



FTCU Pirate FYI's August, 2017

2017 International Rally

The Escanaba, MI rally is now in the annals of the organization's history. FTCU members in attendance enjoyed themselves and report having a good time. **Gene Poast** received an appreciation gift from outgoing First Lady Jan Girard. He was in charge of the flag postings for the opening and closing ceremonies. Gene also won a \$100 gift certificate from the Airstream factory. **Carol Wallen** came for a day visit. Pictured at right are (seated) **Sandy Poast, Leslie Martin, Jan Werner;**



(standing) **Allen Strickland, Jo Wagnon, Jeannie Martin, Dick Martin** (behind Jeannie), **Gene Poast, Bonnie Herman, Bob Herman, Sue Smedley and Joe Smedley.** (Not Pictured: **Ted and Donna Smith**).

Vice-President Elect **Joe Smedley** carried the Unit flag. **Leslie Martin** carried the flag for the FreeWheelers Intraclub.

are **Sue Smedley and Leslie Martin.**

Pictured at right



New Member

We welcome **Carla Carpenter** from St. Augustine to our group! She is planning to attend the November rally. We are looking forward to getting acquainted at that time.

Luncheon

On Thursday, August 3rd, seven members met for lunch at Manero's in Palm City to welcome



new-ish members **Jeanna** and **Chuck Gorsuch** to the club. Those attending were **Susan Taylor-Arens**, **Alicia** and **Mike Rafter** and **Lea** and **Robert Stanton**. Jeanna and Chuck are looking forward to their first rally in November.

Tidbits

Norma and **Morris Foreman** want folks to know their new phone number is 352-300-3224. Please make a note in your directory. We reported last month on the Foremans' recent move to Ocala.

Susan Taylor-Arens is doing much better after her recent surgery. Although it took longer than she would have liked, she is recovering from all aspects of the procedure.

On the Blue Ridge Parkway, Loop A at Doughton Park is scheduled for paving beginning August 14th. **Blair** and **Sallie LittleJohn** will have to evacuate their camp hosting site for a week or so. If you are planning to visit them on the BRP during that time, call for info.

Alicia and **Mike Rafter** recently camped at Koreshan State Park in Estero on Florida's West Coast. Their 8-month old dogs, Kate and Sam, needed some dental work done at a specialist veterinary clinic in Bonita Springs. In spite of the hot weather, they enjoyed their visit; they are avid fans of state parks.

November 2017 FTCU Installation Rally

The November Unit Rally will be at Stagecoach RV Park in St. Augustine, November 2 - 5. **Gene** and **Sandy Poast** and **Rob** and **Lea Stanton** are hosting. 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! Your hosts have made plans and promise a good time in the "oldest city." The rally information and coupon were sent and will be sent again in the near future.

Include "Airstream" in our Unit name?

We have had some feedback regarding a Unit name change to include the word Airstream. All feedback so far is in favor. The *Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club* has been suggested. A number of Units across the country are making their Units easier to find online and on social media by having the word *Airstream* in their names. Let us hear from you! There is a procedure to go through HQ if we wish to pursue such a change. There will be a motion at the November meeting to change the name to the above in order to begin this process.

Members' Travels

We heard from **Kathy and Fred Dulas** about their recent trip. In Kathy's words:

"We decided to take our fairly new Classic Airstream on her first visit to the Florida Keys in mid-July. Because it was a last-minute trip, we had no luck in finding space in the State parks and opted for two private RV resorts. Keys Palms RV Resort in Key Largo is relatively new, having opened in October 2016. It is a beauty! It's not cheap, but it is a beautiful, small RV resort on the Gulf. They have about 25 sites, a large pool, launch area for your kayak, laundry, exercise room and great bathroom facilities. I have attached photos of our Airstream parked at Keys Palms, and my husband Fred and daughter Emily enjoying a sunset there. We had a great time there.



