



# Airstream Adventures Around the Southeast

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### Editor's Notes:

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### Editor in Chief:

Cory Barger  
SECU Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S PIECE OF MIND

### Thoughts From Inside The Airstream

Hey ya'll. Happy Springtime!

A big huge welcome to our new members and affiliates. We are so glad that you have chosen to ride with this crowd. We are so happy to have you around and look forward to meeting you at one of the various rallies that are coming up.



Now that Spring has sprung, my butterfly garden is coming alive and the weather down here is quickly heating up. That means I will be hitting the road! I will be in Georgia for the month of March and part of April which means that I will not be attending the Region 3 Rally. Our secretary, Cory, will stand in my place and I hope that those of you in attendance have a blast!

The G.O.A.T. Rally was fabulous and it was great catching up with everyone. I highly recommend this rally if it ever happens again, which I hear it might! Of course we have some additional rallies that are happening and I know this newsletter will have some info about them. We would love to see some more gatherings on our calendar. They can be regimented or as informal as you would like. Please consider hosting, planning, or assisting with any upcoming rallies.

That is it from me. Please stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy the ride. I look forward to seeing you at the 66th International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming. If not before of course.

- Lisa Forsyth, SECU President

## Your SECU Leadership Team

Lisa Forsyth — President

Matty Garrett — Vice President

Alan Rabb — Treasurer

Cory Barger — Secretary

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# SECU Member Spotlight



## James Schaal — Affiliate

Hello South Eastern Camping Unit! My name is James Schaal and my Big Red Number is 8483. I live in Roanoke, Virginia and have been in the Airstream Club International since 2015. I might just be the youngest member to date. My family and I love collecting Airstreams and have acquired quite the fleet! I travel in both the newer Airstreams and the vintage ones. My favorite currently is our 1960 Caravel. I am the current 2nd Vice President of the Vintage Airstream Club and a Director in the Palmetto Airstream Club as well as an affiliate of the South Eastern Camping Unit. I have a podcast called Airstream Chronicles and post content every Wednesday. I joined your unit at the beginning of 2023 because I have met some amazing friends that are members in your club and because I always see you all having a bunch of fun and a great time. I look forward to meeting more of you as we travel and rally around the country.

## Smoked Salmon Dip

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup (8 ounces) cream cheese
- ¼ cup sour cream
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons capers, drained
- ¼ teaspoon Tabasco
- 4 ounces smoked salmon, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped dill
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped chives
- Salt, to taste

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Combine the cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, lemon juice, capers, and Tabasco in a food processor fitted with the metal blade; pulse until blended. Add the salmon, dill and chives and pulse, scraping the sides of the bowl as necessary, until the salmon is finely chopped. Taste and add salt, if necessary.

Serve as a dip with crackers or bagel chips, or as a spread with bagels.

Make ahead: This dip can be made a few days ahead of time. However, it gets quite firm in the fridge so let it sit out at room temperature before serving, otherwise it will be hard to scoop.



# TREASURER

Thank you for all the feedback and input from the last newsletter. I am glad to see that so many of you have as much passion about SECU as I do. The current state of the treasury is in great shape with \$1539 and all members paid as of this note.

- Alan Rabb, SECU Treasurer

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Year	Regular Members	Affiliate Members	Total Members
Summer '22	115	62	177
December '22	118	101	219
January '23	121	119	240
February '23	114	120	234



We wanted to take this opportunity to welcome our new members and affiliates. We are all happy to have you as part of SECU. We look forward to meeting each of you and seeing you at our next rally!

