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PRESIDENT'S PIECE OF MIND

Thoughts From Inside The Airstream

Hello all! I hope everyone is staying warm and ready to enjoy the holiday season.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have the honor of being your president this year. This is a first for me in any club I have been a part of, so I am really excited. I have been Airstreaming for 12 years and a club member since 2015. I live in Florida and spend a portion of my time at the North Texas Airstream Community (NTAC). I will be assisting on the 2023 Georgia On My Mind Caravan. You will also see me at the 2023 International Airstream Rally, where I will again volunteer my time to print member badges. I really enjoy this opportunity as it affords me the ability to meet club members from all over the US and Canada. I also have the amazing chance to host a rally at my Florida home every other year called Farm Life.

Personally, I generally enjoy being outside and love tending to my butterfly garden, identifying different plants, and various bugs. Of course I am a huge fan of this thing called Airstreaming as it allows me to find myself in some really fun places. This year has been a super busy travel year for me but now I am ready to settle down for a couple months before planning some more fun things.

One of my primary goals, over my next year as your president, is to plan more rallies. This is where I need your help. If you are interested in hosting a rally or would like to but aren't sure of the logistics, please feel free to reach out to me. We have many folks in the club that have had previous experience hosting rallies and would like to offer their wisdom to those interested. I would also like to focus more attention to the growth of the community with a focus on bettering our lines of communication. Our newsletter will have a brand new look and will start being distributed to all members, including to both email addresses of all couples. A new google calendar will be created so that all members can access rally dates, times, locations, and general information. These items and more will enhance our already established means of communication. Obviously we are still working on a lot of items that will need to be fine tuned, but our hope is to have some of these items rolled out in the next couple months.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members. We are looking forward to meeting each and every one of you. Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or possible ideas for the club. We LOVE ideas!

We have setup a new email for communicating to all of the leadership of the club. The email address is SECUinfo012@gmail.com.

I hope that everyone of you have a cheerful and joyous holiday season. Please stay safe and warm whether at home or traveling. I am looking forward to a great year of camping adventures, fun, and new friends. I am glad you all are coming along for the ride. Life is an adventure, so let's go and enjoy that adventure!
- Lisa Forsyth, SECU President

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking your help! We will have several opportunities for members to join one of our new sub-committees. This will include a

Budget Committee focused on budgetary items and club fiscal transparency as well as a Rally Committee which will focus on the planning of new rally ideas. If interested in volunteering for one of these committees please contact us at SECUinfo012@gmail.com.

Meet Your New Southeastern Camping Unit Team

Meet Your Vice President - Matty Garrett

Matty along with her partner, Steve Cook, are four plus year owners of a 1976 Airstream Overlander. They enjoy traveling, rallying, and meeting fellow Airstreamers. When not in travel or rally mode, Matty is the Greenspace Director at the Wylde Center in Decatur. Matty greatly enjoys working with this non-profit organization that aims to better connect people to nature. Matty is very happy to volunteer and take on the challenge of being the new Southeastern Camping Unit Vice President.



Meet Your Treasurer - Alan Rabb

Alan has been married to his lovely wife, Jill, for 36 years. They have two children, Chase and Spencer. They also have two dogs; a Maltese named Bogey and a Morkie named Bella. Alan & Jill purchased their first RV, a Class A motorcoach in 2017. After one very long trip to Texas, they decided it was time to look for something simpler. In 2018 they purchased a 27' Globetrotter. While taking a trip and driving along the Florida Turnpike, they were struck by lightning! The Airstream was okay but unfortunately the truck never recovered. They decided that the third time is the charm and "Winston" their 30 foot Airstream officially joined their family in February 2020. They have logged about 15,000 miles in "Winston" so far and look forward to many more adventures. 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.



Meet Your Secretary - Cory Barger

Cory and his partner, Bill, have been active members of the Southeastern Camping Unit and Airstream Club International for over 5 years. They travel in their 2018 33' Classic Twin Airstream with their four Cavalier King Charles Spaniels named Sterling, Nigel, Agnes, and Myrtle. Previous to their current Airstream, Cory and Bill owned a 2009 30' Classic Airstream with a Slide-Out. After a year of use they had the opportunity to upgrade and capitalized by purchasing the largest Airstream being made at that time. Cory enjoys giving countless hours volunteering for the Airstream community. Besides the role of secretary for the Southeastern Camping Unit, Cory holds the position of secretary for the PrideStreamers IntraClub and the Family and Youth Standing Committee Chair for ACI. Cory has also fulfilled the role of Youth Rally Chair for the last three International Airstream Rallies. Cory is also Editor in Chief for the SECU newsletter.



Great news for SECU! Our membership is on the rise!!

Year	Regular Members	Affiliate Members	Total Members
2021	107	113	220
Summer '22	115	62	177
November '22	118	101	219
Paid to Date	72	77	149

Remember: Your dues are now due.

Please get your dues remitted as soon as possible.

