

The Southeastern Camping Times

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ISSUE EIGHT



Durham Buffalo Ranch encompasses over 60,000 acres and approximately 3,000 Buffalo!



Of course Dutch Oven Pineapple Upside Down Cake was good too!

Scenes from Gillette

Members from the Southeastern Camping Unit gathered with representatives from all over the US and Canada in Gillette, WY. The 57th International Rally provided an opportunity for all to enjoy Fun, Friendship, and Adventure! Nobody was busier than Lia and Bob Rizenko. They arrived early to cook breakfast for early workers. Bob showed them how the SE Camping Unit enjoys breakfast! Lia played in the band, learning a new instrument in the process, Bob won First Place in the Craft Show for his jewelry (Lia's designs) and Lia chaired the Flea Market and they both had a great time! Of great interest to many was the debut of the Flamingo Flag! This was the first WBCCI Flag Ceremony to feature our banner.

Roy Beavers (far right) presents the Southeastern Camping Unit Flag at the International Rally



To join our Facebook Group, go to Southeastern Camping Unit WBCCI (on Facebook) and request membership.





A Note from Roy Beavers



As I write this, we are preparing for the start of our adventure up the Alaska Highway tomorrow, led by affiliate members JJ and Sandy Johnjulio. It's hard to believe that 12,000 Army troops and 16,000 civilian workers built the original 1,400 mile road in less than 9 months. According to the head of the Dawson Creek Visitor's Bureau (a child of one of the original workers) the day they started, the temperature was -40 degrees Celsius!

Elaine and I hope everyone is having a wonderful Summer camping season and we miss you all. If you're not already and would like to be a friend of our trip Facebook page, let me know and I'll add you to the list.

There are several rallies coming up in the next few months, most notably America's Past Time Rally August 8 and the newly formed Blah, Blah Rally on October 17 at Stone Mountain, hosted by the Harrisons. That rally includes the opportunity to see Antsy McLain in concert, so get your reservations and buy your Antsy tickets ASAP.

Stay safe and keep the shiny side up. See you in October!

Roy and Elaine
Moving WBCCI Forward!

Editors note: While Roy, Elaine, and The Hat are traveling, members of the Southeastern Camping Unit have been busy planning rallies! See details throughout this issue.

Gone to Alaska!





Membership Update

From Beth Hackney

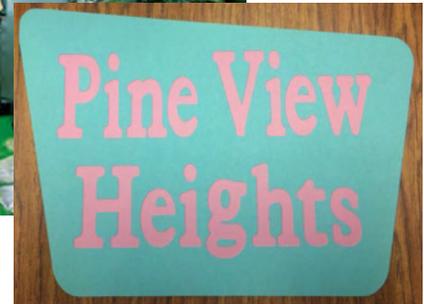
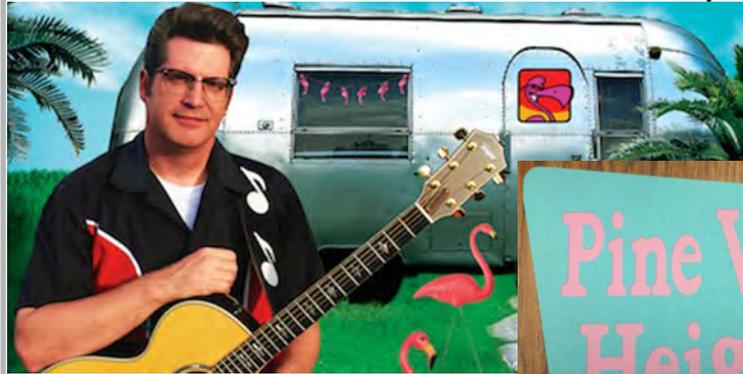
We now have 53 regular members and 63 affiliate members. We welcome our newest members Peter and Darcy Pino from Kennesaw, Ga. We gained a bunch of new affiliates in Gillette at the International too.

It is that time of year. It is time to send in your renewals. The cost is the same this year. If you could forward me a check for \$66 made out to WBCCI/Elizabeth Hackney it would be much appreciated. A few of you overachievers have already sent me your payments, and I appreciate it. If you are going to one of the upcoming rallies, you can save the stamp and hand deliver it to me. Don't worry I will be asking.

Roy is doing a great job with the membership directory on our website because it is constantly changing. We have it password protected on our website secamping.wbcci.net. Please email me (eroney@aol.com) if you do not have the password. Also don't forget to join our Facebook Page Southeastern Camping Unit WBCCI.

Our treasury is temporarily at \$341.42.

Antsy McClain and the Troubs And A Blah, Blah Rally!



For those of us unable to attend his recent concert in South Carolina (not pictured below), Antsy McClain has agreed to return to the Southeastern US for another performance. If you haven't seen the Facebook posts, Robin and Bill Harrison have stepped up and organized a gathering at Stone Mountain.

