

SECU Camping Times

Unit 12 | Region 3

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Membership Report

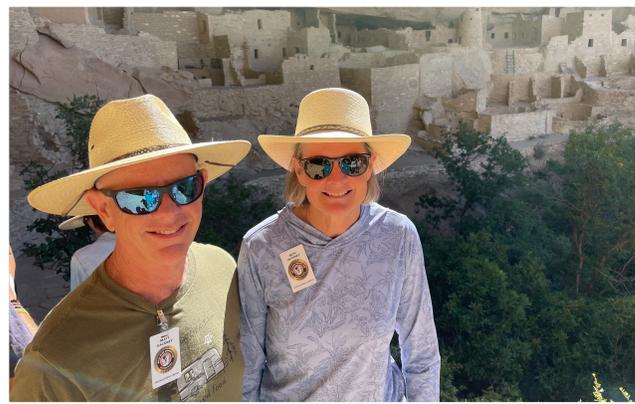
The current membership stands at:

101 Regular Members

115 Affiliate Members

Treasurer's Report

As of 12/29/23 the balance of our checking account was \$2331.31. No expenses have been charged against the balance since then.



From the President

We are blessed to have so many members and so many events in a "warm weather" climate. Beth and I have been on the road in Florida since late December. We are enjoying our time with many friends, both long-time and newly-made. Many of our members are somewhere in the state, but hoping that warmer weather will find us soon.

I want to thank all our members who volunteer. At the Canopener, most of the jobs were filled by our Regular and Affiliate Members. In addition, we have many members who are willing to host or assist at the various rallies we hold, the Region Rally, and at the International Rally. We also have several members who are willing to lead Caravans. All of these volunteers make our club a much more enjoyable organization and broaden our Airstream family.

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St. George Island*Dinner at the Blue Par*

- *Hike at St. George*

From the President (cont'd)

We held two rallies in January. At the Canopener Lindsay Shropshire and her team held a fabulous party. Attendance may have been an all-time record with over 160 Airstreams represented in the campground, in the cabins, and at surrounding campgrounds. Lisa Forsyth and Brett Greiveldinger hosted our group at an indoor/outdoor Happy Hour and over 60 members and friends stopped by to visit. At St. George Island the few lucky enough to successfully navigate the reservation system were treated to a dinner featuring campfire baked potatoes with ALL the toppings. Unfortunately, most of the activities at the rally were cancelled by severe weather. We did manage a great nature hike and a seafood dinner together. Carol and Craig Stephens had a great rally planned and we thank them for all their preparations.

This newsletter includes articles on upcoming rallies. We hope you will join us there. Until then,

See you down the road!

Matt

Canopener 2024

Although slightly damp and chilly at times, the Canopener was a tremendous success.



Friends enjoying the Bloody Marys



The Chili Cook-off Volunteer Team



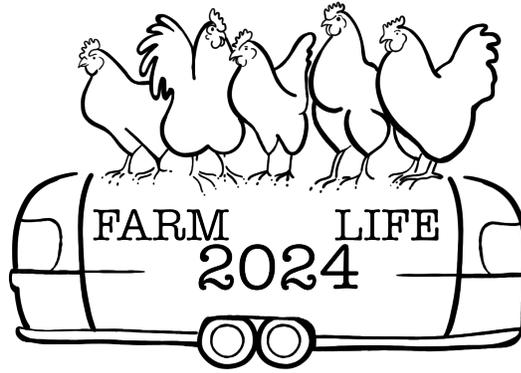
The Long long table dinner



Canopener Antics



Our own Bill McMullen took 2nd place in the corn hole tournament.



Join us at the Farm life 2024 Airstream Rally, February 8-12,2024, where adventure meets serenity in the heart of nature! Escape the hustle and bustle of city life and immerse yourself in the beauty of the countryside. From stunning landscapes, delicious foods and live music to unforgettable experiences, this is an event you don't want to miss.

