



# TARHEEL TRAVELER

NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB  
THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CLUB IN WBCCI FORMED IN 1960



## PRESIDENTS CORNER

PHIL DRAKE

Happy anniversary!! Yes, to the Carolinas Airstream Club. In October we will be sixty years old! Amazing! It's quite an accomplishment for any organization, especially one consisting entirely of volunteers from diverse backgrounds and geography. This longevity is entirely due to dedicated members who, through the years, have held to the ideals promoted by Wally Bynum. We are in the planning stages for a celebration at our November rally at Ocean Lakes. You should be there; there are plenty of campsites available, perhaps not in the HH section but it's a big place with plenty of room.

We have several ideas on how to mark this occasion but would like your input. If you have an idea or want to be involved in the celebration planning, let me know.

So, let's go back sixty years to see who was involved in leading this outfit. The 1960 Wally Bynum Caravan Club Inc. Directory shows the following:

- President- Ray Fowler, Waynesville, NC
- Vice-President- Otho McCullers, Greenville, SC
- Secretary- Margaret Wenstrand, Tryon, NC
- Treasurer- Mildred McCullers, Greenville, SC

These men and women, and others like them were real pioneers. They pulled their trailers with cars instead of pickup trucks. There were few campgrounds as we know them today and absolutely no "full hookups". They camped where they stopped for the night and had few of the "conveniences" we take for granted now. There was no Wi-Fi, Internet or cell phones, CB radio was in its infancy, no DVRs, satellite or digital TV. Entertainment was talking with your fellow campers around a campfire or reading a book (still works by the way).

If something broke on car or camper, they fixed it and kept on rolling. Shucks, even pay phones were few and far between. Regardless, these Airstreamers traveled all over the US, Central and South America, Europe and even Africa. I understand on good authority, that post-hole diggers were required equipment back in the day (not for building fences).

We plan to celebrate. As we do let's never forget those members who got us here beginning sixty years ago.

See you soon.

~Phil

## 2020 RALLIES

BRUCE THOMPSON, 1ST VP

We just arrived home from our James Island Rally at Charleston SC, where 17 rigs / 34 people gathered to enjoy the 70+degree perfect weather and fresh air. Pam & Larry Brodsky did a fantastic job at hosting and keeping us busy. We watched the sail boat races, biked the paved trails, shopped Charleston, dined at wonderful restaurants, and sat around the campfire telling stories and enjoying each other's company. Wow! What a great kick-off for the season. Now for the elephant in the room: We also practiced social distancing, hand washing, elbow sneezing, sanitizing, using an abundance of caution and common curtesy in keeping our germs to ourselves.

We had a blast! We had 2 couples that visited with us at breakfast and dinner, and we inducted our new members Jeff & Nancy Kueffer, what a wonderful couple. ☺

Next up is our scheduled rally at Tanglewood Park – there are 22 rigs / 41 people registered. This always turns out to be a very popular rally. Our hosts for this rally are Bruce & Marcia Thompson and Margaret Van de Ree. The agenda will be sent out soon. Stay tuned...

Tanglewood held 20 sites for us and those have been taken, but there may be other sites in the campground – so make your call if you would like to join us.

<https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/apr-tanglewood-park/>

*Shining in Shelby* is just around the corner in May. We are at capacity, but you know how that Wait List moves. This will be our first urban rally and it promises to be absolutely fantastic. Roger Holland is the man of the hour in getting everything planned and organized with the City of Shelby. We're all very excited and anxious to be camping in Uptown Shelby.

<https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/april-2020-rally-shining-in-shelby-nc/>

Now about that elephant... my *hope* that all these *extra* virus precautions (we should wash our hands anyway) will pass soon and we can get back to our routines. If you feel at risk or uncomfortable in groups of other campers, then please stay home; otherwise, we hope to see you at the rallies. Check our webpage and don't forget to RSVP.

<https://carolinas.airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/>

See You Down the Road,

~ Bruce T



We rally together!

