

The Southeastern Camping Times

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Enjoy the Ride

Hello from Joe Conoly
President Southeastern
Camping Unit



It is hard to believe 2015 has come to a close. My how it flew by! Our unit membership and activities grew under the fantastic leadership of Craig Stephens and creates big shoes to fill. I and all the officers and trustees give him a big thank you for a job well done. Also a big thank you and shout out to the members and affiliate members who volunteered to host a rally, prepare meals, organize side trips and in general just being a "Helper at Large". From my prospective, we have never had a hard time to get folks who want to help and contribute. In the beginning, our goal was to form a camping unit that could have fun and move WBCCI forward and I think we have done that very well. To all our members and affiliate members, please give yourself a pat on the back!

Alumalina was the site for our unit installation rally. John Leake and company did an awesome job and the SECU was well represented. For those who did not attend, the park was able to accommodate about 125 guest trailers in old rally style parking. We were close together but it made for a lot of fun "perusing around" as John says. John will be hosting a Spring event and a Fall event in 2016, and the plan is for the Fall event to be the SECU installation rally. Sign up for these events on the AIRFORUMS rally page. This is one of the few rally sites that can accommodate all of our membership with the exception of the Region 3 Rally or the International, so I hope we have a large turnout.

Unfortunately, the Hunting Island Hiatus Rally was flooded out. Annette and I along with a lot of other members of the SECU had reservations, and with so many of the sites under standing water, the rally was canceled. The dates for the 2016 Hiatus are November 11 & 12. It looks like 17 rigs have already signed up. This is a very popular park so if you think you want to attend, make reservations as soon as possible.

The Canopener was another successful event. Held at Topsail Hill State Park near Destin, Florida, Annette was the chief party planner this year and there were over 140 rigs in attendance. This was the tenth anniversary of the event which started as a group of Airforums members who just wanted to camp and got together at Topsail Hill. This will be the fourth year in a row that a SECU member has headed the rally. Russ & Linda Drake headed for two years and Tom & Robin Montgomery hosted in 2015. Our members are always well represented at this rally. After the Canopener, the SECU is having an Unwind Rally at St. George State Park which will consist mainly of relaxing and eating fresh oysters and seafood from the Gulf Coast area.

Looking at our Facebook Event page, we have at least ten rallies scheduled for 2016. You can find them all listed on our web site. Be sure to sign up early to get sites and help the host plan for the event.

This will be an exciting year and we hope all our members get a chance to participate. Annette and I look forward to seeing our old friends and making new ones as our travels cross. We sincerely hope everyone has a safe and prosperous 2016.

Happy Trails,
Joe Conoly



Joe and Annette

The Following are the Upcoming Rallies through May

Picture yourself here, enjoying the Farmlife on February 18 - 21



Come spend a few days in rural Pasco County, Florida with your hosts Lisa and Brett and Beth and Matt! This is a water only rally. Generators allowed in their own section. Please bring 50 ft of fresh water hose and a free flowing Y connector. The cost is \$75 per trailer. The rally includes 1 night of entertainment, a catered meal, Dutch oven cooking, pot luck meals and outing to Tampa Bay Sporting Clays. We can shoot after 1 p.m. either Friday or Saturday or Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25.00/50 targets or \$50.00/100 targets. Ammunition is extra. Rental golf carts are available for those who prefer not to walk the course. Also for those that want to paddle, there is canoeing and kayaking on the Hillsborough River.

The 2016 Blah Blah Rally, Stone Mountain Park Decatur, Georgia on March 4-6.



Blah Blah Rally 2!!!

Get your tickets for Antsy McClain at the Red Light Café :

<https://www.facebook.com/AntsyMcClain/posts>.

Then call the campground at 1-800-385-9807 to make your camping reservations. Please mention the Blah Blah Rally to ensure you get booked in the right section (purple loop) on the right dates.

Twenty sites are currently being held for us. The discounted rate is \$47.50 per night and the gate fee will be waived.

Upcoming Rallies



Alumalina 2016 Spring Edition Palmetto Cove RV Park in Cleveland, SC March 31 – April 3

Alumalina has become one of the largest rallies in the southeast with 120 Airstreams attending in the fall of 2016. Host John Leake promises Spring 2016 will be even better. It was a sellout in 2015 so make your reservations now on the Spring 2016 Alumalina thread on Airforums.com. Here's the link:
<http://www.airforums.com/forums/calendar.php?do=getinfo&e=1400&day=2016-3-31&c=1&redirect=1>



Florida State Rally at Sunshine Key Resort in Big Pine Key, Florida April 6 -11

Come join us at the 43rd Florida State Rally. Make new friends and enjoy visiting with old friends. The rally fee includes a dinner, two consecutive days use of the trolley in Key West. The ninety minute tour aboard a bright green and orange trolley includes a narrated introduction to the history, legends and geography of the island. Places to visit on your own are the Ernest Hemmingway Home and Museum, the Key West Aquarium, the Little White House Museum and the Audubon House and Gardens. Send your reservations or questions to Dan Maciejczyk at: oldtruckfarm@prodigy.net



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Want More Details About Upcoming Rallies? Checkout our Facebook page at Southeastern Camping Unit WBCCI. It's filled with great information about upcoming trips as well as pictures and comments about recent events. You can sign up for rallies and join the conversation about living rivited

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Springstream Rally, April 22-24 Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, Georgia

Reservations are open for this fun-filled annual event. There will be lots of food, fellowship and fun to be had in this beautiful park with a lovely lake and spectacular views. Please mention Airstream Rally when you call. Sites are being held in Area 2 between the pavillion and the lake. See the AirForums page for more info, or Georgia Airstream Campers on FaceBook or Tin Can Tourists web and FB pages.



The Kentucky Derby is Coming to Stone Mountain (kind of) May 6th & 7th

If you can't make it to Kentucky for the Derby how about Stone Mountain in Decatur, GA? A total of 25 sites have been set aside for us in the Purple Loop/F Trail. We've lined up use of the Pavilion to watch the Kentucky Derby and hope to be able to have some of our own Derby fun. If we can get enough people into the swing of things we can have a Mint Julep, horseshoes and/or KY Derby Hat contest.

To make your reservations call 1-800-385-9807. Be sure to mention Airstream SECU to get the discounted rate. (Discounted rates are good for 2 days before and 2 days after the official rally dates 5/6-5/7.)

But Wait....There's More fun to be had this Spring!! The Region 3 Rally will be held at the Meadow Event Park in Doswell, VA. Please mark your calendar for April 27 - May 1. We will have full hookup and water and electric sites. Both 50 and 30 amp service will be available, but you will be asked to let us know which you would like; there is a higher charge for 50 amp. We will offer entertainment, catered meals, seminars, and a good location for adventure. The budget is still being developed, but the rally fee will be similar to this past year. We will encourage you to see the sites in the surrounding area. The park is only minutes from Kings Dominion Amusement Park and Richmond. In addition, Triple Crown Winner Secretariat was born on these grounds. For more information about the facility, go to <http://www.meadoweventpark.com/>. Registration will be available online or by mail and details will be forthcoming.

Don't Miss Out on the Fun!

If you have not done so already, you need to get your membership renewal in as soon as possible. It's easy to do. Just go on-line to WBCCI.org. We currently have 65 regular members and 67 Affiliate members for a total of 132 members. There is \$434.79 in the treasury. Let's keep our club growing and going to new places with new friends.

