

Southeastern Camping Times

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Presidential Thoughts

Greetings Fellow Campers!

I am excited to be elected this year's SECU president and am thrilled to have serving with me our new slate of officers:

Bill Harrison, Vice President
Carol Stephens, Secretary
Beth Hackney, Treasurer
Mike Cagle, Trustee 1 year
Debbie Landers, Trustee 2 year

My husband Mike and I have been Airstreamers since 2008. I had no idea when I bought my Airstream that along with it came the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful group of people. I treasure the friends I have made in this organization, and I look forward to meeting more of our SECU group and building more relationships in the coming year. We have members all over the country, so in addition to our rallies, our newsletters, along with Facebook there are many ways we can get to know each other, since we aren't all able to attend the myriad rallies we have throughout the year. Hopefully, you will be able to find one or two that fit into your schedule.

Because I'm still working, I understand the challenges of getting to rallies that aren't close to home. If we aren't offering a rally near you, I encourage you to think about putting together a rally. It's easy. Pick a place, find a date, and let me or any one of our officers know, and we can help get the word out. Rallies don't have to be big to be fun. Some of the rallies I have enjoyed the most have been with just a handful of members because with the smaller rallies I have been able to get to know people better. Regardless of the size, it is a joy to explore this beautiful world of ours with the great members of this unit.

The Airstream International Rally will be held next June in Salem, Oregon and I'll be busy working on building a caravan for that rally over the next couple of months. Since we don't generally drive more than 300 miles a day and will want to stop and see some sights along the way, I am anticipating the caravan will be approximately 10-14 days and may start somewhere in the Midwest since we have members scattered everywhere. If you're thinking about making the trek across the country, please email me so I can have an idea of how many will be traveling with us as I look for places to camp on our journey. Mike and I plan to stay out west for a few weeks after the rally, so we won't be caravanning back afterwards.



I look forward to a fun year ahead. Please feel free to send me any ideas you may have for future rallies or campgrounds to visit. My email is nancypgore@bellsouth.net.

See you down the road!
Nancy Gore

Membership Update - Beth Hackney

Current numbers: 122 Regular members and 53 Affiliates. Renewals are due by November 30 to be included in the paper directory. We have 35 regular members that have yet to renew for 2018. The easiest way to renew is online at wbcci.org. I will be sending out reminders to those who may have forgotten.



Upcoming Rallys



'Tellus' About Your Holiday!



GA Mountain Air



KY Derby Rally

'Tellus' About Your Holiday!

When

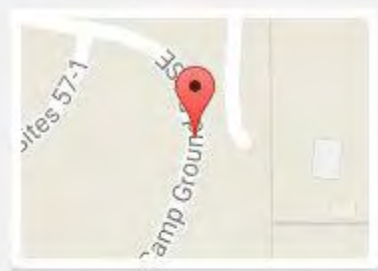
Thursday, Dec. 7th, 7pm to Sunday, Dec. 10th, 12pm

Where

McKinney Camp Ground Road Southeast
Acworth, GA

More information

Decorate your trailer however you celebrate the holidays at this time of year. On Saturday we'll make the 15 mile trip from McKinney Campground to the Tellus Science Museum. Hosted Nancy Gore



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When

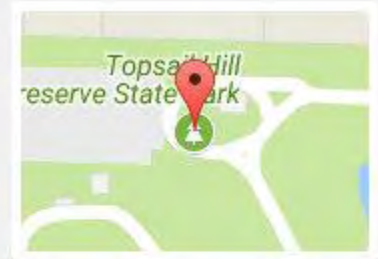
Thursday, Jan. 4th 2018 at 8am to Sunday, Jan. 7th 2018 at 12pm

Where

7525 West County Highway 30A
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

More information

Reservations through Reserve America.



