

Southeastern Camping Unit

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Nancy's Notes

Fall is my favorite time of the year. I'm anxiously awaiting the cooler weather, the change in the color of the leaves, the making of any and everything with apples (well, maybe not everything - apple brownies would probably not be a hit). It's also my favorite time of year to go camping. I love sitting by the fire, sharing stories with my friends.

We take every opportunity for a road trip. Recently, a close friend of my got married a few hours outside of Atlanta. She's not an Airstreamer, but Mike and I decided to make a camping trip out of it and took the Airstream out for a ride. We camped at a Corps of Engineers park on Lake Hartwell. It made for a relaxing weekend. We drove leisurely to the campground Friday, relaxed Saturday morning as we sat watching the lake and listening to the birds while we drank our morning coffee. While we were there, Mike, as he is prone to do, saw an Airstream and went to meet the owners. He learned that they bought the Airstream in 2007 and are full timers, but have never joined WBCCI because they never saw the benefit of the club. They traded cards for future communication about the club.

I love our club and can't imagine having an Airstream and not being part of a club. Surprisingly, after ten years of trips in our Airstream, it continues to be an adventure. There's always a new place to explore, new people to meet, and new places to go. Being like minded, all SECU members for certain all have one thing in common - our love of our Airstreams and our love of travel. But it takes more than this to make a club thrive. We need gears to drive our unit forward.

I love that our editor Carol picked gears as the theme for this newsletter. She's right. Gears come in many shapes and sizes, but when they come together they do wonderful things. Our unit runs well because we have people who are involved. If you haven't yet gone to a rally, please come. We have a really nice line up of rallies over the next several months. If you haven't yet created a rally, think about hosting one. It's easy to do, and the more time we spend together, the closer we become, and the more we want to have even more rallies. Then we become a fine tuned machine, working together, exploring together, and just being together. Because for me at least, that's what it's all about.

The fall season always makes our thoughts turn to the upcoming year. Over the next few days, be sure to vote for our upcoming officers for 2019 and our revisions on our bylaws. If you don't do it electronically, you will have a chance to vote at the business meeting at the end of October. We'll be at a new venue for Alumilina where we hold our business meeting, and there's already a huge number of folks signed up. I look forward to seeing you there!

Election For Unit Officers

In a separate newsletter, (Also dated September, 2018) Nancy Gore sent out instructions for voting for officers which will open on October 2nd. If you wish to accomplish that before the business meeting on October 27th, otherwise you can vote at the meeting. A reminder as to who is currently on the slate:

Elections for Unit Office 2018 - 2019 Nominees for Office

President Bill Harrison

Vice President Carol Stephens

Secretary Kate Coast

Treasurer / Membership Beth Hackney

Trustee (2 year term) Denise McMullin Fleming (Previously appointed to fill the un-expired term vacated by Michael Cagle).

Trustee Debbie Landers is continuing with her 2nd year as trustee (no vote needed on this)

SEC Constitutional Revisions

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

Please refer to the June 2018 newsletter for link.

GA Mountain Air - Fall 2018 Edition

When

Friday, Oct. 5th, 4pm

Where

1311 Music Hall Road Hiawassee, GA

More information

Reservations: NOW (706) 896-4191

Area 2, Section A

All events are in the shelter near the lake.

Friday 5PM -Happy Hour-bring a beverage and finger food to share

Saturday

9AM - Pot Luck Breakfast

12:00PM - Open House of Trailers

5 PM - Happy Hour-bring a beverage and finger food to share

6PM - Pot Luck Dinner

At Saturday dinner we will have a door prize exchange. Those who bring a door prize will get a ticket to be drawn to win a door prize.

Host Matt Hackney, mhackney7@comcast.net

Carolina Ballonfest Rally

When

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

Where

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

More information

Hosted by Al Waschka awaschka@bellsouth.net

23 Airstreams signed up, including our most recent past WBCCI International President.
This is the second oldest hot air balloon festival in the US. The event attracts nearly 30,000 spectators.

**Parking permits are for dry camping only; no electric, sewer or water services on site.
Note the website says no refunds.**

Business Meeting @ Alumalina

When

Thursday, Oct. 25th, 5pm

Where

2695 US Hwy. 70 W. Marion, NC.

More information

Tom Johnson Rally Park. **NOTE:** Address listed in previous newsletter is Camping World. This address is the campground.

Our actual SECU business meeting will be some time on Saturday, but the rally itself begins on Thursday. Reserve with Sandlapper on Air Forums. He will be the keeper of the list. You are welcome to come early and stay late, same rate. They will collect the parking fee and the rally fee (TBD but always a great deal) at the site, so no need to call them, just let John know if you are coming.

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 aluminitis.

They 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.

SECU members, business meeting is normally held on Saturday morning of this rally.

Big Pig Jig Rally

When

Friday, Nov. 2nd, 4pm

Where

2459 U.S. 280 Cordele, GA

More information

Host Matt Hackney, mhackney7@comcast.net.

Georgia Veterans Park is now listed under Lake Blackshear Resort. Under the accommodations tab look for camping. We are at the non waterfront sites, looking to group on sites 54-72.

JingleFarm

When

Wednesday, Dec. 12th, 2pm

Where

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

More information

Preliminary numbers are in, so far about 19 units.

Host Lisa Forsyth, ljforsyth2000@gmail.com

Ring In The New Year

When

Friday, Dec. 28th, 10am

Where

Noccalula Falls, Gadsen, Alabama

More information

Host Robin and Bill Harrison, billh723@yahoo.com

Canopener 2019

When

Thursday, Jan. 3rd 2019 at 6pm to Sunday, Jan. 6th 2019 at 5pm

Where

7525 West County Highway 30A
Santa Rosa Beach, FL

More information

This is a national joint rally between Airforums and The Southeastern Camping Unit of the WBCCI. Hosted Annette and Joe Conoly (jsconoly@me.com). No membership of either group is required. A great way to introduce Airstream owners to our club.

Clubhouse has been reserved for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. I expect there will be music, chili, cornhole tournament, bunko, open house and more music. As in the past, there will be early arrivals to bring in the New Year. There is no Rally fee.

Reservations through Reserve America <https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/topsail-hill-preserve-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281250>

If sites are full, keep looking as there are cancellations. Set aside some time every day around 8:00am Central Time to check availability again, or consider Grayton Beach. In the past a number of people have cancelled at the last minute, so pack the Airstream and be ready to go.

Did You Notice The Gears?

Okay, so I am sending you a subliminal message. Our unit runs well because we have members who are involved, whether that is supporting our unit officers, or agreeing to serve as an officer, committing to host a rally, organizing a happy hour at a rally, or taking the time to vote. Gears come in many shapes and sizes, and when put together they can accomplish miraculous things.

<https://www.cars.com/articles/talk-about-having-your-car-on-blocks-lego-builds-working-bugatti-chiron-1420702779413/>

Hurricane Florence

Please keep our Region 3 WBCCI members who may have been affected by the flooding in your thoughts.