BRN	Members	From
9162	Tom Lasasso	San Antonio, FL
6288	Gary & Michelle Collier	Jasper, GA
6901	Melia Jacobs	Canton, GA
8483	James Schaal	Troutville, VA
21481	Greg & Cindy Wise	Kill Devil Hills, NC
21486	Mark & Patricia Hawkins	Box Elder, SD
7715	Ernie & Pamela Anderson	Indianapolis, IN
4704	John & Katherine Roberson	Perry, GA
1211	Anthony & Laura Utzle	The Villages, FL
1065	Patrick & Peggy West	Birmingham, AL
5830	James & Cynthia Bush	St. Petersburg, FL
24227	Bruce & Ginger DiBernardo	Cleveland, TN
12675	Jim & Julie Nicholas	Boynton Beach, FL
1862	Chuck & Margaret Cook	Saint Helena Island, SC
1936	Colin Hyde & Brenda LeClair	Peru, NY
1153	Alan & Sherry Johnson	Greensboro, GA
23661	Randy & Veronica Booth	Athens, GA
3935	Gary Flint & Tom Diamond	Columbus, OH

## What's coming in the next edition?

*Member spotlights, happy hour recipes, thoughts from our president, rally information, featured articles, and so much more!*

# Hosting a Rally - Part I

By: Matty Garrett

We know that you have attended rallies and we have seen all the pictures that showed you have enjoyed yourselves. You may have seen emails circulating, Facebook posts, heard about, or even seen in the newsletters asking for volunteers to host a rally. But, what exactly does hosting a rally mean? In this two part article, shared over this and the next newsletters, we will attempt to shed some light on the **WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE,** and **WHY** of hosting a rally. Perhaps the most important question that you should ask yourself before deciding to host a rally is, “What kind of rally do YOU like to attend?”



1. **WHO** to notify?
  - a. Your SECU President approves rallies for the Unit calendar. Once the President has approved, the event is posted on the Unit calendar and various other social media sites for SECU members to see.
  - b. Your SECU newsletter editor publishes every other month. Gather the known details for your rally and share them with the SECU Secretary so it can be included in the newsletter so members can begin planning, making reservations, etc.
2. **WHAT** is your rally “theme”?
  - a. Rally theme examples:
    - i. Silver in the City (urban rally held in the downtown area of a city)
    - ii. Lazin’ on the River (held at a riverside campground)
    - iii. Stews and Brews ( a St. Patrick’s Day rally)
    - iv. Gathering Our Airstreams Together—G.O.A.T. ( held at a local goat farm)
  - b. The rally “theme” is how your rally will be listed and referenced on the calendar, on Facebook, email communications, and in newsletters.
3. **WHEN** to host a rally?
  - a. Hosting a rally at a traditional campground? Well then the dates for your rally will likely be driven by the availability of campsites.
  - b. Hosting a boondocking rally? Well if hosting in the summer, the attendees will likely need to bring generators to keep things cool. Will there be time-of-day restrictions on running generators? These stipulations would need to be made clear prior to members signing up for the rally. You should be willing to enforce this rule as well. Remember that boondocking rallies typically do better in the late fall, winter, and early spring due to the heat of summer.
4. **WHERE** to host a rally?
  - a. State/National Park – Remember to look for campsites with power, water, and a dump station. When choosing a park, you need to contact the park itself and determine if you can reserve a set number of sites or if each attendee will have to book their own site. If you cannot reserve a set number of sites for your rally, then it is recommended to find weekends with the most sites available to insure members are able to make reservations.
  - b. Local Farm or Winery – These rallies will usually be without power, water, and a dump station This type of rally is often known as a “boondocking” rally. Do you have a favorite farm/winery/business that you like to visit in your Airstream? Do you have your own farm? We have some very talented folks in SECU that can quickly determine how many rigs can be parked in the particular amount of land that is available.
  - c. Small Town Main Street or Courthouse Square – Have you heard about Airstreams on the Square in El Dorado Arkansas? Have you heard about Silver in the City in York South Carolina? Maybe your local town would be open to hosting an Airstream Rally? You never know until you ask and start the discussion. Some towns will be willing to provide power or other benefits while others will be pure “boondocking” rallies.

*In Part II we will address the WHY of hosting a rally and what are some of the things you need to do next to get the rally rolling.*

## 2023 Region 3 Rally - Silver on the Sands (Take #2)

March 29, 2023 to April 2, 2023

Rolling, rolling, rolling... back to The Grand Strand we're rolling!

In 2023, Ocean Lakes Campground, in beautiful Myrtle Beach, SC will again host the Region 3 Rally. Reserve your campsite now for fun in the sun with some of your favorite Airstream friends and new one who you haven't met yet!



### 66th International Rally

June 24, 2023 to June 30, 2023

Didn't reserve your spot in time?

