

SECU Camping Times

Unit 12 | Region 3

SECU Officers

- Lynn Talsma - President
- Carol Van Dyck - Vice-President
- Beth Hackney - Secretary
- Irene O'Connell - Treasurer
- Trustee - Jerry O'Connell
- Trustee - John Thibadeau

Membership Report

The current membership stands at:

- 89 Regular Members
- 125 Affiliate Members

Treasurer's Report

As of 11/29/24 the balance of our checking account was \$2531.31. No expenses have been charged against the balance since then.



From the President

Greetings from your new SECU President Lynn Talsma. Thank you, members for electing me. Here is a little information about us. I reside in north Georgia (Morganton) with my husband Gary and dog Frodo. We own a 1964 Airstream Overlander. We joined the ACI and the Vintage Airstream Club (VAC) in 2017. We love camping and have attended many rallies with the VAC and the SECU. We have made many friends in both clubs. I am excited to be able to give something back to this fun club by serving as your President in the coming months.

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What are the SECU plans for this coming year? Why rallies of course. We have some events planned already, but we can always use more. I encourage each of you to think about hosting a rally. It is much easier than you think.

- Pick a location you think you will enjoy
- Pick your dates
- Send your info to lynntalsma@yahoo.com

The SECU Board is ready to help you. The agenda can be simple or detailed. We have had small rallies that were just as successful as large rallies. Hosting a rally is fun! I hope you will consider volunteering as a host.

Happy Holidays from our house to yours,

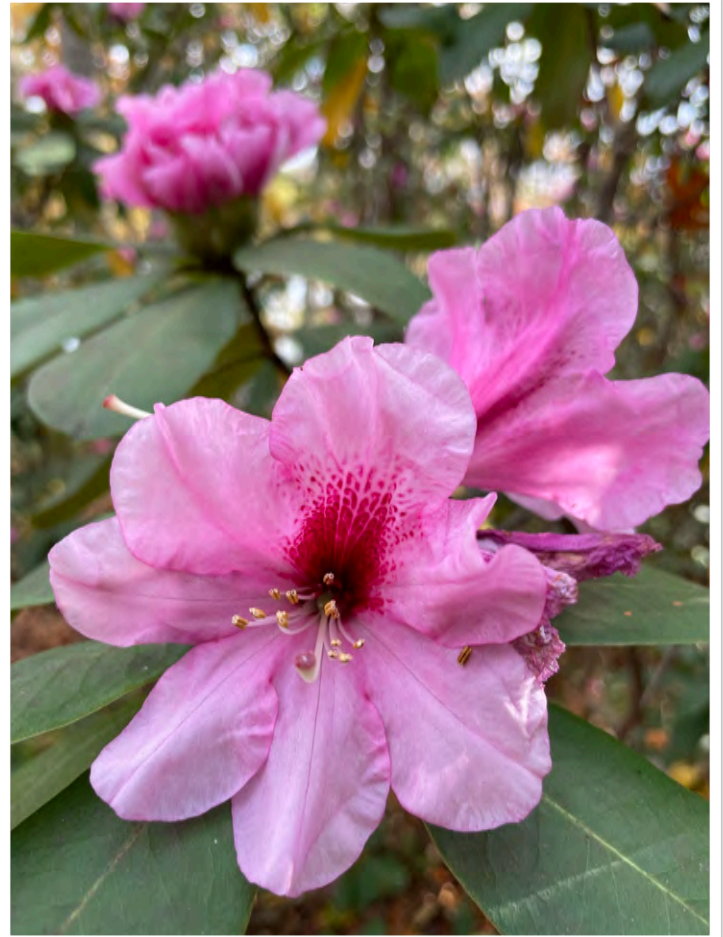
See you down the road

Lynn

Recent Rallies

Falluminum 2024





Falluminum in Hiawassee, hosted by Ron and Brenda Kaes. This event has been running for 20 years and is always great fun. We had delicious breakfast and a potluck dinner along with a Papparoni's pizza party. We had our one and only business meeting installing the new officers, and we also collected and donated \$300 to the Hamilton Gardens.

Bent Oak Farm Rally



This rally was action packed with many activities planned from crafts, a card tournament, wine tasting, sporting clays complete with Instructor, hand cut steak dinner prepared to order all served up in a beautiful setting. Pat and Wayne do a wonderful job.





