



FTCAC Pirate FYI's January, 2018

It's Official - Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club

On January 13, we received notice from R3 VP **Randy Godfrey** that our club's request for a name change was approved at the IBT (International Board of Trustees) meeting on January 11, 2018. Now we need to update the website and our Constitution and Bylaws. Randy recommends we wait until the new C & BL models are out from HQ before tackling that job. Our VP **Joe Smedley** has a committee to work on updating the club logo and flag for future approval. Webmaster **Alicia Rafter** will work on updating the website in the near future.

IBT Rally

Sue Wendt sent photos and info about the IBT Rally in Sarasota. She wrote: "Sandy Poast took a carload of shoppers to her favorite consignment shops in Sarasota. Then we all had a nice lunch on the waterfront. We also went to some of Sandy's favorite specialty food shops.

"There were a couple of seminars, one on *Airstreaming 101* and another on *Backing up Your Spouse*. There were approximately 80 rigs at the rally. One night the entertainment

was a country singer, and the other two nights there were circus performers. Carolyn Zimmer-Stone (South Florida Unit member) has known the performing family almost her whole life and arranged for them to perform for us."



Photo at left
Gene and Sandy Poast, Edie and Jim Caldwell, Sue Wendt

In picture-perfect weather, Unit members and guests gathered for a Happy Hour during the IBT Rally.

Photo at right

Back row: Sue Wendt, Al Buchanan, Gene Poast, guests John & Barbara Miller (Florida Springs Unit), Charles and Peggy Matthews
Front row: Sandy Poast, Gracie Buchanan, guests Jean Helker and Dick Bartram



In addition to the photos Sue sent, we also saw the one at left on Facebook with an attached post reading: “You can see who Gene Poast was attracted to at the IBT in Sarasota. Caroline Zimmer-Stone arranged for Sarasota circus performers for our evening entertainment. Oh yes!”

(Fortunately for Gene, the Facebook posting was done by his wife Sandy, so we guess he isn't in too much trouble. 😊)

New Officer Needed

The Nominating Committee is looking for someone to serve as Vice-President. This individual will be nominated, and elected, at the upcoming April meeting and installed at the November meeting. He/She will serve as VP in 2019 and as President in 2020. We sincerely need a volunteer in order to avoid serious injuries from arm-twisting and cajoling. Contact **Sallie LittleJohn**, **Jill Ricketts** or **Alicia Rafter** if you are willing to serve. **Leslie Martin** has volunteered to take on the 2-year Director position, so only the VP position is open.

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual March luncheon will be held at Manero's Restaurant, 2851 SW High Meadow, Palm City, FL 34990, on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 11:45. The food is good and the company is even better! Make plans to attend. Please RSVP to Alicia Rafter by Wednesday, March 7.

Are You Going on a Caravan in 2018 or 2019?

A member recently brought to our attention that it would be nice to know if other FTCAC members were signed up for a particular caravan. While, for security issues, we would not publish such information in this newsletter or on the website, we could put members in contact with one another so they could share info, travel plans, etc. If you are going on a caravan this year or next, please let us know which one and we will provide a "clearing house," of sorts.

Tidbits

In mid-December we received the following from **Carol Wallen**. "Hi Alicia. Home now and noticed my phone number incorrect on this attachment. It is 352-348-6193. Also wanted to say that I can offer one night Courtesy Parking here at Dafoe Terrace, The Villages, FL. 32163. Bcwallen6254@aol.com. Trying to get back home and get connected."

Chuck Gorsuch recently had complete shoulder replacement surgery and is currently recuperating.

Jack McLaughlin had knee replacement surgery. In spite of physical therapy, his progress has been slower than he would like. For those who know Jack, that is quite understandable; anything less than lickety-split would be too slow!

Rob and Lea Stanton are the proud grandparents of twin boys born just before Christmas!



From early November to early January, **Mike and Alicia Rafter** were in South Carolina, "camping" in their daughter's driveway. They were there to help as their daughter recovered from surgery.



While Alicia cooked, cleaned, did laundry and picked up grandson from school, Mike tended the three dogs and did chores on the two Airstreams, including installing two new Fantastic fans. When their son came

for Christmas, it was the first time in ten years they'd all been together for the holiday. While they had balmy days the week before Christmas, with windows open and pleasant breezes, they endured much colder weather before leaving. Fortunately, they had an electric radiant heater and electric blankets to stay warm. During the drive home, they encountered snow and slush on the roadsides and medians; the driving lanes were clear, albeit wet. Photos show pecan trees in south Georgia, morning thermometer in trailer bedroom (yes, that's 10), their trailer on Hwy 25 in south Georgia as Alicia followed Mike home.



2018 Region 3 Rally

You may still be able to get a spot 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*.

FTCAC Rallies

We are awaiting details on the venues and hosts for the April and November rallies. The dates for these rallies are April 19 - 22, 2018 and November 1 - 4, 2018.