

# Airstream Adventures Around the Southeast



## “Hot Time in the Summer Time”

**June 2022**

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## ***A Word From Millie....***

Greetings fellow campers.

It has been a good Spring so far and we have had a couple of great rallies.

The the team of Rabb and Sims made sure our Stews and Brews gathering in March was One for the record books. Epic food and beverages along with great company made it a very special gathering.



Although our Catch Me if You Can rally had wonderful weather, I'm pretty sure the fish were all on vacation. But we enjoyed great food and friends and came away with fun stories.

I enjoyed my first Urban rally in April and can highly recommend Silver in the City in York South Carolina. Terry Montgomery and John Leake throw one heck of a party. I also enjoyed my first Caravan! I went to the Old National Road, East portion, and it was a blast. It was fun discovering some of our fellow unit members there as well.

Hard to believe it is almost summer and the International Rally is right around the corner. If you have not yet signed up, there is still space. It will be a great location and lots of fun.

If you have not received a call or email from me yet, get ready, I will be gathering each of your votes for the proposed changes to the Executive Board. Headquarters has sent out lots of information about it, but if you need more info or have questions please let me know. And no matter how you vote, please be sure that you do. Your vote matters on each and every issue and election.

No matter where you are, or where you are headed, I'm wishing you all safe and fun travels.

See you in Fryeburg!

Millie

# **We Rally Together! Upcoming SECU Rallies**

**FRYEBURG, ME JULY 23RD TO JULY 29TH**

## **65th International Rally**

Sign up now for the FRYEBURG MAINE event! Six days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the 65th Airstream Club International Rally.

There will be six days of fun-filled events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities. Including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby. Other sites of interest include Jockey Cap Rock, Fryeburg Farm Museum, and the Fryeburg Historical Society and Museum.



### **Alumapalooza 12 Jackson Center, Ohio Sept 6-11, 2022**

Alumapalooza® is an annual event held at the Airstream, Inc. factory in Jackson Center, Ohio! Produced with the support of Airstream, Inc., Airstream Life magazine, and other sponsors, it is five days of Airstream fun. **Alumapalooza® 12 is September 6, – 11, 2022.**

Each year Alumapalooza is different, but generally includes camping, seminars, entertainment, door prizes, gifts, factory tours, a group meal or two, and unlimited socializing. For more information and to register, go to [www.alumapalooza.com](http://www.alumapalooza.com).

**Falluminum Rally  
Lake Chatuge  
Georgia Mountain Fairground  
Sept 29 – Oct. 2, 2022**

Ron and Brenda Kaes are hosting the Falluminum Rally this fall (Sept. 29 - October 2). Sites are still available, but filling fast. You can reserve your site by calling the Georgia Mountain Fairground at 706 896-4191. Then let Ron or Matt Hackney know you are coming. You can do so via the SECU Facebook Page, Airforums Falluminum Rally, or e-mail. Few places are as pretty as Lake Chatuge.



**Alumalina Buddy Rally  
Oct. 27-30  
Tom Johnson RV Park  
Marion, NC**

A Carolina Airstream event. Four days of food, fun, fellowship, seminars, craft fair/flea market and lots of walking, talking, biking, paddling, grinning, campfires, miles of Aluminum and lots of paroozing\*.

\*See John Leake for definition of Paroozing. More details coming on the website.

## Message from your Treasurer and Membership Chairman

**Alan Rabb**



### **Treasurer Report**

During the first quarter of 2022 the SECU IRS filings were completed, the checkbook is reconciled and funded with about \$1823 and all membership dues have been received from Jackson Center. I also met with the bank – Truist – and was able to eliminate the monthly service charges on the account. This saves us \$8.00 per month or \$96 per year!!

