

SECU Camping Times

UNIT 12 | Region 3

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Membership Report

The current membership stands at:
 62 Regular Members
 113 Affiliate Members

Treasurer's Report

As of 10/31/25 the balance of our checking account was \$2, 346.97.



From the President

Happy Spring! First of all, we send big congratulations to our new Airstream Club International President, Millie O'Donnell. Millie is a former President of the SECU, and we wish her well in her new responsibilities.

A new travel offering from the Airstream Club, is a river cruise in France. This is a National Event Rally on a cruise ship. It is scheduled for July 15-22, 2026. The flyer for the rally is <https://airstreamclub.org/silver-river-2026>. Contact Jason Grendahl, the event host for Silver on the River 2026. Contact information is on the flyer.

Alumapalooza rally date is September 8-13, 2026. You can come early over Labor Day weekend. It is the last one at the Mothership at Jackson Center. This rally is not a club event but our members Lisa Forsyth and Brett Greiveldinger are hosting.

In this issue you will find photos and highlights from the GOAT rally, Region 3 rally, and Travelers Rest. It is a busy Spring leading into Summer. The International Rally is August 22-27 in Minot, ND. Please check out the 2026 rally schedule included in this issue.

Host a rally! May through July are open if you would like to schedule one. Buddy up with another SECU member to share hosting the rally. Pick a location, pick a date and email your information to artistcarol@mindspring.com. The SECU board is ready to help you, and you have the flexibility to set the agenda as you wish. It is much easier than you think and a lot of fun.

If you come across a great campground that could be useful as a rally site, let us know about it.

SAVE THE DATE: Region 3 Rally is scheduled for April 7-11, 2027 in Sevierville, TN. Registration and campground details will be coming this summer.

See you down the road,

Carol



GOAT rally

The 4th Annual G.O.A.T. rally was held February 4-8 at Allison Acres in Pinetta, Florida. Gathering Our Airstreams Together is always great fun. It was a chilly weekend, but the sunshine appeared to let us enjoy activities such as bike riding on the 4 Freedoms Bicycle Trail. The trail crosses the entrance to the farm, so it was easy to head out north or south. There were nine trailers in attendance, and room for more. There was a hike to an 1830's farm house that is in the process of restoration.

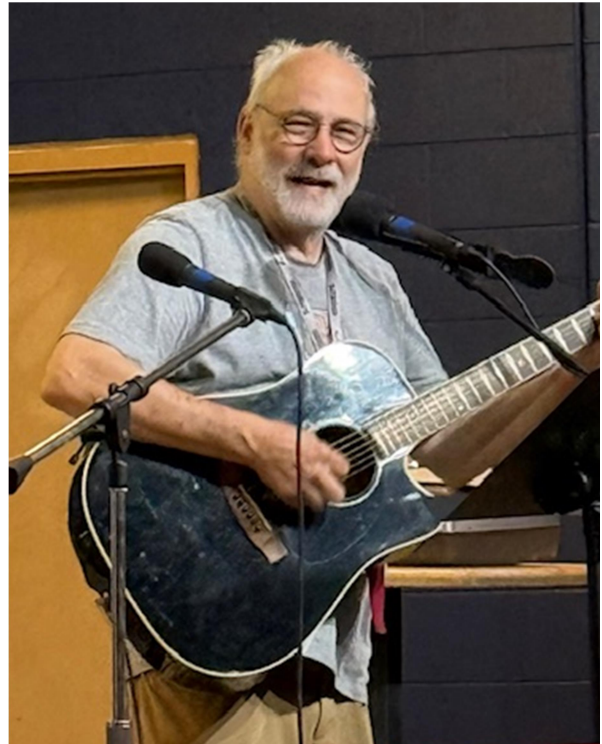
The pavilion provided a nice shelter for meals when not around the campfire. True to Airstream tradition, the pot luck meals were memorable, and good times as always. A big thanks to Steve Cook and Matty Garrett for all the planning and hosting us and Hank and Maren Allison for their hospitality!



Region 3 rally

The Region 3 ACI Rally was held March 4-8 at the Sun N Fun Expo Campground in Lakeland, Florida. The location was next to the Lakeland Linder Airport. The Florida Air Museum was next to the campground with lots of aircraft to see. There was also the Strawberry Festival nearby for a fun side trip. A large variety of seminars that covered all aspects of Airstream care; club information and activities to fill the day. Storyteller and pilot, Hans Nordsiek came to tell his story and brought his 1943 Boeing Stearman "Old Crow". Kristy Halvorsen, SECU member and Blue Beret columnist (Coddiwomple Chronicles) gave a talk about her experiences and Airstreaming solo. She also had copies of her new book, "Perfect Unfolding". Tim Maxwell from Airstream shared the latest news from the Mothership. The rally also gave monetary support through fundraisers to local charities: Lakeland Volunteers in Medicine, and Aerospace Center for Excellence. The talent show was great fun. Thank you to SECU members Gary Talsma and Phil Abernathy for sharing their music.





Travelers Rest

Matt and Beth Hackney hosted a group of us following the Region 3 rally, March 8-14. This RV resort community in Dade City, FL offered its own large variety of activities including, golf, swimming, pickle ball, model car and boat races. Dade City offered shopping, restaurants and a brewery visit. There was always something to do. We did some activities together and also included driving to Tampa to explore the Gulf coast. Lunch at the Columbia restaurant was memorable.

Thanks to Matt and Beth for a fun filled week.





SECU Rally Schedule 2026

April - Open You can host

May - Open You can host

July - Open You can host

August 22-27 ACI International Rally, Minot, ND

September 8-13 Alumapalooza, Jackson Center, OH

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September 16-20 Vogel State Park Rally, Blairsville, GA hosted by Jerry and Irene O'Connell

October 8-11 Moccasin Creek State Park, Clarksville, GA hosted by Carol and Erik van Dyck

October 29-November 1 Falluminum, Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, Hiawassee, GA, hosted by Ron and Brenda Kaes
SECU Annual Meeting

November 5-8 Bent Oak Farm Rally, Camden, SC, hosted by Pat and Wayne Griffith (boondocking)

November 12-15 Crooked River State Park Rally, St. Mary's, GA hosted by Lynn and Gary Talsma

December - Open You can host

Georgia State Parks booking window opens 14 months ahead for GA residents, 13 months ahead for non-GA residents