Consider a boondocking option or reserving your spot at one of the other local campgrounds to be able to attend this event. Visit the ACI website for more information!

### Interested in joining a Caravan to International?

We are just putting this out there, but how many SECU members and affiliates are going to International and would be interested in doing a caravan? If there is a large enough group, we can caravan out with several stops along the way to see the sites of our beautiful country.

This would not be a mad dash to get there but rather a slower trek to really enjoy the opportunity. If you are interested in being a wagon master or are interested in joining a possible caravan please respond to [012info@wbcci.net](mailto:012info@wbcci.net).

Next Stop:  
Adventure

## Hanging Out By the Water

### Impromptu Rally

April 6, 2023 to April 10, 2023

Florence Marina State Park

Just an informal gathering over Easter weekend, where there is plenty to do and plenty to not do. Boat rentals, hiking, museums, and White Oak Pastures.

Whether you are making your way to the Taste of Texas Rally or would just like to spend the weekend with a few SECU friends, there is plenty of room for all.

Interested individuals should make their own reservations with Florence Marina State Park.

Depending on the number of interested members and affiliates, some group activities may be able to be scheduled ahead of time.

For questions or more information please email Lisa Forsyth at [LJForsyth2000@gmail.com](mailto:LJForsyth2000@gmail.com).

## 2nd Annual Taste of Texas Rally

May 3, 2023 to May 8, 2023

Guadalupe State Park

SECU will be hosting it's 2nd Annual Taste of Texas Rally at the Guadalupe State Park. Reservations for sites in the Turkey Sink Loop can be made for \$24 per night plus \$8 per person per day. Site numbers for the rally are 38 thru 85. Sites are 50 amp service with water but no sewer. Fishing, kayaking, and swimming are all available.

Day trips to San Antonio, New Braunfels, Driftwood, and Dripping Springs are just a short drive away. You can visit the Alamo, partake in delicious German food, and even visit a few distilleries nearby to sample their wares.

This is a 'no fee' rally meaning you are responsible for making your reservations and all meals. Carpooling will be offered for day trips. For more information or to be added to the list contact Kathy Carl by phone at 830-708-2235 or email at [Kathy@KathyCarl.com](mailto:Kathy@KathyCarl.com)



## It's a Beach Thing!

January 7, 2023 to January 11, 2023

Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park

Need a January getaway?

Come join SECU at the beach. This is another great Florida State Park. Planned activities include hiking, star gazing, dining out and group dinners.

Reservations can be made 11 months in advance of the arrival date. More details to follow but plan to attend with co-hosts, Carol/Craig Stephens and Matt/Beth Hackney.

More details will become available on SECU Facebook page and in future newsletters.



## G.O.A.T Rally Recap

The first annual (?) Gathering Our Airstreams Together Rally, with first-time hosts Steve and Matty, was a huge success! Everyone enjoyed themselves with goat yoga, playing with the “kids,” consuming farm fresh goat cheese and yogurt, stargazing, fantastic food, and especially enjoying great conversation, relaxing, and chilling around the toasty fire. Everyone had fun watching

Kristy pull flaming logs from one fire to consolidate to another. Please remember that Kristy is a trained professional and you should not try this at home!

This was also a first for Serenity Acres Goat Farm and its owners, Julia and Wayne. They have been a Harvest Host for sometime, so they are used to hosting 1 or 2 RV’s. But, not 12! At the end of the rally, here is what Julia had to say, “It was so much fun to have you all here. We were just commenting on, how as a group, you were so much fun, blended right in, not noisy, and left everything clean and just really good neighbors. We will be super happy to host you all as a group or individually again anytime.”

For more on this rally, including info and additional pictures, make sure to read Kristy Halvorsen’s article in next month’s Blue Beret!



## Cloudland Canyon Rally

May 10, 2023 to May 14, 2023

Cloudland Canyon Campground

Jerry & Irene O’Connell are happy to be your hosts for this great event that boasts gorgeous views a plenty!

The rally will be held in the West Rim of the campground and a good time is sure to be had by all.

Reservation may or may not still be available and can be found by visiting the Georgia State Parks website.

