Maine and would not be returning to Doughton Park. Having two new people running the campground with no local knowledge didn't seem like such a good idea to the Parkway people. Since we have many friends and a church in the area, it only took a moment to decide to accept their offer for May, June and July at DPCG. August, September and October are still undecided. I have planned a trip beginning with Colonial Williamsburg and including the Natchez Trace Parkway in Tennessee and Mississippi if they don't want us to stay for the second half of the summer. We'll see what happens.

The invitation to visit us on the Blue Ridge Parkway still stands, but please look for us at Doughton Park Campground, milepost 239 on the Parkway, and not Mt Pisgah. Y'all come."

From **Jackie Groeneveld**, "Many people may remember **Pat and Lil McGee**. They were very active in the Tampa Bay unit and at Sarasota. Pat has passed and Lil is in Ohio. Their son has their trailer and completed the 2017 Georgia Plantations Caravan. Lil has her good days and loves to think about her Airstream friends. I'm sure she would love to receive a call or a note from many of us."

Lillian McGee

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We also heard from **Grace Lafferty**. "Thank you for the card with all the names and please tell everyone thank you for all their thoughts and prayers. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated." Grace wishes to sell their 2005 25' Safari Airstream with rear twin beds. They were the second owners. Her email address is: gracelafferty@aol.com.

Sue Wendt first wrote, "I am doing very well. I'm taking Physical Torture better known as physical therapy. My "core" is sore but getting stronger." She also had major flooring work done on her TR house. She later wrote of plans to leave early June to visit in NC, KY, CT, and NH before arriving in Maine. Dave's family and friends plan to distribute his ashes at sea on July 15th. Sue has been a member of FTCU for 25 years!

Most recent new members **Deborah and Tom Mahoney** regretfully publish the following: ***Airstream for sale: 2017 Flying Cloud, 25', FB w/ twin beds. Purchased at 2017 Tampa RV Show; used 2 nights; kept in enclosed storage. Need to sell because unexpected job opportunity precludes trailering for a couple of years. Call 772-532-1919.*** As a Unit, we are saddened that they must delay their Airstream adventures, but sometimes life interferes.

From **Sandy Poast**, we received this message: "We stopped to see the **Buttlemans** last Saturday. **Dave** has finished his chemo and is cancer free right now. **Vickie** had her chemo treatments for bone cancer caused by kidney cancer from years ago. She is now on a chemo

pill. She is using a walker. This has been a rough time for them. There was a period there they couldn't even help each other. Please keep them in your prayers. Your cards and phone calls mean so much to them especially now. They miss everyone.” In a more recent phone call, Vickie said they’re doing as well as can be expected. Dave is doing a good job looking after her. She and her daughter had gone to lunch and a movie, a fun outing which she hopes to repeat. They look forward to seeing members at the November Rally in St. Augustine. Their mailing address to send cards is:

52 Tuscan Way
Suite 202-349
St. Augustine, FL 32092

In May, **Jenny and Dave Southard** wrote: “We just completed our last trip in our Airstream from Carabelle, FL to Carabash, NC and ended on April 30. We have a couple interested in the Airstream and if all goes well, they will be taking it home this weekend. I would like to give them info on becoming a part of the Airstream Club as it has opened so many doors for us. We have met some amazing people through our membership.” Although we will miss them at rallies, Jenny and Dave will continue to attend our picnics and luncheons.

Mike and Alicia Rafter recently completed the Springtime in Kentucky Caravan, and had a delightful adventure. Alicia is a Kentuckian and really appreciated the opportunity to see highlights of her home state. In true Airstream fashion, they renewed old acquaintances and made new ones while visiting and touring. On their way home, they spent ten days with their daughter and her family in SC. The Sheltie pups, Kate and Sam, were good travelers; they are now seven months old. (Blame the caravan for the lack of a May issue of this newsletter!

Safety Tip

Stop every hour to hour and a half to check tires and rig, and to stretch/exercise your body. Such action is good for safety and alertness!