

Airstream Adventures Around the Southeast



“New Year, New Adventures”

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Millie's Musings....

Greetings. Welcome to 2022. We have so much to be thankful for and to look forward to! We had some terrific rallies in 2021 despite all the doom and gloom. I've learned to shut off the news and make my own little world. Centered around all things Airstream of course. This year's rallies began with a great time at Can Opener at Topsail Preserve. [I'm writing from Topsail today].



We head to IBT in Savanna next and I'm looking forward to Farm Life 2022. If you've never been to this wonderful rally add it to your must-see locations.

This year we will be enjoying our first rally hosted by members of the newly formed intra club, Grapes and Grains. It will be held in Bardstown Kentucky this coming June. Space is still available at this writing. And speaking of hosting, we can always use more members to host a rally. It is super easy to do and we are all here to help and guide you. Reach out to a unit officer and let's get after it! This year we look forward to a fishing rally, a stews and brews rally, the International rally and so much more. We always have room for more great ideas. We also look forward to seeing the photos you took at your last gathering. Or maybe you did some family travel or solo travel. Share the pictures with our newsletter editor Kathy Carl (kathy@Kathycarl.com) She can always use your tidbits to share with us here. I wish you safe travels, happy adventures, and new discoveries.

Millie

We Rally Together! Upcoming SECU Rallies

March 16-20, 2022
Stews and Brews Rally
A.H. Stephens State Park
Crawfordville, Georgia



Come join us for shared Brews and Stews.
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with chili, Irish stew, burgoo,
or any other fabulous stew you want to make! We will encourage you to bring
some brews to share as well! We will schedule different dishes for each day.
Come share your favorite recipe and celebrate the Luck of the Irish! This lovely
park has amazing walking trails, a museum, fishing and more. Nearby you will
find civil war historic sites and small town unique antique shops! See the SECU
Facebook page to register.

April 6-10, 2022
Region 3 Rally
Georgia Mountain Fairground



Grab your registrations now and be sure to tell them you
are with the Airstream group. This location is on the lake
in Hiawassee Georgia. Let's gather for some fun! See
our Facebook page to register!

April 29 – May 8, 2022
Taste of Texas
Mystic Quarry Resort
Canyon Lake, Texas

Gathering Point will be the North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC) in Hillsboro, Texas on April 29 with a Welcome Fiesta of fajitas and margaritas, hosted by Andy Selking and Kathy Carl. Then a shopping day at the fabulous Canton First Monday Market Days in Canton, Texas (FirstMondayCanton.com) .



Then we caravan down to the Mystic Quarry Resort near Canyon Lake ([www.Mystic Quarry.com](http://www.MysticQuarry.com)) as a home base for the rest of the week. Optional day trips will include Luckenbach, Texas, world-famous Gruene and Gruene Hall (the oldest dance hall in Texas), Salt Lick Restaurant for lunch, Deep Eddy Vodka Distillery, shopping in historic New Braunfels and Fredericksburg. Fishing, tubing the river and kayaking are available. No-fee event, make your own reservations, and participate in as many or as few activities as you choose. Contact Kathy Carl for more information. 830-708-2235 or Kathy@KathyCarl.com.

May 11-15, 2022
Catch Me If You Can
Desoto State Park
Ft. Payne, Alabama



Calling all fly fishers (and any other kind of fishers). Come check out the lakes and streams in beautiful northeastern Alabama. Even if you don't fish, come enjoy the trails and tranquility of the area. Bring your favorite fry pan in case we catch dinner! Register on our Facebook page.

June 17-25. 2022

**"Smidge of the Blue Ridge" Caravan
Bryson City, NC**

"Smidge of the Blue Ridge" is a 10 Day Caravan along the Blue Ridge Parkway with fun and active events (ziplining, white water rafting, bike riding down the Creeper trail, hiking etc.) Here is a link to all the details on the Club Website: [Smidge of the Blue Ridge Caravan 2022 | ACI \(airstreamclub.org\)](https://airstreamclub.org/Smidge-of-the-Blue-Ridge-Caravan-2022). There are still

openings so don't delay! Henry Knight is the Caravan Leader, carolinasc100@gmail.com, 843-697-5350

Register on the [Airstream Club Website](https://airstreamclub.org).