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Farm Life 2.0

When

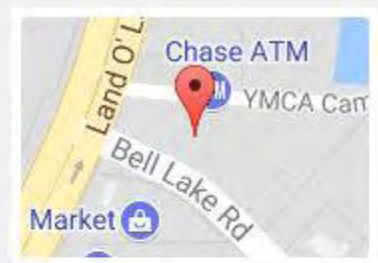
Wednesday, Feb. 7th 2018 at 9am to Sunday, Feb. 11th 2018 at 12pm

Where

Land O' Lakes, FL, United States Land O' Lakes, FL

More information

Food, friends, live music! Limited to 50 trailers. Rally electric and water only. Hosted Lisa Forsyth

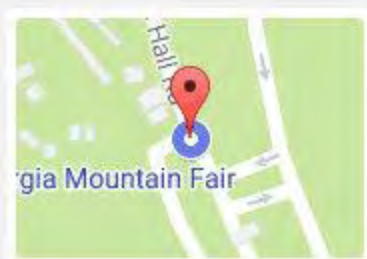


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GA Mountain Air - St. Patrick's Day Edition

When

Friday, March 16th 2018 at 8am to Sunday,
March 18th 2018 at 12pm



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Where

1311 Music Hall Road Hiawassee, GA

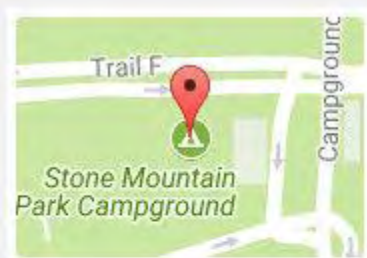
More information

As always, rally events include a Friday icebreaker, Saturday morning brunch, a Saturday afternoon Tour of Trailers, Saturday evening potluck, after dinner entertainment, and campfires! 706-896-4191 Area 2 B,C,D,E & F
Hosted Matt Hackney

KY Derby Rally at Stone Mountain

When

Thursday, May 3rd 2018 at 10am to Sunday,
May 6th 2018 at 12pm



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Where

4003 Stonewall Jackson Drive
Stone Mountain, GA

More information

1-800-385-9807 mention KY Derby Rally, sites 160-168, 163a-167a, 140a-144a
Hosted Robin Harrison



Getting To Know You

At Alumalina Fall Edition held in Cleveland, SC, I had the opportunity to meet a new affiliate member, Steve Zoufaly. Steve Zoufaly and wife, Deb Gooch, are *absolutely* newbie Airstreamers with a 2017 Sport 22. They first heard about the Southeastern Camping Unit at the Alumalina rally and thought "those folks sound like fun". Their "Beatrice" has camped on the Blue Ridge Parkway National Park campground at Price Lake which is close to home in Deep Gap, NC and the NC Outer Banks. Steve is a sculptor who enjoys working in metal, wood, and fiber. Here is just one example.

Please keep an eye out for them at future events.

Winter In The South - Craig Stephens

As I sit at home with a pleasant fire on the hearth, I can't help but think about our new to us Airstream sitting out in the cold storage yard. Even here in the Southeast we do need to pay some cold weather attention to our trailers. Once a routine is established, winterizing your rig can be a fairly quick process. My preferred technique is to "blow out the lines" with compressed air. An alternative is to attach the intake side of your fresh water pump to a hose which is then inserted into food grade Glycol and pump that into all of your lines.

Using compressed air doesn't require very much Glycol, just a bit to pour into the "P" traps of your various drains. There is a small fitting which can be screwed into the "city water" inlet which will allow the connection of a line from your compressor. Limit the pressure from the compressor going into the trailer to 50psi. By opening the individual faucets within your trailer, virtually all of the water may be flushed out. Don't forget the low point drains for hot and cold lines located on the belly of your Airstream.

The entire process can take less than 15 minutes, allowing you to rest comfortably by your home fire in the knowledge that your Airstream will be ready for you the next time you want to venture out.

This year every winter month has a rally which we would love to see you at, so the thought of "winterizing" needn't discourage you from joining your fellow SECU members no matter what the temperature. Plus if you are unsure of some of the procedures above, we have many experienced members to help clarify the process.