FUN TIMES

SOUTH FLORIDA AIRSTREAM CLUB
Wally Byam Caravan Club International
Jan/Feb 2019

Happy and Blessed New Year to all our Airstream Members,

We began the Holiday Season with a gathering of 20 members on December 16 for a Patio Party at the Riverside Hotel on Las Olas Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. A BIG THANKS to Jim & Marilyn Ulmer for this location! Each Rally we attend seems to bring new experiences to us. January 8th was the beginning of our "Experiencing the Mennonite Community in Sarasota". We soaked up the atmosphere and people of this community along with the variety of delicious food and auction items. We learned about Honey Bees from Alma of The Sarasota Honey Company and Doc gave us a tour of The International Showmen's Museum filled with history in Riverview. Birds, reptiles & wildlife of Jungle Gardens and manatee in the wild were added attractions. This was all topped off with a rum tour of Siesta Key Rum Factory.

All these experiences couldn't have happened without the help of many. A **special thanks** goes to Charley May, Dennis Ober & Max Joseph for parking 28 rigs; Caroline Zimmer-Stone for input on sights & places to eat in Sarasota; Judy Harrison for organizing our activities of Jan 9th and our Hot Dog/S'mores dinner; Myra Joseph for her many Tips in the Kitchen and the delicious Bachelor's Creamy Pumpkin Soup tasting, along with her many recipe handouts; Susan Quintana's advice and delicious Oatmeal & Ice Cream Breakfast; Bill & Beth Racavich for being there whenever needed; and all those who volunteered to serve & clean-up.

This was a very special rally because we had 54 attendees which included a Louisiana Caravan of 6, led by Dale & Kathy Spillman and a group from Pennsylvania joined us. We met many new friends and gained 3 new affiliate members. This rally taught us a big lesson about Emergency Contacts preparation. Bernice Richardson took a tumble in her RV and ended up with a partial hip replacement. She is in physical therapy in Punta Gorda as she recovers. Thanks to Emilio Caragol, we now have an Emergency Form with contact numbers to be given out at each rally.

Our "Three State Park Caravan" is coming up. Each State Park is unique, offering different experiences from tram & boat tours to hikes & museums, and a free day at each park & town for area exploring. If you happen to be in the area at the time our caravan is there, please be sure to stop by and visit us. A tentative schedule is inside our newsletter for each state park. See page 11.

Highlands Hammock State Park	Feb. 24, 25, 26	16 rigs
Blue Springs State Park	Feb. 27, 28, Mar. 1	15 rigs
Hillsborough River State Park	March 2, 3, 4	12 rigs

I hope to see you at our next gathering,

Donna Laurie, President

South Florida Airstream Club - Board Members

OFFICERS 2019

PRESIDENT
Donna Laurie

1ST VICE PRESIDENT
& International Rec. Sec.
Eileen Frerking

2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Judy Harrison

TREASURER
Susan Quintana

RECORDING SEC.
Essy Donoso

CORRESPONDING SEC.
Nai Carlson

TRUSTEES 2019

TRUSTEE - 1YR.
Laurie Jones

TRUSTEE - 1 YR.
Tony Laurie

Parliamentarian
Max Joseph

TRUSTEE - 2 YR.
Nai Carlson

TRUSTEE - 2 YR.
Patricio Donoso

PAST PRESIDENT
Beth Racavich

Minutes of the South Florida Airstream Club – Unit 30 WBCCI
Board Meeting at Sarasota Fairgrounds
January 12, 2019

The meeting of the South Florida Airstream Club – Unit 30 WBCCI, was called to order by President, Donna Laurie at 7:00 p.m.

The Roll Call was conducted by Essy Donoso, Recording Secretary.
The results are:

Present	Absent
Donna Laurie - President	Eileen Frerking - 1st VP
Judy Harrison - 2nd VP	Laurie Jones - 1 Year Trustee
Susan Quintana - Treasurer	
Essy Donoso - Recording Secretary	
Nai Carlson - Corresponding Secretary and 2 Year Trustee	
Tony Laurie - 1 Year Trustee	
Patricio Donoso - 2 Year Trustee	
Max Joseph - Parliamentarian	
Beth Racavich - Past President	

A quorum was declared.