As of November 15th, 2022 we have \$1685.96 in our club checking account. We were able to negotiate with the bank to eliminate the monthly service fee which will save us almost \$100 per year.

We have decided to form a budget sub-committee to help assist the club in purposeful planning of club money. If you would like to volunteer for the committee please reach out to us at SECUinfo012@gmail.com.



NOTICE OF A PENDING DUES INCREASE

We wanted to provide advanced notice that we will be increasing dues for the 2024 calendar year. We will move from \$1 per year to \$5 per year. Although this is a large increase, we believe the additional funds received will be beneficial for SECU and allow for more flexibility with additional money and an overall investment in future activities for the club.

Jack Fire Red-Hot Holiday

Heat up your holiday season with some help from Jack Fire.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 oz Jack Daniel's Tennessee Fire
- 3 oz Coca-Cola Cinnamon
- 1 1/2 oz Ginger Beer
- Lime Wedge

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Pour Jack Fire over ice.
2. Add Coca-Cola Cinnamon.
3. Add ginger beer.
4. Garnish with lime wedge.



CANOPENING & CANOPENER RALLY

Pre-Rally from December 25th to January 5th &

Rally from January 5th to January 8th

Just a bunch of friends getting together to rally!

Held every year at Topsail Hill State Park in Santa Rosa Beach in Florida, the Canopener Rally is not to be missed. The Canopener Rally is always held the first full weekend in January. Prior to the actual dates of the rally you will find the pre-rally called The Great Canopening, also not to be missed.

The Canopener Rally includes a chili cook-off, a massive cornhole tournament, bonfires, a beer exchange, Mardi Gras Paw Parade and celebration, surprise pop-up events, music, dancing, prizes, and so much more!

Did we mention that there is **NO** rally fee for Canopener?

This rally is one that always sells out but will often get openings that become available, visit the Canopener Airstream Rally Facebook page for more information about possible openings.

For more information on this rally and others, visit the ACI page at airstreamclub.org.



G.O.A.T Rally

February 16th

to

February 19th

Hosted by Steve Cook &
Matty Garrett

Cost: \$25 / Limited to 12 Airstreams

For more information or to register
email Steve Cook at
SteveCook@mailnew.com.

What does **G.O.A.T.** stand for?

Well most people think it's the Greatest Of All Time. But, what it really stands for is ***Get Out And Travel*** or ***Gathering Our Airstreams Together!***

Join your SECU Hosts Steve Cook and Matty Garrett for a boondocking rally at a goat farm. Serenity Acres is also a Harvest Host so you may have visited them in the past or even have future plans to stay there. This is a great location for a small rally in their 2 acre pasture. Port-A-Potty will be onsite to be mindful of black tanks.

There will be plenty of baby goats begging to be held, petted, or played with.

Located near the Withlacoochee and Suwanee Rivers, if the weather cooperates, an outing with the help of a local outfitter may be possible.

Valdosta is mere minutes away and is home to several, very tasty, locally owned restaurants and the Georgia Beer Company.

Bent Oaks Farm Rally

From the perspective of Craig and Carol Stephens:

Earlier this month another great event was held at Wayne and Pat's farm in Camden, South Carolina. So let's talk about the Bent Oaks Farm Rally. This is a perfect event for those individuals that don't do much "dry camping". There is lots of moral support from other attendees as well as a few generators brought in for emergencies. There were a few early arrivals this year with the rally kicking off on Thursday, November 10th. This event coincides with the re-enactment of the Battle of Camden. Throughout the rally there were opportunities to fish in the well stocked pond or to try your shooting skills on the sporting clay course. Friday brought a bit of rain and fantastic Dutch oven/slow cooker meal enjoyed by all. Saturday brought back the sun and a delicious South Carolina pork butt BBQ meal smoked to perfection. Ben Hackney offered a women only fire-arm safety course that was well attended. Keeping with the arts theme from previous years, Carol Van Dyck taught a water-color painting course for attendees. The painting of the huge oak tree on the farm was absolutely stunning. The best news, the Griffith's have kindly agreed to host a fourth rendition in 2023 so make sure to mark your calendars! We already know where our family will be!



From the perspective of Annette Conoly:

Food, family, and fun was served up at the annual rally on Lake Patricia at the beautiful farm and forest lands of Bent Oaks Farm. All attendees had an opportunity to participate in multiple activities including a hands-on cooking demonstration to make a classic risotto and homemade gnocchi with both pesto cream and marinara sauces. Late afternoon happy hours followed by delicious evening pot luck dinners were capped off with the roasting of the pig barbecue at the end of the rally. I am already looking forward to next year's rally because who knows what fabulous activities will be in store for those attending.

Are you a new member or just simply missed out on the previous run of club badges?

Well... good news!

Another run is in the works. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.



What's coming in the next edition?

Member profiles, more tasty recipes, thoughts from our president, information about rallies, and so much more!