### **Membership Report**

I do not have positive news in this area but wanted to transparently share where we are. Please know this has been reconciled to the Jackson Center member database. See the table below

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	Change in Membership	% Change in Membership
Regular Members	131	107	(24)	(18%)
Affiliate Members	133	113	(20)	(15%)
<b>TOTAL SECU</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>(44)</b>	<b>(17%)</b>

I know there have been a few of you that have expressed concern on membership levels. I am open to ideas and would be happy to coordinate a conversation with those interested in “stopping the bleeding” and finding a way to bring more members into the SECU. You can reach me at [012membershipchair@wbcci.net](mailto:012membershipchair@wbcci.net)

SECU (as we all know) is a fantastic Airstream camping unit. There are rallies every month spanning a variety of activities and traveling to some cool places. REMEMBER there are no rally fees!!!! A few of the rallies held over the last few months include

- Farm Life – a great boondocking adventure in **Land O' Lakes Florida** with great food, music and entertainment. Activities included shooting, site seeing, river kayaking and just plain relaxing.
- Stews and Brews - St Patrick's Day rally – AH Stephens State Park – **Crawfordville, GA** – activities included touring AH Stephens home, Greensboro courthouse and “old Goal Jail” – the oldest in the US, visiting a brew pub, scavenger hunt, themed St Patrick's day cocktails and dinners. The group was also interviewed by a local newspaper and magazine.
- Taste of Texas – This rally included stops in Hillsboro, Texas at the North Texas Airstream Community, a stay at the Mystic Quarry RV Resort in Canyon Lake, Texas, and visits to Fredricksburg, Luckenback, Driftwood, Dripping Springs, New Braunfels and Gruene, and San Antonio. See the Rally article to hear more details.
- Region 3 Rally – **Georgia Mountain Fairground**
- Catch Me If You Can – Desoto State Park **Ft. Payne Alabama**

## Recent Rally Pictures

### Region3

Snow??? Seriously??



Darth Vader??

**Knitting circle**



**Dutch Oven Master Matt!**



**BRRRRRR!**



## **Taste of Texas Rally April 29 – May 8, 2022**

We were a small group but we had a BIG time! Four trailers total arrived or were already at the North Texas Airstream Community in Hillsboro, Texas in time for a Welcome Dinner of beef and chicken fajitas, queso and guacamole, chips, bacon-wrapped cheese-stuffed jalapenos and a Make Your Own Margarita bar to end all Margarita bars! Flavors included Habanero Lime, Cucumber Mint, Watermelon, Blood Orange and Cactus Pear. Everyone enjoyed sampling all the different flavors with their own cocktail shaker that was included in their Goodie Bags. Other goodies included Texas key chains with a bottle opener, custom-made Airstream necklaces for the ladies with an Airstream charm and their BRN stamped on a dogtag, and Texas Bluebonnet stickers for their Airstreams.

On Saturday we attended the Art and Wine Walk in downtown Hillsboro with local merchants and local wineries represented. We stopped at the Johnson County Distillery to sample their wares and their fabulous pizza. After returning to NTAC we enjoyed hamburgers with sides and more adult beverages.

On Sunday we caravanned to the Hill Country and parked at Mystic Quarry RV Resort. This is a new resort that included sites with all hookups, cabins and also teepees for rent! The pool was a bit chilly but refreshing after a day in the Texas heat.

On Monday we carpooled into New Braunfels and had lunch at a fantastic seafood restaurant called McAdoo's. The restaurant is in the old, original post office. The atmosphere was wonderful and so was the food. Then we walked around downtown and visited several local merchants and businesses. Then we moved the party over to Gruene Hall for Happy Hour. Gruene Hall is the oldest dance hall in the state.

On Tuesday we carpooled to San Antonio to the El Mercado, a large marketplace in the downtown area. A bit of shopping was done (any guess as to who spent the most?) then we went over to the Alamo and the Riverwalk. A cruise down the San Antonio River on the Riverwalk finished the day with lots of information from our guide about the history of the Riverwalk and the buildings downtown.

Wednesday outings included a trip to Fredericksburg, and old German town. We visited the Admiral Nimitz Museum of the Pacific, had lunch at a great German restaurant (with German beer, of course!) and visited the Wildflower Farm. Acres and acres of wildflowers are farmed for their seeds. The store on site also had some unique gift items and a winery on site. Then a stop at Luckenback (with Waylon and Willie and the boys) for happy hour.

On Thursday lunch was at the world-famous Salt Lick BBQ restaurant in Driftwood, Texas. After a wonderful meal that included bison ribs, sausage, brisket and beef and pork ribs we trooped on over to the Deep Eddy Vodka Distillery in Dripping Springs. After sampling the wares there we moved to the Dripping Springs Distillery for more vodka, gin, and bourbon samples.