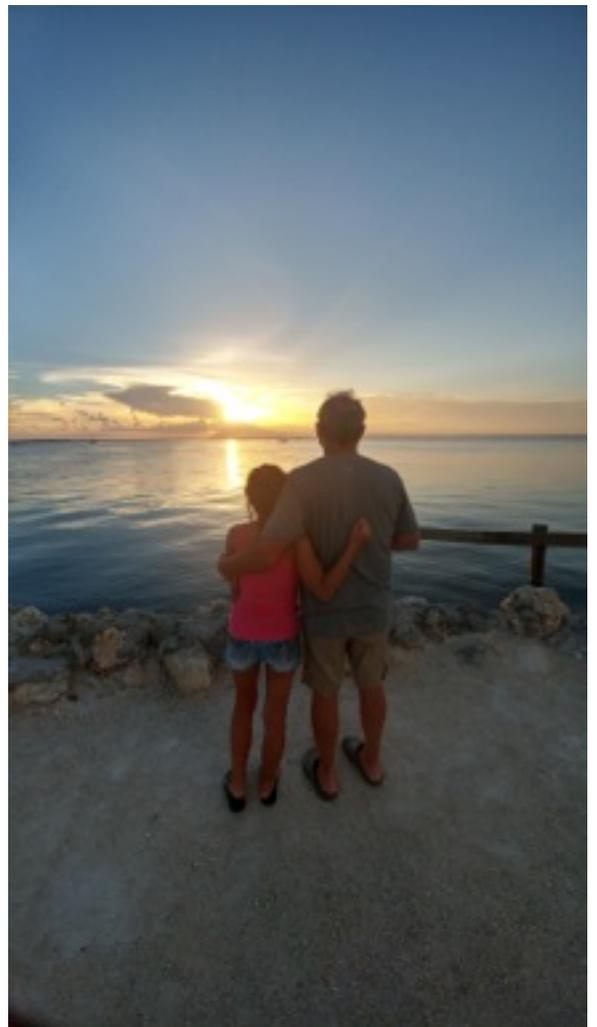
We then headed to Grassy Key RV Resort, just north of Marathon, where we met up with our friends in their new Bambi. Again, this is a small RV resort on the Gulf, with a marina, kayak launch area, tiki hut, nice clubhouse and pool. The great thing about their pool is it is aerated, which means it cools down the water temperature even in the 95+ heat which was wonderful. And did I mention, that in both places we had great sunset views. We enjoyed this resort so much that we booked it over Thanksgiving.

Our Airstream handled the heat great as our two ACs worked like a charm to keep us cool. All in all, a wonderful mini-vacation in our beautiful State.

We have decided to join the Stantons and participate in the Urban Air Airstream Event in Eaton Rapids, Michigan in mid-September. Since my husband Fred is originally from Michigan, we will take advantage of some of Michigan's great parks while there. Life is good."

Due\$ New\$ from Blair LittleJohn

WBCCI will be collecting the 2018 dues from International members this year. In October I will send out the dues notices prepared by the staff in Jackson Center. Please check the information printed on the form. Make corrections if necessary. Then mail your check in the enclosed envelope to the WBCCI office in Jackson Center, Ohio. They will forward the unit dues to our bank account. If you have a Pay Pal account you may pay on line. Affiliate members will receive a bill from me and will send your dues to me in the enclosed envelope.



Trailer for Sale

2005 25' Airstream Safari, rear twin beds; custom made drapes; new refrigerator; new tires in 2015; 2 Honda generators new December 2015, used for a few months in 2016; non-smoking; very good condition; second owners. Contact gracelafferty@aol.com. Before his death last February, Tom Lafferty had been an Airstreamer since the early 1970s. This was his fifth Airstream. Those who knew him know that he took good care of his rig.

Senior Park Pass

On July 10, the National Park Service announced a price increase that will push the cost of a Lifetime Senior Pass from \$10 to \$80 on Monday, Aug. 28. As a second option, a \$20 Annual Senior Pass will be available.

Seniors who choose the latter option will be rewarded with a lifetime pass after purchasing the annual pass for four years

Need for News

In order to publish the FYI's, we need to hear from **you!** Please send reports of your travels, favorite camping spots, or new experiences. This newsletter should not be a mere recycling of announcements of upcoming events.

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

Region 3 VP Randy Godfrey sent out the following on May 24: "Start Making Your Reservations Now for the 2018 Region 3 Rally. Our 2018 Region 3 Rally will be held April 25 – 29, 2018 at the beautiful [Ocean Lakes Family Campground](#); 6001 South Kings Hwy.; Myrtle Beach, SC 29575 (GPS: N33° 37.701, W78° 57.725). We have sites being held in the three oceanfront sections I, H, and HH, so there is plenty of room for everyone.

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

2018 International Rally

Sites are going fast for the next International Rally in Salem, OR. You should have received information recently from R3 VP **Randy Godfrey** with more details

FTCU Website

Please go to ftcu.wbccci.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.