Minutes: President Donna Laurie noted the minutes from prior meeting were published in the club's last newsletter. Myra Joseph moved to accept them as reported, the motion was second and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Quintana, Treasurer, reported that we have $6224.50 in our checking account, less the expenses for this rally. We have the 2 CD's of $5,002.69 & $7,013.45.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Sympathy card was sent to Tony Laurie for the passing of his brother-in-law.
Get well cards where sent to John Frerking, and Jim Ulmer.
A thank you letter was received from the Heritage Museum, thanking the club for the donation.
A photo & letter will be published in the upcoming newsletter.
Dennis Aiello sent a letter thanking the club for their guidance on burying a used Airstream RV.

Committee Reports:

- Nominating Committee - Beth Racavich disclosed the 2020 Board nominees. They are:
  - Eileen Frerking - President
  - Judy Harrison - 1st VP
  - Emilio Caragol - 2nd VP
  - Essy Donoso - Recording Secretary
  - Nai Carlson - Corresponding Secretary and 1 year Trustee
  - Susan Quintana - Treasurer
  - Patricio Donoso - 1 year Trustee
  - Elwin Exum - 2nd year Trustee
  - Max Joseph - Parliamentarian
  - Tom Carlson - 2 year Trustee
  - Donna Laurie - Past President
  - Beth Racavich - Membership

Old Business:

- Membership Committee - Beth Racavich talked about the December Holiday get together at Riverside Hotel on Las Olas in Ft. Lauderdale. The event was a success with many members in attendance including some new members. About 25 people attended.
- News Letter Committee - Tony Laurie asked members to send their birthday and anniversary dates if they want them published in the news letter. Please send in word or publisher and photos in JPEG. The club's directory is upcoming. They will be distributed in our next event for all active members.
- Still have flags for sale. They are $33 each.
- Donna Laurie is looking for a Social Director on the west cost to be able to organize events for members in the area, such as luncheons and gatherings. Let Beth or Donna know.
- Patricio Donoso explained his idea of a "Buddy-up" program where new members could be assigned to an active member in their area so that a call can be made to welcome them and encourage them to attend a rally and be a contact person for them in case they have questions or need assistance. All members that were present liked the idea. Beth is going to create the "Buddy-up" list.

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New Business:

- Donna mentioned we can donate $100 to a Sarasota charity. Bill Racavich made a motion to give the money to a local food bank. It was decided to give the $100 donation to the Sarasota Salvation Army. The motion was approved, second, and passed.
- Beth went over her visit to North Trail RV. They are receptive to work with our club. Our club promotes their business and they work with us. Beth mentioned they might sponsor a rally in the spring or fall, possibly in a Seminole Campground near them. They would provide food and entertainment in addition to giving us a seminar on service and maintenance. Beth provided them with contact cards so they can be given to new Airstream owners. The rally might be in May. Beth will send an e-mail with more details.
- Beth will propose the same idea to RV One in Tampa.
- Emilio Caragol, proposed an idea to have a couple of contact persons within our group for when we get together in our rally's. It will be used to have a contact person in case a member needs medical assistance. We will have a primary and secondary contact. Emilio volunteered to be a contact.
- Emilio encourage all members to not hesitate to ask for assistance if needed, specially during emergencies.
- Emilio will provide an "Advance" list for our upcoming caravan, listing Hospitals, Dentists, Veterinarian in the area. Emilio's idea was accepted.

