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The Anything But “Blah, Blah” Rally

The Southeastern Camping Unit gathered at Stone Mountain the weekend of Oct. 17-19 with a total of 13 trailers and about 30 participants. The event began Friday night with a fabulous bus ride to see Antsy McClain at the Red Light Café. Everyone received a specially designed “Blah, Blah” coozie for the ride. Having a designated driver certainly added to the relaxing vibe of this rally. Given that Antsy designed our Unit Flag and logo, it was only natural that the group showed up in Antsy-inspired attire. With customary Southern style, Antsy greeted everyone coming through the door, making the crowd feel right at home in the cozy cafe. Many sang along to the classics such as “Living in Aluminum”, “Can’t Fix Stupid”, and of course the “Blah, Blah” song. Following a very entertaining performance, Antsy even stayed around for a group picture. We looked forward to seeing Antsy again at Alumina the following weekend.

The weekend continued with more comradery as folks gathered for bike riding, dog walking, mountain climbing and, of course, a little bit of eating. (*Well, maybe a more than a little bit...Some folks may want to check out the Weight Gain Rally on the Calendar of Events.*) To top it all off, the weather couldn't have been better. Notable events included a group trailer tire change, a lesson on side-mirror truck-towing details, and a vintage Shasta sitting in for an Airstream that was undergoing some revisions.

Thanks to Robin and Bill Harrison and all those who contributed to the rally!

Upcoming Rallies for the Next 12 Months, from Craig Stephens, President 2014



As I write this, it is less than two weeks until the Falluminum Rally and the end of our inaugural year as Unit 12 of the WBCCI. We are off to a great start with over 50 regular and another 50 plus affiliate members. I am also happy to say that we have lost the honor of being the newest Unit in the WBCCI to the LA Unit. It is a happy event because it means that the WBCCI is continuing to change and grow with new units and new members to make up the units. Many of our members are new as well as others who have returned to the WBCCI after an absence. Hopefully that indicates we are doing what Airstreamers like to do, getting out and camping. As well as providing opportunities to discover new places, activities, people, and let's not forget food.

With this in mind, here is a rundown of the Rallies on the schedule for the next 12 months. We are spread out geographically as a unit and it is perfectly OK to have overlapping rallies. If you would like to host one, or know of the "perfect place" for a rally, just send an email my way. In order to be covered by the WBCCI insurance, we need to "Publish" our rallies. By listing them in the newsletter, or posting them on the SECU website (<http://secamping.wbcci.net>), that box is checked off.

Happy Camping,
Craig

November 7-9, 2014 Okefenokee Paddle Rally, Hosted by Matt & Beth Hackney. Stephen C. Foster State Park (near Fargo, GA and the FL state line)

November 21-23, 2014 Hunting Island Hiatus (an Airforums Rally) Hosted by Ed & Bonnie Overcash, Hunting Island State Park, Beaufort, SC

December 31, 2014-January 4, 2015 New Year's Rally, Hosted by Brett Greiveldinger & Lisa Forsyth at Crooked River State Park, St. Mary's, GA (Near the FL line)

January 9-11, 2015 Canopener an Airforums Rally (while not a WBCCI Rally, the SECU is traditionally has a strong attendance) Hosted by Tom & Robin Montgomery at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, Santa Rosa, FL

February 20-24, 2015 Weight Gain Rally, Hosted by Bob Rizenko at Silver Spring State Park, Ocala, FL

February 24-March 1, 2015 Alumaflamingo 2, <http://alumaflamingo.com>. This is the second year and it immediately follows the Weight Gain Rally.

March 27-29, 2015 Alumalina, Hosted by John & Susan Leake and Lake Wateree State Park, Winnsboro, SC

April 9-12, Springstream, Hiawassee, GA Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

April 29-May 3, 2015 Region 3 Rally, Exchange Park, Ladson, SC

May 22-25 Hiking Rally in Virginia, Hosted by Joe & Annette Conoly at Virginia Highland Haven, Copper Hill, VA, <http://www.vahighlandhaven.org>

May 26-31 Alumapalooza 6, <http://alumapalooza.com>
Come back home to the Mother Ship in Jackson Center, OH

June 26-July 4, 2015 WBCCI 58th International Rally, Farmington, NM; <https://www.facebook.com/wbccifarmington2015>

August an entire month open, just for anyone who would like to jump in.

September date TBD Alumalina the Fall Edition, Hosted by John & Susan Leake, Location TBD

October Falluminum again and the conclusion of SECU's 2nd year! This will be our annual meeting and officer elections.

Notes from Roy Beavers, 2013 President Southeastern Camping Unit



Hi ho Southeastern Camping Unit Members. We're your long lost President and Queen, back from the land larger than life. It has been the trip of a lifetime, but we are ready to be home camping with our friends.

This will be our final President's Letter. The unit started the year off with a bang and never slowed down. It is refreshing seeing folks volunteer to host scheduled campouts, set up impromptu camping trips and basically just have fun together. Many thanks to all our officers and hosts for all their hard work. It has been our pleasure serving the unit in its first year and we are looking forward to enjoying many more years of fun and fellowship with you.

