

# SECU Camping Times

Unit 12 | Region 3

## SECU Officers

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- Matt Hackney - President
- Lynn Talsma - Vice-President
- Beth Hackney - Secretary
- Irene O'Connell - Treasurer
- Trustee - Jerry O'Connell
- Trustee - Steve Cook

## Membership Report

The current membership stands at:

- 85 Regular Members
- 108 Affiliate Members

## Treasurer's Report

As of 3/1/24 the balance of our checking account was \$2331.31. No expenses have been charged against the balance since then.



## From the President

I hope your winter was mild and filled with adventure. Beth and I enjoyed a lengthy stay in Florida through all of January and almost all of February. Along the way, we attended two three local club rallies and an informal rally of a sort with other SECU members and friends at Travelers Rest.

We had two great SECU events in February and early March. Lisa Forsyth had a group of 40 Airstreams on her farm in Land O' Lakes. Farm Life is an event she holds every other year and each one has been spectacular. As with all our rallies, she has volunteers help with execution of the event. Thanks to those volunteers as well. Many of you have attended one or more. If you haven't been, you may want to plan on 2026.

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## From the President (cont'd)

We also enjoyed the second Gathering Our Airstreams Together (G.O.A.T.) Rally at Serenity Acres Goat Farm. Steve Cook and Matty Garrett do a wonderful job with this rally.

Attendance was only 6 trailers this year, after some last minute cancellations. Please put it on your calendar for 2025.

While in Florida, we learned about and attended a rolling rally hosted by the Florida Airstream Club. You should consider attending rallies with other local clubs. It may help you with new ideas for a future SECU Rally, and you will make new friends. We had a great time with fellow Airstreamers, many of them members of SECU, at Traveler's Rest. We enjoyed activities, happy hours, and meals. Together we thanked JJ and Sandy Johnjullo (long time SECU Affiliates) for their years of volunteer activities in the club.

I hope you will join us at Stews and Brews in next week and plan to be with us in Mt. Airy in April. Finally, we are still looking for a Rally Host for Julian Price, in June. Contact me if you want to learn more. Those going are in for a real treat on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

See you down the road!

Matt

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## 10 Years Back - Remembering our history



*Paynes Prairie Feb 2014*



## Farm Life

The Farm Life Rally last month was spectacular. With wonderful food, hard working bartenders, two musical acts and near perfect weather, what else could anyone ask for? The forty rigs in attendance had a memorable time. Group activities included sporting clays, site seeing, mini-golf, paddle trip to the Gulf of Mexico, an Italian cooking class, bourbon tasting, and an exciting Super Bowl Party. The meals included a baked potato bar, homemade sausage, smash burgers, and barbecue. As you can see from the photos, we had a great turnout.

















# The Leaping G.O.A.T Rally

We had a wonderful time at Serenity Acres. Our hosts Matty and Steve scheduled weather that was perfect for dry camping. We enjoyed paddling on the Suwannee River, goat yoga and lots of good food. We even got to watch the brand new, battery powered chainsaw at work compliments of Kristy Halverson. The yoghurt and soaps available for purchase are not to be missed.



# Upcoming Rallies

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## Stews and Brews 2.0

Join us for a late St. Patrick's celebration during March 21-24, 2024 at Watson Mill Bridge State Park in Georgia. This park features the longest covered bridge in the state that was built in 1885, many hiking trails, and an Equestrian center. Arrive on Thursday with your heavy appetizers for Happy Hour and for dinner we will have pizza by Papronni's Pizza. Friday will focus on what the park has to offer and touring on your own of the Athens area. Friday happy hour and we will have a potluck dinner-Stews. Saturday, we have planned an Athens Pub Crawl to visit five of the six Athens Micro-breweries-Brews. Athens has a multitude of things to do for those who prefer to sight-see on their own such as the Georgia State Botanical Gardens, Georgia Museum of Art, The Georgia Theater, University of Georgia Campus & Sanford Stadium, downtown Athens, The Tree that owns itself and six micro-breweries such as Terrapin, Creature Comforts, Akademia, Southern Brewing, Normaltown, and Athentic. Come for fun, food and fellowship, and outdoor fun.





## Mt. Airy

Join your hosts Lynn and Gary Talsma in Mt Airy, NC for fun and fellowship before the Region 3 Rally in Doswell, VA. Explore the town of Mt Airy, home of Andy Griffith, or visit Pilot Mountain. The Mayberry campground has full hook ups. Please call the following number to make your reservation for April 15 - 17 and give our group name  
Southeastern Camping Unit: 336-789-6199

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# Other Events

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## Tin Can Tourist Rally

Hello from Lynn and Gary Talsma. We attended the Tin Can Tourist (TCT) 105th Winter Convention in Dunellen, Florida in February. The TCT is a fun camping club that accepts all makes, models and years of anything that you can camp in that isn't simply a tent on the ground. TCT attracts many vintage trailers and you see some wild and exotic stuff there. We have been members of the TCT for as long as we have been members of the ACI/WBCCI, and we love both groups. Check out these cool pictures of some very unusual old trailers. See you down the road, Lynn



1951 Lighthouse Duplex



1968 Utopia Panoramic





1956 Silver Dome



1947 Ford Motorhome Custom



1957 Chevy and cute trailer



1976 GMC Motorhome



## 2024 SECU Rally Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Host
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