Announcements:

- Donna Laurie - Upcoming caravan/rally February 24, to March 4, 2019. We will be staying in 3 State Parks. 1st stop at Highland Hammocks State Park, Sebring, we have 16 rigs coming, 2nd stop at Blue Spring State Park, in Orange City, we have 15 rigs coming, and 3rd and final stop at Hillsborough River State Park, we have 12 rigs coming. An email with more information will be coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Essy Donoso, Recording Secretary

Above Photos submitted by Dale Spillman

January 8-13, 2019 Rally Experiencing the Mennonite Community
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South Florida Airstream Club Donates to Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda, FL
1200 W Retta Esplanade, Unit 48, Fisherman's Village, Punta Gorda, FL 33950-5377

Executive Director: Gary Butler Tour Guide : Bob Richardson

Photos submitted by Caroline Zimmer-Stone
A pocket knife was lost at rally by Caroline. If found contact her.

Register Now for the 2019 Region 3 Rally

April 24-28, 2019 Region 3 Rally in the Blue Ridge

There are three ways to pre-register. PICK ONE!

Online fill out the 2019 R3 Rally Registration form on the R3 website region3.wbcci.net and pay the rally fee when you arrive. Or,

- Download, print, and mail the registration form (click the button below) with your rally fee check, payable to WBCCI Region 3, to Alicia Rafter, R3 Registrar, 1864 Indian Rd W, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 to arrive by April 10. Or,

- Fill out the coupon in the Blue Beret and send with your rally fee check, payable to WBCCI Region 3, to Alicia Rafter, R3 Registrar, 1864 Indian Rd W, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 to arrive by April 10.

Pre-register in order to receive all the informational emails concerning the rally, including detailed directions, activities, and schedules. Pre-registering also helps ensure enough tables, chairs, food.

Everyone will pay their camping fees directly to the campground after arrival and before coming to the rally registration table. You may register in the campground office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Bring your campground receipt with you to the rally registration table.

Please do NOT call the campground to reserve a site. The entire rally park is ours. There are 280 sites with full hook-ups and 100 with water and electric. Choose your site when you arrive. They are all the same. The campground fee is $32 per night.

https://region3.wbcci.net/

Victoria Magnacca needs volunteers in Doswell to proctor seminars. If you would like to help, contact Victoria at: airstream5591@gmail.com

Member News - South Florida Airstream Club

Welcome New Members

Randy Boyer	Deland, FL	#7992
Howard & Ann Schutt	Daytona Beach, FL	#30150
Kevin & Mary Short	Cray Court, SC	#21370

Total Club Members: 49 See info below for membership renewal.

Hope to see you soon at our South Florida Rallies and Caravans!
New members who attend their first rally will receive a $25. coupon.

Beth Racavich, Membership Chairman 954-648-7771

South Florida Airstream Club Members

Unit 30 Annual Renewal Date Was: September 15, 2018

Lifetime members **MUST** go through the renewal process.

Renewing prior to November 30, 2018 will insure that your names will be published in next years **Blue Beret Membership Edition**

International $65.

Unit 30 Dues: $10. (Member or Affiliate)

Total $75.

Renew Online Today by clicking the link below with WBCCI:

http://wbcci.org/component/rsform/form/12-renew-your-wbcci-membership

Select under Unit Dues (*): Region 3, Unit 030 - SOUTH FLORIDA - 10.00 USD

Susan Quintana
Treasurer: South Florida Airstream Club 504 Taylor Road E., Deland, FL 32724
Direct any questions to Susan at: quin1427@aol.com

Looking for Some Adventure This Winter and Spring?

The South Florida Airstream Club Rally Sites at the Three State Parks Caravan in February/ March are for the most part filled. You may get lucky if you call to book a campsite and find that someone has cancelled.

A detailed email for scheduling and rally fees will be sent to the members who signed up.

Our State Parks Caravan is going to be exciting! We will be visiting 3 state parks in Florida, enjoying the natural beauty and history of each park. Join us for all or just one.

	Rally Hosts
February 24, 25, 26, 2019 at **Highlands Hammock State Park**	**Nai Carlson 305-877-3185**
February 27, 28, & March 1, 2019 at **Blue Springs State Park**	**Sue Quintana 305-281-3920**
March 2, 3, 4, 2019 at **Hillsborough River State Park**	**Judy Harrison 813-928-1536**

Call ReserveAmerica at 800-326-3521 or
Go online at FloridaStateParks.ReserveAmerica.com to find a site.
Florida Seniors get 50 off. Special adventures are planned at each park along with a free day for adventures on your own. So far we have 16 rigs signed up for Highlands Hammock, 15 rigs for Blue Springs and 12 rigs for Hillsborough River State Park.

