

# The Southeastern Camping Times

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ISSUE ONE



## First Business Meeting Complete

### SECamping Elects Officers and Approves Constitution

The (first) Annual Business Meeting of the Southeastern Camping Unit - WBCCI was held on October 26, 2013 at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, GA. Matt Hackney, Region 3 2nd Vice President presided over the meeting, as the body was acting as a Committee of the Whole until a constitution could be adopted and officers elected. In attendance were 11 Regular Members, 5 Affiliate Members and interested owners of approximately 8 additional Airstreams. A quorum was declared for the purposes of conducting

the meeting. Matt Hackney reported that the Constitution and Bylaws, previously provided to the members by e-mail, have been reviewed by the International Constitution and Bylaws Committee and received their endorsement. As provided in the proposed Constitution, 16 members cast votes approving the document by mail. 7 members who had not previously voted cast votes for the documents at the meeting. There were no votes against. The Constitution and Bylaws were, therefore, adopted. In addition, new officers were elected.

2013 - 2014 Officers  
President - Roy Beavers  
Vice President - Craig Stephens  
Secretary - Nancy Gore  
Treasurer /  
Membership - Beth Hackney

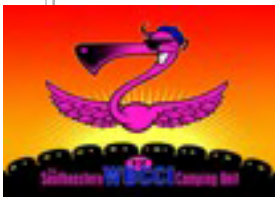
Trustee (1 year term) - Jerry O'Connell  
Trustee (2 year term) - Joe Conoly

As provided in the Constitution, 16 members cast votes by e-mail in advance

A Unit Flag was approved at the group meeting in September. A motion has been submitted for consideration at the Mid-Winter IBT in January.

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To join our Facebook Group or update your information, Contact Beth Hackney:  
[eroney@aol.com](mailto:eroney@aol.com)



# Membership Update

## From Beth Hackney

Our charter membership is building and currently stands at 36 Regular Members! In addition, we have 16 Affiliates who have decided to pay our steep dues, in order to stay in touch with our activities.

## New to WBCCI

While most of our members have transferred from other WBCCI Units, we are happy to welcome the following folks who decided to join (or re-join) the WBCCI, just to have Fun , Friendship, and Adventure with the Southeastern Camping Unit:

Darryl Whaley & Lisa McLean - Holly, NC  
Greg & Pat Hadaway - Byhalia, MS  
Hardy & Sharon Newton - Central, SC  
Jeff & Cindy Thoede - Pensacola, FL  
Richard & Jen Mageau - Woodstock, GA  
Rick Bensyl - Tucker, GA  
Doug & Jessica Kostyniak - Roswell, GA  
Tom & Debbie Skinner - Fernandina Beach, FL

Those who are members when the Unit Charter is approved (we hope that will be in January) are considered Charter Members. It's not too late to recruit a few more!



## Our Treasury is Full

After submitting our check to Jackson Center, paying dues for all our members, we still have \$53 remaining. Help us keep costs low by using electronic communications. If you need a paper copy of anything, please send a self addressed, stamped envelope!

# A Note from Roy Beavers

*Roy has been slowed just a little by knee replacement surgery but, as you can see, he is already working with a new set of wheels. We are sure he will be back on the road soon!*



## Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Southeastern Camping Times! The enthusiasm exhibited by everyone during the creation of the unit and the possibilities that lie ahead for camping fun and fellowship as well as helping Move WBCCI Forward encourage me that we are heading in the right direction.

Have you visited our website [www.secampingwbcci.net](http://www.secampingwbcci.net)? If not, please do. All the information about unit activities will be posted there. The site is continually evolving, so check it often. The dates are on the calendar and the activity description is listed on the Unit Event Information page. As I write this, the Okefenokee Paddle Rally is approaching fast. I understand that it is sold out which is another testament to our unit's enthusiasm.

Unit Events can be hosted by any member. Pick a location or event, pick a date and provide the camp site details to

our webmaster so they can be posted to the web site. For unit events to be posted in the 2014 Blue Beret, they need to be at headquarters by December 15, so get them in soon. You don't have to have everything organized by 12/15, just send the basics. Other articles in the newsletter will help you complete the details for your rally.

As President, I want know how I can help you enjoy your experience with the unit. Having, recruiting and retaining enthusiastic Airstreamers is the goal of the leadership of the unit. We not only want our unit to grow, but we want to spawn other units with similar interests to help new and younger families join WBCCI and grow the club. Tell me how I can help!

See you down the road!

