

The Southeastern Camping Times

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ENJOY THE RIDE

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Ring in the New Year Airstream Style

What a way to bring in 2015! From December 31 until January 4 there were ten rigs and 22 attendees from four states and three other units that all gathered together for the New Year's Rally. The rally was hosted by Brett Greiveldinger and Lisa Forsyth at Crooked River State Park, St. Mary's, GA (Near the FL line). We did potlucks for most meals, but New Year's Day called for nothing but the best -- grilled steaks for everyone! During our breakfast potlucks we even had eggs made to order: Nothing but the best for this crowd. There was a little rain but we had high spirits and big fires so we shrugged off the cold and damp easily. New Year's eve we had a midnight toast and saw the ball drop from New York on a portable big screen. Saturday we boarded the ferry and spent the afternoon hiking on Cumberland Island. Some walked off the evening's festivities with up to a nine mile hike. The group saw not only wild horses, but also armadillos. The ruins were very interesting. The weather was great for the hike and the beach was amazing.

Notes from Craig Stephens, President Southeastern Camping Unit



As we begin another year, I have been reflecting on some of the things I am thankful for. A large one is this group and the friendships I have made through it. The ability to travel with our Airstream and all of the new places we have seen is another. I am glad to have been a part of our successful first year for our unit and am thrilled with the fantastic growth in membership that we have had with our new club.

This year looks like it will be another year with many opportunities for us to enjoy each other's company and explore new places, and make new friends. One of the best aspects of our club is the involvement of our members, and the great rallies that have been put together month after month. Whether your passion is river, ocean, beach or mountain camping, we've got you covered. And if we are always open to new things to see and do.

I look forward to a new year with our club continuing to grow (and gas prices to continue to decline. Remember, our activities are posted on our websites 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. If you want to plan a trip, and want some company or just ideas for locations, post your request to Southeastern Camping Unit WBCCI on Facebook.

See you down the road,

Craig Stephens
President Southeastern Camping Unit

UPCOMING RALLIES

- March 27–29 De Soto State Park, Fort Payne, AL. Hosted by Robin & Bill Harrison
- March 27-29 Alumalina, Lake Wateree, SC. Hosted by John and Susan Leake
- April 9-12, Springstream, Hiawassee, GA Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds
- April 29-May 3, 2015 Region 3 Rally, Exchange Park, Ladson, SC
- May 22-25 Hiking Rally in Virginia, Hosted by Joe & Annette Conoly at Virginia Highland Haven, Copper Hill, VA, <http://www.vahighlandhaven.org>
- May 26-31 Alumapalooza 6, <http://alumapalooza.com>, Jackson Center, OH
- June 26-July 4, 2015 WBCCI 58th International Rally, Farmington, NM; <https://www.facebook.com/wbccifarminorton2015>

2015 Region 3 Rally Registration

For anyone interested in attending Low Country Reflections, the Region 3 Rally in Ladson, SC, the link is up for registration:

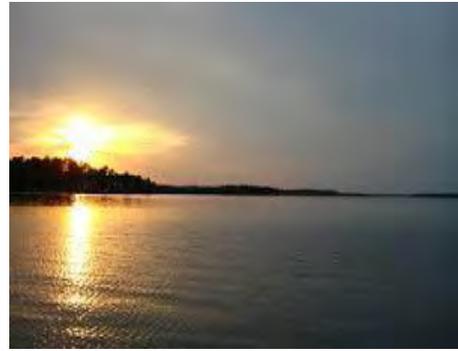
<http://region3.wbcci.net/region-3-rally-registration/>

COST: \$38 PER ADULT (18 AND OVER) plus \$30 PER NIGHT for camping with 3-pt hook-up (50 Amp). Children under 12 are free (but we want to know they are coming). Children 12-17 are half price. The cost for 2 adults for 4 nights is \$196.00. There is no discount for boondocking.

WHERE: EXCHANGE PARK – LADSON, SC

WHEN: APRIL 29 – May 3, 2015

All Filled Up!!



The Alumalina Spring Rally (March 27-29, 2015) has filled up the Lake Wateree Campground. There are no available sites but reservations are sometimes cancelled and the attendees are good about transferring sites between themselves. There is also a wait list on the Airforums thread. If you don't have a reservation and are thinking about going, keep checking the Airforums thread and the campground reservation site. Here's a picture of the campground map for the rally. Love all of that silver!



More Fun at Alumaflamingo!

By Matt Hackney



As you probably know, the Southeastern Camping Unit started when a group of WBCCI Members wanted to find ways to expand their Airstream Experience. With 3 rallies in South Georgia and north Florida in January and February, we all have an opportunity to do just that! Why stop there? Many of us will be leaving the Weight Gain Rally and heading to Sarasota. Why on earth would you want to go to Sarasota in late February? Okay, aside from the obvious? Alumaflamingo is an event hosted by R&B Events; the B stands for our own Brett Grieveldinger. R&B bring an interesting assortment of Airstream oriented seminars, local tours, fun competitions, and entertainment to south Florida. The entertainment will include a performance by Antsy McClain. Find out more about Alumaflamingo by going to "alumaflamingo.com", of course! Beth and I hope to see you there.

Membership Update from Beth Hackney, Treasurer

We now have 63 Regular Members as of 12/28/2014 and 63 Affiliates. There are only about six regular unit members that still have not renewed. The treasury is currently at \$115.44. Welcome to our newest member, Wayne Whitelaw, from Jefferson, Ga. We hope to meet him at one of our unit rallies soon!

See you down the road!

Beth





Okefenokee Paddle Trip by Matt Hackney

The November Rally was a real change of pace. Like last year, we found ourselves bringing kayaks to Stephen Foster State Park in Fargo, GA. Also like last year, the weather and water were perfect. Unlike last year, we didn't tag along with the Georgia Conservancy. Unfortunately for us, we picked a weekend when the park was filled by a Jacksonville church; leaving few campsites available for Airstreams. Those who reserved their spots early were rewarded with a great weekend of Fun, Friendship, and Adventure.

We spent Friday, taking a leisurely paddle trip to Minnie Lake. The water and air were warm and the alligators and birds active. On Saturday we drove to the east entrance and took a guided trip on a motorized boat. The guide was able to add to our understanding of the swamp. We also found a small local restaurant in Folkston and enjoyed a little local flavor. This was our second time paddling the Okefenokee and we found new sites and sounds. Winter is a great time to visit this park and you should give it a try.



Photo Gallery



These are only a few of some of the spectacular photos taken by Darcy Elleby Pino at the November rally on Hunting Island State Park in South Carolina. By the looks of these amazing pictures, the trip was nothing short of magical. Each and every photo is a work of art! Thank you for sharing your pictures with us Darcy!