Donna Laurie, President
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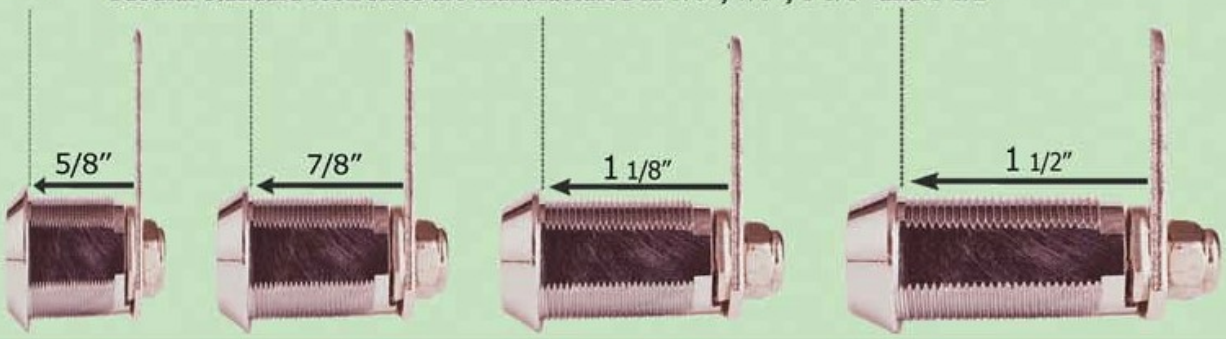
donna@ajlaurie.com

Tech Advice
Submitted by Emilio Caragol

Replacing your RV storage locks made simple.

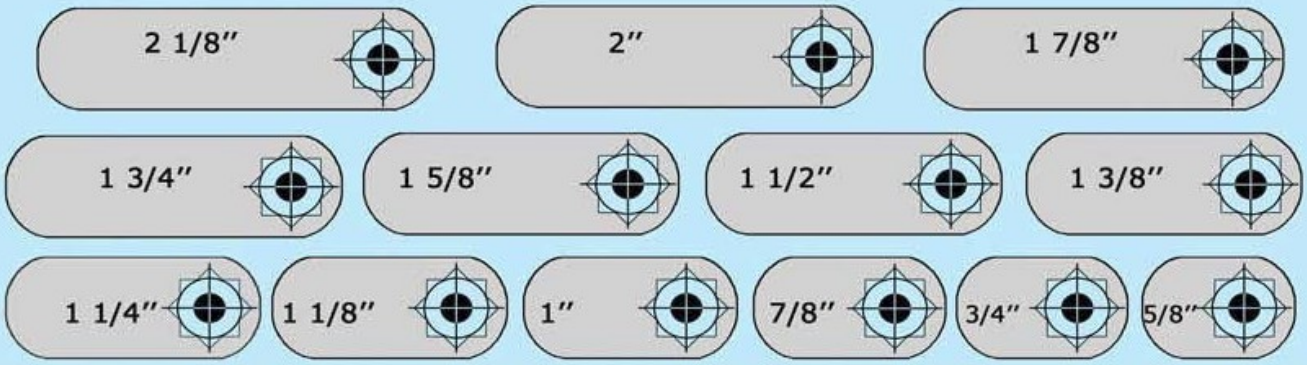
STEP 1 LOCKS

Determine what size lock you're replacing by placing your current lock on the image below.
Tubular standard lock sizes are manufactured in 5/8", 7/8", 1 1/8" and 1 1/2"