Roy Beavers

WBCCI #4392

**Volunteer to Host a Rally or Event - Contact Roy!**

## Not your typical WBCCI Unit!

Our activities will all be posted on the website at :

<http://secamping.wbcci.net/event/>

In addition, we have a Facebook group. This is a “closed” group so your posts can only be seen by other members. We hope this will become an interactive way to reach other members of the Unit for smaller camping trips. If you want to plan a trip and want company or ideas for locations and ideas, just post. If you haven’t already joined the Facebook Group, send a request to the Southeastern Camping Unit WBCCI.

### New Years Rally

Matt and Beth Hackney are hosting a New Years Rally at A.H. Stephens State Park (Crawfordville, GA). The park offers a shelter, small museum, and a wonderful historic home. We will be bringing in the New Year, touring local historic sites, enjoying daily campfires, sharing pot luck and cast iron meals, visiting a few local restaurants, and watching some football. Since the holiday is on a Wednesday, the rally is a drop-in / drop-out format. Folks will arrive as early as Tuesday, December 31 and stay as long as Sunday, January 5. To participate, reserve a campsite ([www.gastateparks.org](http://www.gastateparks.org)) and tell Matt and Beth you are planning to attend!



## It's the Vision Thing



Members of the Southeastern Camping Unit spent Labor Day weekend at Bolding Mill Campground celebrating the formation of the new unit. Steve Rosenthal was given the gift of Future Vision at the rally (note the high-tech glasses). What did he see for our Unit? Fun, Friendship, and Adventure!

### Upcoming Events

Okfenokee Paddle Trip  
New Years at A.H. Stephens  
Canopener at Topsail Hill  
Payne's Prairie Adventure  
Alumaflamingo  
Region 3 Rally in Asheville  
May in Highland Haven  
Alumapalooza  
Caravan to Gillette  
International Rally - Gillette

## About Craig Stephens

*(We will introduce each of the SECamping Officers in the coming months)*

To begin, thank you for trusting me to help the Southeastern Camping Unit in its first year. My name is Craig Stephens, and I am a middle aged, working father of two teenagers. I first came to Airstreaming through my wife's parents, Claude and Dorothea Waite. They were long time members of the Pennsylvania Unit, and already on their second Airstream by the time I met them. We inherited our love of all things Airstream, as well as our first trailer from them.

Our family was drawn to the Southeastern Camping Unit because of a shared love of camping, seeing new and interesting places, and the diverse group of people who make up the membership.

Ten years ago we moved to the Atlanta area from the Western suburbs of Chicago. The Airstream joined our family after we arrived in Georgia. Since then, our family has camped throughout the Southeast, made a couple of trips to Alumapalooza in Jackson Center, OH and participated in a caravan up the Blue Ridge Parkway led by our own Matt and Beth Hackney. This past summer we had the chance to explore Southern Illinois and discovered a wonderful group of wineries there.

Occasionally you will see me camping solo at some events and sometimes with various combination of children, dog and wife. As most of you know the demands of the childrens' schools, sporting events and other activities do not always lend themselves to open weekends for camping. Carol and I have adopted a divide and conquer strategy and so far it has worked well. Everyone loves to camp and we do it as often as possible.

I am looking forward to getting to know all of you better, and sharing some enjoyable time camping.

Craig



*Pictured (counter clockwise from top) Carol, Cameron, Kate, Minna, and Craig*

### How will we sojourn?

By Craig Stephens

The Southeastern Camping Unit of the WBCCI is a bit different. Does traveling to primarily State and National Parks across the Southeast speak to your wanderlust?, then you will be right at home around the campfire. Members are unique, in their interests, so we ask individuals to find a campground or other venue they find captivating, then volunteer to organize a rally to allow the group to discover and explore your gem. We will have a number of locations at the beginning of each year to publicize, so you can get the events on the calendar early. Our goal is to have different organizers for various meetings; With many hands, the work is light. These will be the rallies with the largest attendance. It does not take much to host, and we are all newbies at this, so you can make the event what you want it to be. Carol and I hosted what we would refer to as a rally last January at High Falls State Park. While we camped for the weekend at the park, we also

drove over to the Georgia Air Museum with lunch at Lane's Peach Orchard on one day, ask us about the cobbler! Visited Jarrell Plantation (A Georgia historic site) the next day, and did a barbeque run for dinner. We organized a signup for meals, some were group meals where all contributed something, and others were on your own. This is however only one way to do it and if you as the organizer wish to do something else, that is great.

Other campouts will be on shorter notice and published on our Facebook page, which is only viewable by unit members. Campouts are just individuals heading out together. No need for formalized outings or structure.

We want our unit to concentrate on having fun camping, and not on the structure of how to hold an event. There is no right or wrong way to do it. Just enjoy the experience and the camaraderie of fellow Airstreamers.