Antsy McClain and the Trailer Park Troubadours will be performing at the Red Light Cafe in Atlanta Oct 17th so we're creating a camping layover for those of you who are interested in attending his event but are too far away to come for just the evening. Of course, you're welcome to join in if you just want to camp too. Camping will be at the Stone Mountain Campground. Reservations can be made by calling 770 498-5170 and requesting a site held for the SE Camping Unit. Thursday night we'll head over to the local German restaurant, Friday night will be with Antsy and Saturday night we'll do a potluck dinner. If you can attend any or all of this event, contact Robin at harrison429@comcast.net.

Buy Concert tickets at:

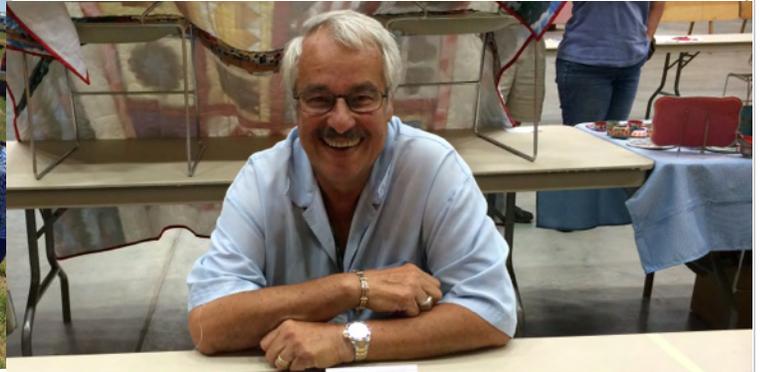
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/antsy-mcclain-tickets-12163359937?ref=ebtn>

In case you are wondering who that is with Brad and Karen Roberts, It is Danielle and Lucius Herman...and Antsy McClain. Antsy is the tall one.





President Roy serving up some Dutch Oven Upside Down Cake!



Bob Rizenko was here!



The Southeastern Camping Unit 4th of July Party became a big event, thanks to all our Affiliate Members!



Bob Rizenko was here too!!



New International 3rd Vice President Jim Cocke and Debbie Wood are installed at the International Rally



Matt and Beth enjoy dressing up for the installation!?!

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.



SE Camping Unit at Alumalina, Fall Edition and Falluminum

Many of our members have attended popular Air Forums Rallies. We will be continuing the tradition with an invitation from John Leake to attend Alumalina at Lake Wateree State Park (Winnsboro, SC) September 26 - 29. You can call the Park directly at 803.482.6401 All sites are currently reserved, but keep checking. Also, check the Air Forums / Rallies thread as folks often change plans as the rally approaches.

In October, Alan David has invited us to attend Falluminum at the Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds (Hiawassee, GA) October 24 - 26. Contact the Fairground at: Georgiamountainfairgrounds.com



Southeastern Camping Calendar of Events

Bald Ridge and Fun in the Sun in August! (formerly America's Pastime Rally)

The rally is August 8-10, camping at Bald Ridge Creek on Lake Lanier. Due to lack of interest in the Braves baseball game, but continuing interest in the rally, the rally name has been changed! We still plan to have fun, so I'll dub our event the "Fun In The Sun Rally". Don't forget to bring your kayaks, bikes, bathing suits and toys! We are planning 4 joint meals: Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner and Sunday breakfast. Currently there are 15 rigs confirmed for this great event.

For reservations go to <http://www.recreation.gov/unifSearchResults.do?topTabIndex=Search>. For more information, contact Bill Narowski at wnarowski@msn.com.

Questions?
Contact Kathy or Bill Narowski

Pine Mountain Weekend

Bill and Robin Harrison are planning a weekend at FDR State Park in Pine Mountain GA Sept 19-21. Inside the park there is Roosevelt's Little White House tour, Dowdell's Knob, Horseback riding and hiking trails. Within the City of Pine Mountain is Callaway Gardens which happens to be hosting the world's largest Blue Morpho Butterfly display during the month of September and Wild Animal Safari which allows you to drive through the park to see over 65 different species of roaming animals. Then a bit further out, in the city of Columbus, is the world's longest urban whitewater rafting on the Chattahoochee River.

The GA state parks are not site specific reserve-able, they are first come first served. I'd love to get on the water but it's not likely for us. Still if we all want to stay together there is the 'back' loop. In order to get those sites we'd all need to reserve a 40' site.

Reservations for the park: <http://www.gastateparks.org/FDRoosevelt>

Okeefenokee Swamp Paddle 2

Back by popular demand (well, those who asked me said it was popular) is the Okeefenokee Swamp Paddle. We will again be camping in Stephen C. Foster State Park near Fargo, GA. It is important to note that this is actually closer to many of our Florida members than it is for those who live north of Atlanta! This year we will be paddling on Friday November 7 and Saturday November 8. This year we will be holding the event without the GA Conservancy. You can bring your own kayak or rent one at the park. More details will follow in August and September. Make your reservations for November 6th or 7th through the 9th now at:

www.gastateparks.org

For questions, contact Matt or Beth Hackney, eroney@aol.com

From Craig Stephens



How do you travel?

