

SECU Camping Times

Unit 12 | Region 3

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Membership Report

The current membership stands at:

75 Regular Members

114 Affiliate Members

Treasurer's Report

As of 02/28/2025 the balance of our checking account was \$2403.49.



From the President

Greetings to you all. I hope you are doing well, and this note finds you looking forward to camping with us as we head into spring.

We have some fun rallies planned. Coming right up: Traveler's Rest Rally, Bent Oak Farm Lite, Region 3 Rally, and Exploring Chattanooga. Details are listed in the newsletter. To view all of the SECU rallies, log into the ACI website and visit our event page here:

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?list=1&from=01/17/2025&to=&type=-1&state=-1&club=45754>

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Would you like to host a rally? We have room for more, follow the 3 simple steps below:

- 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.

Have you used courtesy parking yet? It is a great benefit. Attached is a picture of my trailer in Upstate, NY. That evening found me parked in a beautiful garden area surrounded by Guinea Hens. Lucky for me the Guinea Hens were contained in their "coop" overnight. If you have ever heard the alarm calls from a group of Guinea Hens, you will understand my relief.

Stay safe and warm my friends and see you soon!

Lynn

Recent Rallies

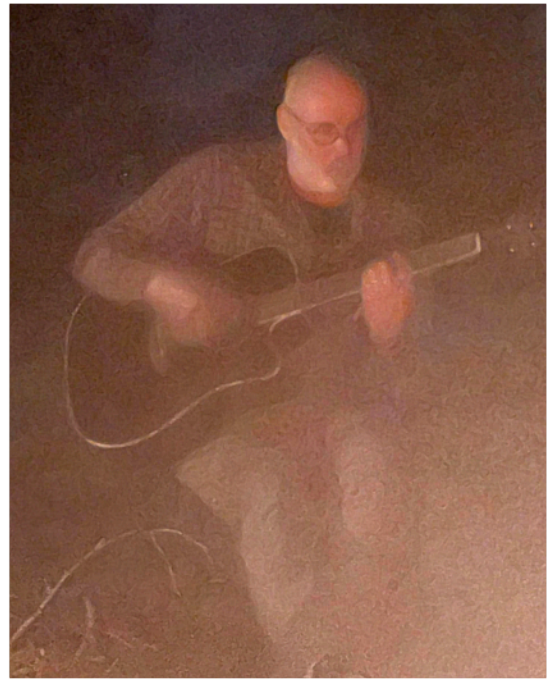
GOAT Rally

Steve and Matty hosted the 3rd annual G.O.A.T. (Gathering Our Airstreams Together) rally at the Serenity Acres Goat Farm in Pinetta, FL. Six trailers joined the boondocking rally and enjoyed good weather, good food, and good campfire conversation. In true Airstream fashion, we visited each other's trailers, shared battery chargers, and shared repair knowledge. The farm is up for sale, but the soap business has been purchased by a nearby goat farm. We took a tour of the new "soap" owners farm operation, the Harris family farm. Should Wayne and Julia sell the Pinetta farm,

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we have been assured by the Harris family that we have a new home for the G.O.A.T. Rally. Matt Hackney, the prince of rally parking, determined the Harris farm could easily play host to 10 trailers. Excellent news. We will set the date and location for the 4th Annual G.O.A.T. Rally later this year.





Upcoming Rallies

Not Foolish to be in Florida - April 1-6

It isn't too late to reserve a spot for 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, Kathy Carl, and Andy Selking.

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>).

Activities planned include Day Trips to nearby sites including Tarpon Springs (<https://floridatrippers.com/tarpon-springs-florida/>), and Dade City (https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g34167-Activities-oa0-Dade_City_Florida.html), Lunch at Escape Brewing (<https://www.thecollectiveatescape.com/>), and opportunities for those who wish to bike or enjoy resort amenities.

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)



Bent Oak Farm Lite -April 6-9

Wayne & Pat Griffith are hosting a BOONDOCKING rally at Bent Oak Farm in lovely Camden, SC. Camden is the oldest inland city in SC, home of the Carolina Cup horse race. Its history includes the worst American defeat of the Revolution in 1780 as well as being home to six Confederate generals during the American Civil War.

This is the lite version of the Bent Oak Farm Rally. Bring your fishing poles, lounge chairs; walking shoes. Bring your own meals, there is no schedule during this rally. Just relax and visit with friends.

To register please send an email to Pat Griffith (patgriffith78@outlook.com).

Those who sign up will receive navigation instructions from the Griffiths. Space is limited, so email Pat soon. SECU members and affiliates, please also sign up on the SECU Facebook page.



Region 3 Rally in Charleston, South Carolina



If you are planning to attend the Region Rally in Charleston, please let Matt and Beth Hackney know (eroney@aol.com) of your plans. An SECU gathering and photo is planned and communications will be sent to those who respond!

Exploring Chattanooga - May 14-18

Join us as we explore the many things to see and do in Chattanooga: Tennessee Aquarium, Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum, Rock City Gardens, Ruby Falls and Raccoon Mountain Caverns. The dates are May 14 - 18!

Raccoon Mountain Caverns and Campground is reserving spots for us. Tell them you're with the Southeastern Camping Unit and they'll set us up close together. Sites will only be held for our unit until April 1st. Call 423-821-9403 to make your reservations soon.

If there's a specific activity you're interested in, let me know and I can see about arranging a group activity. Just email me - Nancy Gore: nancypgore@bellsouth.net



2025 SECU Rally Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Host
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 14-18	Exploring Chattanooga	Raccoon Mountain Caverns and Campground	Nancy & Mike Gore
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