



FTCU Pirate FYI's November, 2017

November 2017 FTCU Installation Rally

Twenty rigs gathered in St. Augustine at the Stagecoach RV Park for the rally hosted by the Poasts and the Stantons. Attending were members **Eric and Susan Taylor-Arens, Jim and Edie Caldwell, Carla Carpenter, Gary and Karen Goforth, Chuck and Jeanna Gorsuch,**



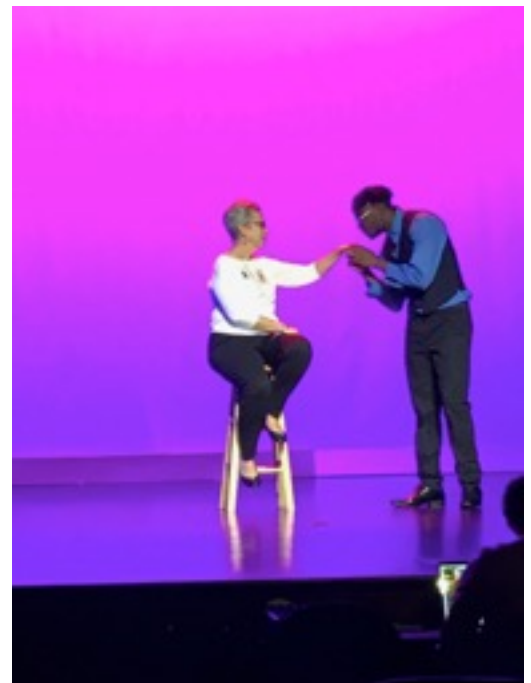
John and Jackie Groeneveld, Blair and Sallie LittleJohn, Jon and Barbara Liversedge, Lois Martens and Jill Ricketts, Leslie Martin, Gene and Sandy Poast, Mike and Alicia Rafter, Joe and Sue Smedley, Ralph and Sylvia Smith, and Rob and Lea Stanton. Affiliate members there were **Alden and Daria Tansey.** Guests included **Sonia Meistrell and Lou Shinnamon** from the Florida Springs Unit, **Gary and Wendy Menne** from the Suncoast Unit, Don and Patsy Gordon and Phil and Elaine Risher. Among the rally activities was a visit to the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. The FTCU group enjoyed a dance

performance by a group of deaf students who invited members of the audience to join them on stage. Barbara Liversedge was asked to the stage by a dance troupe member who performed to the song "My Girl."

New Members

We welcome new members **Lois Martens and Jill Ricketts.** They are former members of the Everglades Unit and MALs. They attended our 2017 Spring Rally in Eustis so some members met them then.

We also welcome new members **Gerry and Roxanne Peebles** from West Palm Beach, **Paul Stinson** from Green Cove Springs and **Harvey and Lynn Berger** from Longwood. We hope to meet these folks in the near future.



Recent new members attending the rally were inducted into the Unit by the Membership Chair Alicia Rafter. Pictured in the photo below, from left, are **Jeanna and Chuck Gorsuch, Barbara**



and Jon Liversedge, Carla Carpenter, Karen Goforth, Edie and Jim Caldwell, Jill Ricketts and Lois Martens.

Include “Airstream” in our Unit name

As a result of the unanimous vote at the Business meeting to change the name of the Unit to the *Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club*, we have submitted the necessary paperwork to bring the matter before the IBT at its next meeting in January.

Tidbits

After Hurricane Irma, **Norma and Morris Foreman** wrote: “No hurricane damage here. Lost power for one and a half days. My computer died 3 weeks ago and got a new one yesterday and had 99 e-mails to deal with. Happy you guys are OK. Norma”

Eric and Susan Arens, Mike and Alicia Rafter and **Alden and Daria Tansey** were among the 162 rigs attending the 2017 Alumalina Rally in late October at Palmetto Cove, SC. They enjoyed three days of good food, fun and fellowship with informative seminars and a visit by “Rita.”

From **Dan Rasmussen** we heard, “I regret to advise that **Virginia** and I will not be renewing our membership henceforth. Our unit and truck are for sale (\$25,000) as we no longer have the time to use them. If anyone is interested in buying them, I can provide details on inquiry.

727-808-4599.

We enjoyed our time with the many friends we made while in the club. Please give everyone our best wishes and hope for many happy and safe trips.

The Airstream is a 25’ model built in 1992 for the president’s secretary. It has extensive red oak inside and is in good shape. The truck is a 2003 Yukon Denali GMC with about 115k miles, also in good shape, painted in September. There are many extras that go with the rig.

I wish we could continue to use it, but we bought a condo near Lauderdale, and spend a lot of time there and plan to sell our house in New Port Richey and move there.”

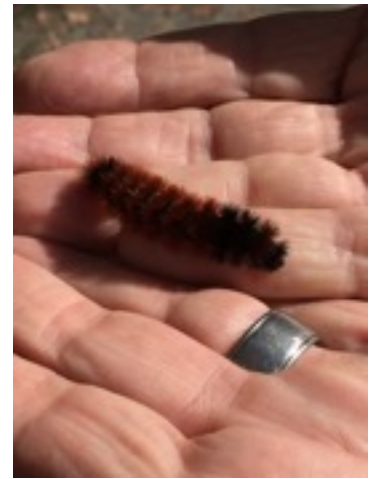
Susan Arens sent the following:

Eric and Susan Arens traveled to the Carolinas in October for some leaf peeping and some cooler air. They spent a week in the Blowing Rock area of NC at Grandfather Campground. They visited the legendary cliff known as Blowing Rock and an alpaca farm where they took a

tour and Susan bought some yarn and fresh eggs. They also visited the town of Boone (Home to Appalachian State University), Banner Elk (where the annual Woolly Worm Festival is held), and nearby peaceful Valle Crucis. The Woolly Worm Festival is held annually the third week in October to predict the winter forecast in the High Country of NC by



examining the 13 bands of a woolly bear caterpillar. The caterpillars race on strings and the winner is used to make the forecast. While the Arens' skipped the Festival, they did find a woolly bear caterpillar while hiking. They predict it will be a cold winter in the High Country, relatively speaking, of course.



After a relaxing week in NC, the Arens' traveled south to Cleveland, SC for the Alumalina rally where they met up with the Rafter's, Susan Quintana, and the Tansey's, along with friends from the 2016 Southwest Caravan, and many other Airstreamers. The rally was well attended, and the food and festivities were great as usual. When the weather turned rainy, they enjoyed margaritas by the fireplace in the pavilion.

While attending the FTCU Unit rally, they toured downtown St. Augustine, where Eric located and showed Susan a "secret" symbol that his parents carved in the mortar of a column under an arch. Eric never did learn what the symbol between his parents meant, but treasures the memory from his childhood.

Eric and Susan wish the Unit members a happy and healthy holiday season with family and friends and look forward to a prosperous 2018, and want to thank everyone for their friendship and participation.

2018 Region 3 Rally

Recent mailing from Region 3 VP Randy Godfrey have indicated that spots are still available for the Region 3 Rally, April 25 - 29 at the Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC. Call 1-800-722-1451 now to make your reservations and have your name put on one of our sites. Tell them you are with the AIRSTREAM REGION 3 RALLY. They have blocked off the entire week of April 22 – 29 for us, but you do not have to stay the entire week—pick your length of stay. A 50% deposit is required at the time of making your reservation.

If you are interested in a caravan to the R3 Rally, contact Unit Vice-President, Joe Smedley, fjsjmedley@embarqmail.com.

2018 International Rally

For details on the International Rally, see the *Blue Beret*.