Holidays in Savannah



There was a great turnout for the Savannah Rally. The weather cooperated for the most part, but the higher than normal tides had one site mostly under water and created an adventure for our ranger led hike. We definitely enjoyed parts of Savannah, and are looking forward to the return trip.





Upcoming Rallies

Alumaflamingo Rally - Jan 22-26

Information about this fun rally hosted by Brett Greiveldinger is at https://www.alumaevents.com/scripts/events/index.php?event_id=2. Some of us will be volunteering for this event.

3rd Annual GOAT Rally - February 6-9

We will “circle the wagons” or Gather Our Airstream Together 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. Things to do include:

- Canoe/Kayak the Withlacoochee River if the weather cooperates before and during the rally.
- 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:
 - Shopping - soaps, lotions, and possibly yogurt and milk

Not Foolish to be in Florida - April 1-6

We are pleased to announce the April Fools Rally in Florida, April 1 - 6 at Travelers Rest RV Resort and Golf Course. (<https://travelersrestresort.com/>) hosted by Beth & Matt Hackney. The resort has amenities including golf, pickle ball, heated pool, hot tub, workout room, etc., in addition to being located near the Withlacoochee Bike Trail (<https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/withlacoochee-state-trail>).

More to come on the activities schedule, but make your reservation now by calling the resort at: (352) 588-2013. Make certain you mention Southeastern Camping Unit - Airstream and the rally. With 8 or more participating, you receive a discounted rate for the rally dates. Once you have made a reservation, complete the jot form to let us know you are coming.

[\[https://airstreamclub.org/travelers-rest-rally-secu\]](https://airstreamclub.org/travelers-rest-rally-secu)



2025 SECU Rally Schedule

| Date | Event | Location | Host |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Jan 22-26 | Alumaflamingo | Sarasota County Fairgrounds | Brett Greiveldinger |
| Feb 6-9 | 3rd Annual GOAT Rally (Boondocking) | Serenity Acres Farm Pinetta, FL | Matty Garrett & Steve Cook |
| Apr 1-6 | Not Foolish to be in Florida | Travelers Rest RV Resort & Golf Dade City, Florida | Beth & Matt Hackney |
| Apr 6-9 | Bent Oak Farm Lite (Boondocking) | Bent Oak Farm Camden, SC | Pat & Wayne Griffith |
| Apr 9-13 | Region 3 Rally | Exchange Park Fairground Ladson, SC | Region 3 Staff |
| May TBD | Stay Tuned | | |
| Aug 23-28 | International Rally | York, PA | ACI / WBCCI Club Staff & Volunteers |
| Sep 10-14 | Discover Vogel State Park | Vogel State Park Blairsville, GA | Irene & Jerry O'Connell |
| Oct 30 - Nov 2 | Falluminum | Georgia Mountain Fairground Hiawassee, GA | Brenda & Ron Kaes |
| Nov 6-9 | Bent Oak Farm (Boondocking) | Bent Oak Farm Camden, SC | Pat & Wayne Griffith |
| Nov 12-16 | Exploring Savannah | Skidaway Island State Park Savannah, GA | Lynn & Gary Talsma |

Attached to this newsletter is a write up of the Galax Old Fiddlers Convention that Lynn and Gary attended this year.

GALAX OLD FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

NATIONAL EVENT RALLY

AUGUST 4TH -10TH 2024

COOL BREEZE CAMPGROUND GALAX VA

Reported by Lynn Talsma



SECU members Lynn and Gary Talsma (and Frodo) enjoyed a great rally in Galax VA with many old and new friends. There were a variety of activities to participate in both as a group or individually. Joe and Christine Baum hosted and kept us busy, but we had plenty of time to relax and explore the area on our own.

The featured event is the Galax Old Fiddlers' Convention, a week-long music competition held in Galax Virginia. 2024 was the 88th annual convention, yup I said 88 years! One of the highlights of the week was the youth competition which featured children from age 3 to age 15. We saw some great musicians of all ages. Check out this link to the Galax Old Fiddlers' Convention website: <https://www.oldfiddlersconvention.com>



The campground is very nice with gravel on the sites and nice grass surrounding the area. This campground sits at 2,700 feet above sea level and has a good breeze most of the time. We only ran our AC on 1 day, the other 6 we just kept the windows open all day and all night. Oh man was that nice!



We gathered almost every afternoon on the hill at the CG for music by a local group of musicians. What a treat that was, even the dogs got to come.



Gary even got his fingers on a valuable Wayne Henderson guitar!