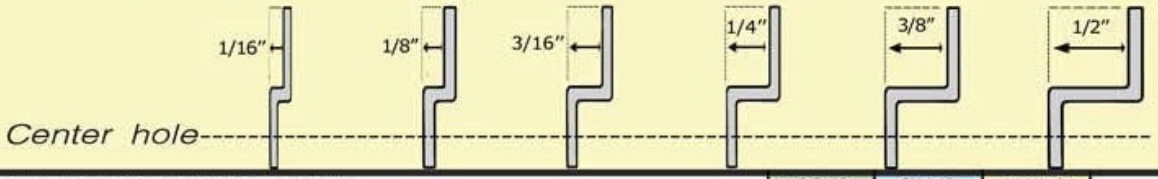
STEP 2 CAMS

Determine what size cam/locking arm is required by placing your current cam on the image below.
(PLEASE NOTE: cams are measured from center of hole to furthest outside radius).



STEP 3 BENDS

Some locks are manufactured with offset/inset cams. Determine the offset/inset dimension by placing your current cam/locking arms on the image below. NOTE: Not all cams/locking arms are manufactured with 90° angles; however all offset/insets are measured in the same way.



ORDERING INFORMATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CREDIT CARD# _____

CREDIT CARD HOLDER'S NAME _____

EXPIRATION DATE ___ ___ CVC# _____ VISA MASTERCARD AMERICAN XPRESS DISCOVER

Complete this form and fax it to 661-224-1011 or mail to:
40222B, La Quinta Lane, #101, Palmdale, CA 93551

QTY	LOCKS SIZE	CAMS SIZE	BENDS SIZE	TOTAL AMOUNT

SUB-TOTAL _____
STATE TAX (CA ONLY) _____
SHIPPING/HANDLING _____
TOTAL _____

CONGRATS

January

Bill Racavich	5
Susan Quintana	9
Nai Carlson	13
Caroline Zimmer-Stone	14

February

Dave Perrucci	19

March

Pat Jones	8

April

Beth Racavich	27

January

February

March

April

If you would like to have your birthdays or anniversaries posted here, please send info to Tony Laurie.

We wish Bernice well!

2019 RALLIES

January 8-13, 2019 **Experiencing the Mennonite Community in Sarasota.** Sarasota Fairgrounds 3000 Ringling Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34237 Send camping fee of $150. to Susan or $25 per night. Rally fees are free to our Unit 30 members.

February 24-March 4, 2019 **Three State Park Caravan**
Special adventures are planned at each park along with a free day for yourselves.
February 24, 25, 26, 2019 at Highlands Hammock State Park
February 27, 28, & March 1, 2019 at Blue Springs State Park
March 2, 3, 4, 2019 at Hillsborough River State Park
See details on page 11.

April 24-28, 2019 **Region 3 Rally in the Blue Ridge**
The rally will be at Tom Johnson Rally Park 2695 US Hwy. 70 W. in beautiful Marion, NC. **All site reservations will be handled by Region 3 staff when you register for the rally.** As we get closer to the rally time, additional registration information will be posted on the website and distributed in the Region 3 newsletters. See page 9.

July 20-27, 2019 **62nd WBCCI International Rally**
Meadow Event Park. Doswell, Virginia
Go to https://wbcci.org/home/caravans/rallies/international-rally/2019-doswell-va/doswell-registration

Please make **all rally checks** payable to **South Florida Unit 30**, unless you are booking directly with the campgrounds or Region 3 or International Rallies.

62nd International Rally

Register online at WBCCI.org

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Parliamentarian	Max Joseph
Membership	Beth Racavich
Past President	Beth Racavich
1 year Trustee	Laurie Jones
1 year Trustee	Tony Laurie
2 year Trustee	Nai Carlson
2 year Trustee	Patricio Donoso

Editor's Note

When submitting articles for the newsletter, please send a **Word File, Publisher File** or use **Google Docs** & share with me using my email address: **tony@ajlaurie.com**

It will make it much easier to work with.
Thanks, Tony

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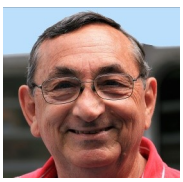

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