At Farm Life 2024, every moment is an opportunity to reconnect with nature and embrace the simple joys of life. Unleash your inner explorer as you set out on kayaking adventures, a nearby shooting range, and enjoy local bicycle paths.

But that's not all, the Farm Life 2024 Airstream Rally is not just about nature; it's about community. Connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for Airstream living. Experience the warmth of camaraderie around a crackling campfire. Share stories, exchange tips, and forge friendships that will last a lifetime.

So pack your rig, hitch up your Airstream, and embark on an unforgettable journey at the Farm Life 2024 Airstream Rally. Let the tranquility of the countryside rejuvenate your spirit and inspire you. Reserve your spot today.



Leaping G.O.A.T. Rally

The second G.O.A.T. Rally will be held February 29th thru March 3rd at Serenity Acres Farm. Why Leaping? The rally kicks off on Thursday, February 29th, Leap Year!! Why G.O.A.T.? While our Airstream Community KNOWS that we are the Greatest of All Time, we think it stands for Gathering Our Airstreams Together! AND, Serenity Acres is a goat farm! We will "circle the wagons" in a 2-acre pasture at the Serenity Acres Farm, a Harvest Host in Pinetta, Florida. We have a limit of 16 trailers, but still have room to relax and enjoy warm fires on cold evenings. The pasture is fenced to keep our dogs safe and separate from the farm's guard dogs, five (5) Great Pyrenees.



This is a boondocking rally. Generators are allowed. We will have a porta-potty in the pasture to help extend the life of our black water tanks. We will charge a small rally fee, amount TBD, to cover the cost of the porta-potty, and a possible catered dinner one evening. What activities are available in the area?

- Canoe/Kayak the Withlacoochee River if the weather cooperates before and during the rally. Last year, heavy rains raised the river level to flood stage, preventing us from enjoying a relaxing paddle.
- Four Freedoms Trailhead begins in Pinetta, 3+ miles from Serenity Acres. It is a 10-mile "rails to trails" paved path south to Madison, Florida.
- Antiquing and Junking in Madison, Florida; there are several stores to wander through in search of a must-have, can't live without item.
- Olympia Bend Shooting Range (6 miles) for pistol, rifle and skeet shooting.
- There are three (3) Breweries "nearby":
 - Georgia Beer Company in Valdosta, Georgia (20 miles)
 - Tvelo Brewing in Thomasville, Georgia (51 miles)
 - Thomasville is also home to Sweet Grass Dairy (cheeses)
 - Halpatter Brewing in Lake City, Florida (57 miles)
- At Serenity Acres Farm:
 - Goat Yoga - \$10/person
 - Shopping - soaps, lotions, and possibly yogurt and milk

2024 SECU Rally Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Host
Feb. 8 - 12	Farm Life	Land O'Lakes, FL	Lisa Forsyth
Feb 29 - Mar 3	Goat Rally	Goat Serenity Farm	Matty Garret
Mar. 21 - 24	Stews & Brews 2.0	Watson Mill Bridge St. Park	Ron/Denise Sims
April 15 - 17	Explore Mt. Airy	Mayberry Campground Mt. Airy, NC	Lynn Talsma
April 17 - 21	Region 3 Rally,	Meadow Event Center, Doswell, Va	Christine Baum
June 6 - 9	Blue Ridge Rally	Julian Price Campground	TBD
Sept. 3 - 8	Alumapalooza	Jackson Center, OH	Brett Greiveldinger
Sept. 11-15	Apple Pickin' Time	Fort Mountain St. Park, GA	Jerry O'Connell
Oct 31 - Nov 3	Falluminum	GA Mountain Fairground	Ron Kaes
Nov 7-10	Bent Oak Farm Rally	Camden, SC	Pat/Wayne Griffith
Nov 14-17	Holidays Almost in Savannah	Campground TBD	Nancy Gore