

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:

- 92 Regular Members
- 119 Affiliate Members

Treasurer's Report

As of 9/30/24 the balance of our checking account was \$2487.31. No expenses have been charged against the balance since then.



From the President

We had a full summer traveling from home, through Alaska and back. Add a visit to Kansas City (twice) and a great International Rally, and it was a full 4 month circuit. While in Sedalia we hosted (along with Andy Selking and Kathy Carl) an SECU Happy Hour. We were glad to see so many of our regular and affiliate members enjoying the rally. While we were gone, two storms ripped through much of Region 3 and impacted several of our members. Our thoughts and prayers are for all impacted and hoping for a rapid recovery.

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While we were traveling, others attended two unique events back on this side of the continent. Brett Grieveldinger and Lisa Forsyth, along with a number of SECU volunteers, hosted Alumapalooza once again. We were sad to miss it, but know it was a great event as always. The Airstream family is always excited to host this event and hope those who have not been, will consider going next year.

Jerry and Irene O'Connell hosted the Apple Pickin' Rally at Fort Mountain. They had an active rally with some different activities. One of the most important things for Rally Hosts to consider is making their rally DIFFERENT than the one before. That was definitely accomplished for this rally. Our thanks to the O'Connell's and to all who attended.

We have three upcoming rallies to end the year. First is Falluminum in Hiawassee, hosted by Ron and Brenda Kaes. This event has been running for 20 years and is always great fun. The following week is the Bent Oak Farm Rally in Camden, SC hosted by Wayne and Pat Griffith. The third week is Lynn and Gary Talsma hosting us at Skidaway Island in Savannah. We hope many of you can make one or more of these great events. More details are included in this newsletter. Thank You to all of our Rally Hosts for a fantastic year.

While at Falluminum, we will complete election and installation of new officers. We need your participation by voting in advance electronically, or at the meeting at the rally. We need at least 10 percent of our members to participate in the voting.

It has been my privilege to serve as your President this year. Thank you all for making my job easier.

See You Down the Road!

Matt

10 Years Back - Remembering our history



October 2014 Falluminum

Recent Rallies

Apple Picking Rally

Those attending the Apple Picking Rally hiked, climbed, played, survived a storm, ate, saw wildlife and ate some more, hiked some more, and had a wonderful time.

The rally featured friends, old and new, breakfasts, fires, and small town Georgia. The photos show that a good time was had by all.



More Pictures from the Apple Picking Rally



International Rally - Sedalia, MO

We were unable to gather all of our unit at one time because the Rally had so many activities simultaneously, but these folks graciously showed up for our unit happy hour.



Upcoming Rallies

Falluminum - Oct 31 - Nov 3

SECU Members Ron Kaes and his wife Brenda are hosting this rally from Oct 31-Nov 3, 2024. This is a busy time at the campground and we have the available sites in sections G, H, and upper A reserved. We plan to hold all events at the upper pavilion adjacent to Hamilton Gardens. Note that Sites G-1-3 are very short. Contact the park by phone soon at 706-896-4191. Make sure to mention the Airstream Rally! or Falluminum. Let Ron know you are coming (pizzachop@windstream.net)

Bent Oak Farm Rally - Nov 7-10

Register for this event by sending an email to Pat Griffith:

(patgriffith78@outlook.com)

This again will be a very laid-back rally BUT we want you to bring your fishing poles, lounge chairs; mountain bikes; walking shoes and a fabulous sense of humor for lots of outdoor fun. For the firearm enthusiasts, there will be target, skeet and trap shooting ranges available for you to practice your skills.

Those who sign up will receive navigation instructions from the Griffiths. NOTE! The map pin on the ACI map is only for The City of Camden. Bent Oak is a privately owned farm and, for privacy reasons, we are not publishing the actual address online. Space is limited, so email Pat soon.

Holidays in Savannah - Nov 13-17

Come to Savannah! History, wildlife, birding, food and fun await! Join your hosts Lynn and Gary Talsma. There are many open campsites.

1. Make your reservation on the Georgia State Parks website: <https://gastateparks.org/SkidawayIsland>
2. Complete this registration form <https://form.jotform.com/241175839741059>

Annual Membership Meeting Announcement

SECU will hold our annual Membership Meeting on November 2, 2024 at 10AM at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, GA. We invite all members to attend, even if you aren't able to attend the rally that weekend. **If you cannot attend, you can still participate by voting in the upcoming Election by October 30 at midnight at the hotlinks sent with this newsletter.**

Each year the unit must elect new officers. Below are the nominees:

For **President**, Lynn Talsma. Lynn is currently serving as Vice President and is the Immediate Past President of the Vintage Intra-club.

For **Vice President**, Carol Van Dyck. Carol and her husband Erik are founding members of the Southeastern Camping Unit.

For **Treasurer**, Irene O'Connell. Irene has agreed to serve a second term. Irene and her husband Jerry are founding members of the Southeastern Camping Unit.

For **Secretary**, Beth Hackney. Beth has agreed to serve a second term. Beth and her husband Matt are founding members of the Southeastern Camping Unit. Beth is a past International Treasurer and a National Caravan Leader.

For **Trustee** (2 year Term) John Thibadeau. John and his wife Cissy are founding members of the Southeastern Camping Unit. They are National Caravan Leaders, as well.

Continuing in the 2nd year of his 2 year term as **Trustee** is Jerry O'Connell. Jerry also serves as the Membership Chair.

In addition to the annual election, the members will be asked to approve a revision to the Constitution and Bylaws of our club. This is a periodic update to bring it into alignment with the International Constitution and Bylaws, A Hotlink with these changes is sent with this newsletter.



Upcoming Rally Reservation Window

Irene and Jerry O'Connell will be hosting a rally at Vogel State Park in Union County Georgia. The dates for this yet to be named rally are September 10th through September 13th, **2025**.

The booking window is already open. As of this newsletter, there were only 5 sites left in the park for this event. Let Jerry know (ijbandits@gmail.com) if you are successful with a reservation.

Remaining 2024 SECU Rally Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Host
Oct 31 - Nov 3	Falluminum	GA Mountain Fairground	Ron and Brenda Kaes
Nov 7-10	Bent Oak Farm Rally	Camden, SC	Pat/Wayne Griffith
Nov 13-17	Holidays in Savannah	Skidaway Island State Park	Gary and Lynn Talsma