

# Southeastern Camping Unit

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## Nancy's Notes

I just returned from Region 3 at Myrtle Beach. What an awesome trip! There were close to 200 trailers there from throughout our region. For those of you not familiar with it, the Region 3 Rally not only gives all clubs in Region 3 an opportunity to get together, learn from each other, and share ideas, but it is also where we have a formal business meeting and get feedback from our members. We arrived just in time for Opening Ceremonies on Wednesday, and Joe Connoly, a previous SECU president, helped me represent our unit in the Flag Bearers ceremony as each unit presented its flag to be kept on stage throughout the rally.

Mornings during the rally were spent with sessions such as "Caravan Leader training," "Towing is a Balancing Act," and "Guiding Your Unit to Greatness." John Leake, upcoming Region 3 president, conducted "Airstream 102," an advanced training on the ongoing care and maintenance of our trailers. Our own Matt Hackney gave us all a lesson on Dutch Oven Cooking with a yummy lava cake.

While mornings offered these various workshops, afternoons were on our own. Joe Connoly hosted a meet and greet on Friday afternoon, giving us a chance to meet a couple of our newest members. It has been an SECU tradition that each incoming president since our first is presented with a beautifully carved cane that looks like a flamingo, and the spouse is presented with a crystal pin. Since she wasn't able to attend the installation rally in the fall, Bonnie Overcash (Ed Overcash was SECU president before I was) presented my husband Mike with the traditional pin at Joe and Annette's meet and greet. Mike proudly displayed his QUEEN pin for the remainder of the rally.

Each night had a different entertainment. Thursday night was Open Mike night where folks shared their worst Airstream experience. There were stories about parking mishaps, storage issues, and site assignments provided by space challenged attendants, all of which had us laughing. On Friday night we had a professional story teller and Saturday night we had the "All That" clogging group followed by Jacobites by Name, a traditional Celtic Band that has been heard in at least 40 countries worldwide. Throughout the weekend we were also entertained by The Blue Angels, the U.S. Navy's demonstration flight teams as they practiced over our campground for a couple of days before their actual performance on Saturday afternoon. All of this AND an ocean view from our campsites and direct access to the beach. We couldn't have asked for better weather, as we had blue skies and temperatures in the 70s.

My favorite activity, however, was meeting new members and catching up with current members. We saw friends from other units that we had not seen in a while. Short walks around the park could sometimes take hours as we would stop to talk, share stories of adventures, examine the latest updates or modifications on someone's Airstream, or to exchange ideas on places to go and things to do. There's nothing better than being around a couple hundred other people who have the same interests as we do. We gain much from the fellowship of our fellow Airstreamers, both in and outside of our club.

You may not have been able to attend Region 3, but you can still experience the same sense of comradery when you attend one of our SECU upcoming rallies. There are several scheduled over the next months, as you will see in this issue. We have awesome members in our unit, so make new friends and sign up for a rally that works for your schedule. If you don't see one that interests you, create one of your own. If you post it, we will come! See you down the road!



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The unit continues to grow. We currently have 115 regular members and 44 Affiliate members in our fifth year. We seem to gain a significant portion of our new members from Airstream events that are not limited to Wally Byam club members. People see our group and see how much fun we are having. They also like our unit logo. Don't hesitate to talk with folks that aren't in the club to help them understand what we do and what the club has to offer. It is also important to explain to them that there are a wide variety of units within the club. If

one does not meet their needs or make them happy, there are others that can. Don't hesitate to be an ambassador for the club.

We also gain a percentage new members from our website, so it is important to keep it up-to-date. If you find anything that needs updating or if there is something you would like to see on the website, contact Roy Beavers at [egrbeav@bellsouth.net](mailto:egrbeav@bellsouth.net).



## How To Plan A Rally - In Its Simplest Form

- Pick a location - state parks seem to be the favorite of the SECU
- Pick a weekend - available sites are easier to secure with advanced planning, but a last minute popup rally can be fun also
- Pick a theme - only if you want too, some examples include Kentucky Derby, Cinco De Mayo or Farm Life,
- Pick a catchy title - there are plenty of creative types who could help you
- Think of an activity or two you would like the group to do - hiking, potlucks, dessert competition
- Let Nancy Gore know so we can publish it in the newsletter and the SECU website
- Let the good times roll

## KY Derby Rally at Stone Mountain

When

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

Where

4003 Stonewall Jackson Drive, Stone Mountain,  
GA

More information

Flamingos, Mint Juleps, KY Derby Hat contest  
Host Robin Harrison

## We're Going Camping In Alabama

When

Friday, May 18th, 10am

Where

Noccalula Falls, Gadsen, Alabama

More information

Host Robin Harrison

## Westward Ho - Caravan to Oregon

When

Monday, June 11th, 5pm to Friday, June 22nd,  
12pm

Where

2540 John L. Puryear Drive, Paducah, KY

More information

Starting point Paducah, KY ending point Bend, OR  
Host Nancy and Mike Gore

## WBCCI International Rally - Salem Oregon

When

Saturday, June 23rd, 12-7pm

Where

Oregon State Fairground, 2330 17th Street NE,  
Salem, OR

More information

<https://wbcci.org/component/eventbooking/2018-international-rally>

## Senior Discount Rally

When

Thursday, Sep. 27th, 9pm

Where

2970 Georgia 190 Pine Mountain, GA

More information

Host Nancy Gore

## GA Mountain Air - Fall 2018 Edition

When

Friday, Oct. 5th, 10am

Where

1311 Music Hall Road Hiawassee, GA

More information

Reservations: NOW (706) 896-4191

Area 2, Section A

Host Matt Hackney

## Big Pig Jig Rally

When

Friday, Nov. 2nd, 4pm

Where

2459 U.S. 280 Cordele, GA

More information

Host Matt Hackney

## JingleFarm

When

Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 2pm

Where

Land O' Lakes, FL, USA Land O' Lakes, FL

More information

Host Lisa Forsyth