**Treasurer's Report
Alan Rabb**

Total SECU membership 249

Affiliate members 117 - 28 have not paid their annual dues

Regular members 132 - 36 have not paid their annual dues

Out of these 249 members there are still 64 that have not paid their dues. Please get your \$1 to Airstream or Alan so you can stay a part of our wonderful SECU airstream family

Thank you,

Alan
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MEET OUR TREASURER - ALAN D. RABB



FAMILY

Alan has been married to his lovely wife for 35 years. An interesting fact is that they used to double date but each of them had a different boyfriend and girlfriend. Fate brought them together not to long after they both found themselves single again. Although they both moved around a bit as children they both have been in Atlanta for nearly 50 years. They have two children – Chase a 29 year old sales executive in Orlando Florida and Spencer a CPA that lives and works in Atlanta. They also have two dogs – a Maltese - Bogey (they live on a golf course) and a Morkie – Bella. They all live in Greensboro, Georgia about 90 minutes East of Atlanta. They enjoy routing for the Auburn Tigers and watching as much College football as they can – War Damn Eagle!!!!

HOBBIES AND RV LIFE

Alan's hobbies include golf, photography, reading, traveling and a passion for swimming that spans 50 years – he has swum from Alcatraz to San Francisco 3 times. Alan & Jill purchased their first RV in 2017 – a Class A motorcoach – 1 long trip to Texas and they decided it was time to look for something simpler. In 2018 they bought a 27-foot Globetrotter – in this RV they were heading down the Florida turnpike and were struck by lightning – Airstream was OK but the truck never recovered. They say the third time is the charm and “Winston” their 30 foot Airstream officially joined their family to stay in February 2020. They have logged about 10,000 miles in Winston so far and look forward to many more adventures.

CAREER AND EDUCATION

Alan worked for 30 years with The Coca-Cola Company serving as Senior Vice President and CFO for the USA Operations Business of Coca-Cola prior to his retirement in 2018.

After Alan retired from The Coca-Cola Company in 2018 he wrote a book published in 2020 that is titled - “Four O’Clock Fridays” One Man’s Journey to Become His Best Self. In his book Alan shares five guiding principles as a roadmap by which you can live. This roadmap will help lead a person to achieving their own personal success. He is a frequent speaker and panelist on Careers and Leadership at area colleges and universities.

Alan has not been known to sit still for long. He has two MBAs from Mercer University in International Business and Finance. He hold a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting is from Emory University and executive education from Wharton Business School. In 2018 he was certified in Criminal Forensics by Colorado State University. In 2021 he will complete all his training and license exam to become a Licensed Real Estate Appraiser in Georgia.



Canopener Virgin

By Millie O'Donnell

This was my first Canopener event and it was a blast from the start!

We spent the pre Canopener week exploring the area, finding cool things on the beach (beautiful but don't step on the jellyfish!)

The campground at Topsail is spectacular. Full hookup sites and a well stocked coffee shop with a taproom too! Great local and craft beers. The staff here are all real nice and very helpful.

We had a hike with the Park Ranger who pointed out all sorts of flora and fauna.

We had mostly great weather. A couple rain days and a few chilly days but that's what our solo stoves are built for!

Melia Jacobs hosted a couple Taco nights that were so fun. We sure ate well

Foley RV out of Gulfport Mississippi really rolled out the red carpet with the delightful gifts in our welcome bags. Yeti cups and

coasters and journals and more! Thanks Foley!

This area has a ton of great dining and shopping and we did plenty of both! Mostly I loved seeing folks and their airstreams and visiting various happy hours and campsites.

Lindsay Shropshire taught me to think about courtesy parking options when in a pinch too. She and Randy shared their Christmas and it was delightful!

I got to spend a couple visits to the coffee shop and knit with fellow yarn divas too! That always makes me happy.

This was my first Canopener but I'm sure it won't be my last. Between cornhole tournaments and trivia and music and laughter, it had something for everyone.

Miscellaneous Photos from Canopener!
(many copied from the Facebook event page – sorry I can't name everyone or credit the photographers, but thank you for sharing for all of us!)