During our travels, we heard many good comments about our unit and our vision of where WBCCI should be heading. We are making a difference and I expect us to continue that trend going forward. Other units are changing the way things have always been done and are looking for ways to recruit new members from the group of Airstream owners that have not yet committed to WBCCI. Those changes are happening because of the efforts of some of our members and their interaction with leaders of other units across the country.

We hope to see many of you at our annual business meeting, during Falluminum and the many of our future rallies in the upcoming months.

See you down the road!

Roy and Elaine



Ring in 2015 Airstream Style!

Come join Brett and Lisa Greiveldinger at Crooked River State Park in Southern Georgia for NEW YEARS EVE!

We will have a champagne toast (provided by your hosts) and party favors. We plan to show the NYC Time Square ball drop on the big screen for all to enjoy. The plan includes campfires, pot luck, mulled cider, and more on tap for the celebration.

Make your own reservations VIA reserveamerica.com Your hosts plan to arrive on 30th of December, but feel free to come early! Site gets picked by you on arrival. How cool is that?

Let me know if you are planning to attend, so we can get your commitment for the potluck and happy hours. brett.greiveldinger@gmail.com

Other plans for other activities will be announced as soon as we can get an idea of attendance. Let me know you are coming and I will work on more to do. We have plenty of options in the area to experience, and can setup some offsite fun for the days we are there.

Canopener 2015, Santa Rosa Beach



Join us at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida on January 9-11. Last year's rally had 22 of our members in attendance and a total of 80 Airstreams from around the country. Tom and Robin Montgomery will be hosting this rally. Check Reserve America for reservations, then RSVP on Airforums.com so hosts can have an accurate count. The park has a reputation for its first class, full hookup campsites, hiking trails and white sandy beach. Video from last year's Canopener can be seen via:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsaKrimSMP4>.



Feeling a little heavier after all these potluck dinners? Check out the Weight Gain Rally hosted by Bob Rizenko in Silver Spring State Park in Ocala. The campsite is full, but check for cancellations at the park website.



We're a Closely Connected Club!

There's lots of ways to stay in touch with each other in our unit. Our activities are posted on our websites 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 some company or just ideas for locations, post your request to Southeastern Camping Unit WBCCI on Facebook.



Congratulations to 2014-2015 Officers

The nominating committee, consisting of Roy Beavers, Craig Stephens, and Matt Hackney, have interviewed and determined the following candidates to be qualified and willing to serve as officers for 2014-15. Members then voted via e-mailed ballots or via the Annual Business Meeting in Hiawassee on Oct. 25. Additional candidates who have previously consented to accept the office if elected, may be placed in nomination from the floor of the meeting as well. No seconds were required for any nomination.

President – Craig Stephens
Vice President – Joe Conoly
Secretary – Nancy Gore
Treasurer/Membership – Beth Hackney
Trustee (2-year term) – Cissy Thibadeau
Trustee (1-year term)* - Ed Overcash
*fills a position left vacant with Joe Conoly moving up.

We extend a warm and heartfelt thank you to outgoing President Roy Beavers and Trustee Jerry O'Connell for their service. It's been a great year and we look forward to a continuously growing and active club with the foundation our 2013/14 officers provided.



Membership Update from Beth Hackney, Treasurer

The Southeastern Camping Unit currently has 63 Regular members and 61 Affiliates for a total of 124 members. The newest members have simply changed their status from Affiliate to Regular members. We are glad they have chosen to renew with us.

We currently have \$330.43 in the general fund.

Please remember that your 2015 dues are due now. Please send a check for \$66 made out to WBCCI/Elizabeth Hackney. My address is 3519 Stevens Way Martinez, GA 30907. If you are participating in any of our events this fall, you can give me a check in person.

See you down the road!

Beth

Alumalina in September

Matt Hackney

The September Rally was held at Lake Wateree during Alumalina. This was our first chance to attend the event and we were overwhelmed by the organization and popularity. You may have seen some of the photos on Facebook or the Air Forums, but there were 52 rigs participating. We could actually count the two new 2015 Airstreams brought by John's RV (Lexington, SC). Of course, they sold one while they were there.

John Leake has held a number of these gatherings and was kind enough to allow the Southeastern Camping Unit to hold rallies at the last two. There was wonderful food, great music, informative seminars and roving repair (provided free of charge by numerous attendees). In addition, many opened their home on wheels for the open house. Due to the popularity of this event, the Fall version will be held at Palmetto Cove next year. The Spring event, however, will again be held at Lake Wateree. Beth and Matt already have our reservation and recommend you make yours soon!

Pine Mountain Rally

There were six trailers at Pine Mountain, plus two Ft. Benning Army Rangers who saw the rally posted on Airforums and dropped by to check it out. Matt Hackney picked up and delivered BBQ for Friday night dinner. Saturday had folks exploring Pine Mountain, visiting The Little White House, adventuring at the Pine Mountain Safari, and walking the beautiful trails of the campground.



September Photo Gallery (not all rallies represented. Go to our website for full gallery pictures.)



October Photo Gallery (not all rallies represented)



Figure 1 Falluminum after business meeting



Figure 5 Ron Kaes and family jamming with Antsy McClain.



Figure 4 Modeling concert attire

