

Southeastern Camping Unit

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Nancy's Notes

The route is planned, all campsites are reserved, the dog is updated on all his shots, the paper is canceled, the truck has been made road worthy, so we're just about ready to go. It's been several years since we've made a more than a month trip in our Airstream, and we've learned some lessons from previous trips. We know better now not to try to drive every single day, but to stop a bit here and there and rest a bit. There are grocery stores along the way, so there's no reason to pack a fridge full of food. I've stocked my Kindle with a passel of books, so I won't need to clutter the trailer with any 'real' ones. This time we won't take our kayaks for a ride. If we see a body of water that we just have to take on, we can always rent a kayak. Bottom line, we've learned how to minimize a bit better.

This will be our first caravan of more than just a couple of days. I'm glad to have the company on such a long trip. It gives me a sense of comfort to know that we will be with friends and we can help each other as we head west. A few years ago we got a flat tire, and of course it was raining. Since there isn't much physical help I could provide Mike, it was great to have our friend Roy caravanning with us. He held the umbrella and provided assistance to get us back on the road and on our way.

On our last big trip, I attempted to blog about the adventure. I plan to do that again this time, but I'll be doing it from Facebook instead of a complicated blog site to which I don't always have access when in remote parts of our country. While I recognize not everyone is on Facebook (understandable given all that has come to light about its privacy issues), it is still an easy way to share with friends and family the adventures we're having on our first trip to the Pacific.

I'm looking forward to International this year. We hope to see some folks we met the last time we attended an International rally. Plus, I'm excited to represent our club at the various activities during the week of the rally. I've been to Oregon before and am thrilled to be returning to one of my most favorite parts of the country. After the rally, Mike and I will meander for a while before I have to return for fall semester.

In our next newsletter, I'll catch you up on what we saw, learned, and did while in Salem. Meanwhile, enjoy your own travels this summer. See you down the road!



SECU Style

Hats, shirts, banners, flags, signs: If you want to let others know of your affiliation with the Southeastern Camping Unit, we have many options.

Roy Beavers is our go to guy for flags and shirts, he has a number of them "in stock". Availability includes 21 flags; T-shirts - youth medium and large in gray; Ladies - small through XL in gray and white; Mens - small through 2xl in gray, large through 2xl in white. Some long sleeve shirts are available.

Contact person for hats is Beth Hackney.

A&W Designs has our logo in their computers so polos, jackets, hats can all be ordered directly from them. The advantage, you can choose your color, style and size. Contact Allison Hurner at awdesignslaserart@gmail.com

Most recently I have seen the signs outside many of our trailers. (I admit my husband just ordered us one, I have never claimed to be the first one on the block with gadgets.) The source, Build A Sign. Metal signs, banners, stickers and car tags can be made. From our home website you can click on the picture and save it to your device. It is a 2.03MB JPEG file. **This image is copyrighted and may not be altered.** By copying this picture, you acknowledge you will not change the design in any manner.

You can add your name (pet's names too, though I lost the argument with Craig) and rig number, home town etc.

We look forward to seeing more SECU gear out during the next year.

Alumapalooza 9 Recap

As you can see from the picture below, once again a great turnout from the SECU.

"This was one of the best-attended Alumapaloozas we've ever had," said co-organizer Brett Greiveldinger. "About 375 people were camped at Airstream, in about 180 trailers and motorhomes."

Alumapalooza is a great event so many levels, you have the opportunity to meet Airstreamers who haven't found a unit to participate with (Per Matt Hackney we gained two new regular members and two new affiliates.), renew friendships with individuals you have met before, see first hand how Airstreams are manufactured, get a repair or upgrade to your current rig, give feedback on what you would like to see in new models, visit the Airstream store for new swag, walk through current Airstream models that a local dealership brings to the grounds (maybe even go home with something new and shiny) happy hours, educational sessions to learn how to maintain your rolling home, eating and entertainment.

If you haven't attended one in the past, make plans for Alumapalooza 10.



SECU Status Update - Beth Hackney

The Southeastern Camping Unit now has 118 Regular Members and 50 Affiliate members. Our treasury is at \$487.96.

We had 21 regular and affiliate members at Alumapalooza. Joanie McMIndes joined us as a brand new member. We had a wonderful time meeting new friends and old ones too. With over 170 rigs, the event was a great success. Next year, we are looking for more attendees at Alumapalooza 10!

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>

Tellus Again ...

When

Thursday, Aug. 2nd, 2pm

Where

McKinney Camp Ground Road Southeast
Acworth, GA

More information

Host Nancy Gore

There are sites available from 63-76 and 32-37. This campground fills up quickly, especially in the summer, so make your reservations now! Details to follow, but we will plan to visit the Tellus Science Center on Saturday, and kayak on Friday.

Senior Discount Rally CANCELLED

When

Thursday, Sep. 27th, 1 am

Where

2970 Georgia 190 Pine Mountain, GA

More information

Conflict - **RALLY CANCELLED**

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

Carolina Balloonfest Rally

When

Friday, Oct. 19th, 2pm to Sunday, Oct. 21st, 7pm

Where

Statesville Regional Airport, 260 Hangar Drive,
Statesville, NC 28677

More information

Hosted by Al Waschka

Sites are going fast www.carolinaballoonfest.com; Scroll down to the RV parking area. There is an application form to fill out and mail in with a check. Write "SECU Airstream Rally" on the application. **Note the website says no refunds.** Members should please E-mail me (awaschka@bellsouth.net) when an application is sent in and I will update the list I have been sending to Haley, the individual who is collecting RV parking applications. Current count 17 rigs. She has said she would try to park us together, but I have no details on that. If we arrive together it will happen for sure, but that may be hard to coordinate. **Parking permits are for dry camping only; no electric, sewer or water services on site.**

I have not planned any activities, but I presume, in typical SECU fashion, there will be Happy Hours Friday and Saturday night. There are many food trucks/stalls on site, but the year we were there they were overwhelmed, and the lines were long, so you probably want to bring your own food.

Rain or Shine...Hot Air Balloon Flights are scheduled twice daily; early morning & late afternoon. All ballooning activities including static display, tethered rides and balloon flights are weather-dependent. The decision to inflate hot air balloons is made just prior to the scheduled ballooning activity.

Business Meeting @ Alumalina

When

Thursday, Oct. 25th, 9pm

Where

348 Resistoflex Road Marion, NC

More information

Tom Johnson Camping World Center, Reserve with sandlapper on Air Forum

Furnished meals, pot lucks, seminars, raffles, door prizes, games, music, open house, lots of fun stuff for the youngsters, and enough aluminum to treat even the most severe cases of aluminitas.

We will have 300 FULL HOOK UP SITES, 30 and 50a, another 100 water/electric, all RALLY STYLE parking....side by side, back to back on very nice, thick, level grass. Good wifi and cell service. \$35 per night.

Reserve here with me, I will be the keeper of the list. You are welcome to come early and stay late, same rate. We will collect the parking fee and our rally fee (TBD but always a great deal) at the site, so no need to call them, just let me know if you are coming. If you need to cancel out, we will appreciate the heads up, and we will miss you and you will miss a great time but no money to return.

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

Ring In The New Year

When

Friday, Dec. 28th, 10am

Where

Noccalula Falls, Gadsen, Alabama

More information

Host Robin and Bill Harrison

SEC Constitution Revision A Second Look

As a member of the unit, please review so you will be familiar with changes.



 SEC Constitution Rev2018....

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