Friday and Saturday were "free days" and our Streamers explored a wildlife preserve, a national park, some swam in the pool, and some revisited the Deep Eddy distillery and McAdoo's. One couple attended a concert featuring Shovel and Ropes and the Avette Brothers at the Whitewater Amphitheatre.

On Sunday we packed it up and headed out. We will likely do this rally again, and perhaps add a few more "tastings" of local wineries, breweries and distilleries to the Taste of Texas!



*Johnson County Distillery 1*



*Deep Eddy Distillery 1*



Deep Eddy 1



River Walk, San Antonio 1



Salt Lick 1



Mayor Hondo Crouch, Luckenbach 1



Salt Lick 2



Wildflower Farm 1



*Wildflower Farm 2*



*Remember the Alamo 1*



*Mexican food! Ole! San Antonio 1*



*Hillsboro Courthouse 1*



*Gruene Hall*



*Margaritas in San Antonio 1*



*Beer Flite 1*



## Old National Road Caravan

The East Portion of the Old National Road Caravan had a few Southeastern Camping unit members in attendance. Mike and Alicia Rafter, John and Cecilia Schneider and I had a great time checking out the old railroad museums, beautiful roadways, great campgrounds and port of Baltimore and so much more.







Beth Hackney set up a very comfy and spacious hammock. I couldn't resist joining her!

## Stews and Brews

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## Region 3 Rally, Hiawassee Georgia

The SECU had a great time at the Region 3 Rally, Georgia Mountain Fairground in Hiawassee, Georgia. We had fifteen regular member rigs and another 15 affiliate members in attendance. In addition, past members Bill and Robin Harrison came to visit us. The rally offered something for everyone including weather. We had warm, sunny spring weather and some flowers were in bloom. We also had wind, sleet and snow. Our members from Florida were especially excited to see the snow.

Roy Beavers was prepared to host an Oatmeal and Ice Cream Breakfast, with our volunteers, at the outdoor pavilion. Due to snow and cold weather, that was deferred to another time. SECU also led a Dutch Oven Cooking Dessert cooking session, Jerry O'Connell, Roy Beavers, Erik / Carol Van Dyke, Steve Cook/ Matty Garrett, Bill Narowski, Bill Wild, and Lindsay/Randy Jorgensen among those contributing their talents. Prepared were a variety of fruit cobblers, topped with ice cream. There was more than enough food for the more than 250 attendees. SECU members enjoyed a variety of activities. The welcome Happy Hour, BBQ Dinner, Knitting Session, and Rita were among the best of times.

## Catch Me If You Can

Desoto State Park **Ft. Payne Alabama**

The fish weren't biting, but fortunately there were plenty of places to eat!



Lantern Lessons from Jerry O'Connell

## Rally Recipes

### Breakfast Casserole (Selena's Version)

#### Ingredients:

Choice of Protein: 16 oz. pkg of pork sausage (cooked); diced ham or bacon bits

Or combination of all

three

10 eggs, lightly beaten

3 cups milk

2 teaspoons dry mustard

\*1 teaspoon salt (\* or substitute Ms. Dash)

\*1½ teaspoon pepper

6 cups cubed bread of choice – white, wheat, sourdough

2 cups shredded cheese – sharp cheddar or combination blend

#### Additional Items (Optional)

1 medium tomato, chopped

½ cup thin-sliced green onions

½ cup sweet peppers, small size (2 of each red, orange, yellow)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees

In 9" x 13" x 2" buttered baking dish, distribute half the cubed bread

Sprinkle half of the S&P or Ms. Dash and half the shredded cheese

Top with half the protein ...

sausage/ham/bacon

Top with half of each additional ingredient

Repeat layering of bread, cheese, S&P/Ms. Dash, protein

Pour egg mixture over top of final layer (continued)

Shortcut: add additional/optionals items to egg mixture ... this creates a colorful top to the casserole and saves prep time.

Bake uncovered 60 minutes, or until eggs are set

Tent w/foil if top browns too quickly

## The Nutty Irishmen Down South

Equal parts...  
Bailey's and  
Rivulet. (Pecan liquor)  
Splash of Cream and Ice