Is it the Journey or the Destination?

Our family has just returned from two weeks on the road, and as we discussed the trip amongst ourselves, the question came up of "How do we like to travel?". This trip was a combination of scouting mission and just exploring the Southeast. We enjoyed the caravan up the Blue Ridge Parkway led by the Hackney's in 2012 that we wanted to see if one would work traveling down the Natchez Trace. That was the mission part of this trip; to explore the Trace. We have decided that the Trace wouldn't make the type of Caravan destination that we had in mind. So after about 300 of the 444-mile total, we jumped off to just explore. We headed over to Vicksburg, MS then down to Lake Pontchartrain, across to Gulf Shores, AL then back up towards Atlanta.

While on the last part of our trip home we ran through the usual questions of; what was your favorite thing/campground/activity/etc.? Our son Cameron said that he really appreciated the unstructured nature of the trip, which allowed us to spend extra nights when we discovered a particularly nice campground or activity. Our daughter Kate then said she would have appreciated more structure or scheduled activities on the trip.

That brings me to the question of: Is it the Journey or the Destination? I think the answer may lay in a combination of the two. It is great to have the flexibility of stopping to smell the roses whenever one wishes to, but it is also a good idea to know where you are going.

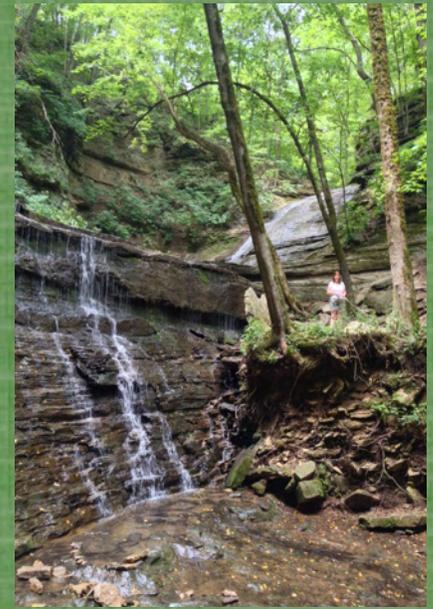
They say a picture is worth a thousand words, we posted a few of our Journey on the SECU secure Facebook page, I would encourage all of you to share pictures of your Journey or Destination.

A second question to leave you with, if you keep track of the travels on the US map, when does a state get added, when you camp in the state or is passing through the state good enough to earn the sticker??

See you on the road,

Craig

Editor's Note: The Stephens ARE on the road together, but they didn't have a photographer handy.



Jackson Falls on the Natchez Trace

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Davis Lake Campground, MS

Canopener 2015

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Last Year 22 Southeastern Camping Unit Members Attended!

Over 10 SECU members are already signed up for the ninth annual Canopener rally at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida scheduled for January 9-11, 2015. Tom and Robin Montgomery (Alumitater of Airforums, and members of SECU) will be hosting this rally which last year attracted 80 Airstreams from around the country. Sites at the campground are booking quickly, the 103 loop in the campground is already full, so if you are thinking about attending this always fun rally, hop on the Reserve America website and make your reservations. Once you've reserved a site, don't forget to go on the rally RSVP page on Airforums.com to register with the rally so the hosts will have an

accurate count, your name badges can be created, and you can be added to the site maps periodically published on Airforums.

If you haven't been to a Canopener, there is no rally fee but there are fabulous pot luck dinners, including some terrific dutch oven culinary delights. Last year the SECU sponsored one of the evening happy hours. Located on the Gulf of Mexico, the park is first class with full hookup campsites, hiking trails, kayaking, and a 2 mile stretch of unspoiled white sandy beach. Nearby Destin has a wide choice of restaurants and shopping destinations. Seaside, a short drive from the park, has a number of vintage Airstreams, converted to streetside food kitchens, lined up in the center of town selling a variety of tasty treats.

Chuck Nesbit



Video from Canopener 2014

Can be found at:

*[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=JsaKrimSMP4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsaKrimSMP4)*



Our Youngest Member

From
Amber and Jason
Perkins



Glad we could finally join the group! Hope all of you are enjoying the summer. We pulled back into York, SC on June 3rd---none too early, as I started having some pretty serious complications over the weekend. Our new edition was born by emergency C-section the following Monday at 31 weeks gestation (9 weeks early). He is doing very well now for his age (33 weeks) and we hope to take him home by mid July. We are in the process of preparing the trailer for the baby, which is actually a lot of fun. Maybe we will be able to join you for a trip later on this summer in August or September.
Jasper Tygart Perkins
Born 6/9/2014
2 lbs 10 oz 16 inches long

(Editor's Note: Jasper is at home after 45 days and was approaching 5 lbs at last count!)