## 2021 RALLIES

BRUCE BODENSTEIN, 2ND VP

Hello all from wonderful James Island County Park near Charleston, SC. The weather literally couldn't be any better. It's like someone flipped a switch for us; Winter>Spring. It was an easy, first trip out for us this season with no hiccups so far with the trailer which is always good news.

And yes, we are using common sense about hygiene. We normally turn our trailer's hot water heater on as needed during the day, however, it's on continuously now for lots of piping hot water for frequent hand washing.

Thank you all at last month's dinner outing who passed on tips for the 2021 rally season. Always glad to hear about your great experiences.

See you down the road and be sure to keep the shiny side up.

~ Bruce B



ELAINE MYERS

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We lost two long time members in February:

Lenwood Ammons, who had joined the club in 1974, and

John Carriker II, who was a member since 1971. John's son, John III, and wife Sharon, are current members. Condolences to all.

Jim (Region 6 Pres.) and Jenice Johnson are associate members who live in Nashville, TN. They are doing well, but are surrounded by the devastation of the tornados. Keep those affected in your hearts, and check out [visitmusiccity.com](http://visitmusiccity.com) to see options for offering aid.

Congratulations to Burl Hammock, N4BUR, who passed his ham radio Extra exam, the highest license that is granted by the FCC for amateur radio.

Rebecca and John Walsh are the proud new owners of Monroe's 1991 Airstream Classic! Check out their new "Hive" when you see them.

We are currently in the midst of the James Island Rally, and goodness, it's great to get together again! Elaine's birthday was celebrated at Thursday's Happy Hour, and she appreciates the cards and well wishes.

*Get up and out - the day is bursting with moments! ~ Tagore*

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## MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Carolinas Airstream Club membership so far in 2020 is 114 rigs!!

Our newest members (details in Evernote):

- **Linda Aubrey & Cal Calhoun** and their 2018 28' Flying Cloud
- **Bill & Katrina Straight** and their 1972 26' Argosy

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WE ARE SOCIALLY  
DISTANT BUT DIGITALLY  
CONNECTED ☺

## SHINING IN SHELBY

*At least come visit!*



While our first "Shining in Shelby - Wake up Uptown" urban rally is full with over 30 rigs, if you live nearby, come visit! Shelby is a lively NC town with lots to see and do!

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## SILVER IN THE CITY

*Mark your calendars!*

The 2020 edition of *Silver in the City* on Congress Street in York, SC. will be April 23-26. This event is hosted by Terry and Annie Montgomery and John and Susan Leake of York, along with members of the Palmetto State Airstream Club, a unit of the Wally Byam Airstream Club International. If you want to attend this boondocking urban event, email Terry Montgomery [terrymontgomery31@gmail.com](mailto:terrymontgomery31@gmail.com)

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## CAROLINA BALLOONFEST

Joint Rally 2020



Please join members of the Southeastern Camping, Carolinas Airstream, South Carolina Coastal, Piedmont NC, Florida, and other Airstream Clubs from Region

3 and beyond for the Carolina BalloonFest Rally in Statesville, NC October 16-18, 2020. We will have parking convenient to the entrance to the festival grounds.

The schedule is available at: <http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com/>.

New this year there will be a password-controlled page for us to sign up and pay online. It will still be possible to mail in a check and it is required to mail in a signed copy of the parking application. The application will also include a privacy release allowing the festival to release names of those signing up to the rally organizers (Al Waschka #1322,) so that we can know who has signed up. Last year the balloon fest organizers stopped providing that information toward the end of the rally due to privacy concerns. There will also be (only on the password-protected page) a listing of those who have signed up so that members can see who is coming.

We will have access to sign up before the general public. ***In order to guarantee a space with the club, our applications and deposits will have to be received by the end of May.*** After that the festival, as last year, will start assigning spaces with WBAC starting at space 1 and the general public starting at the other end (whatever that may be, this year it was 75).

This will be a no-frills rally with no rally fee. We attempt to plan our happy hours and meals around the festival events which requires some flexibility as the event timing is dictated by weather conditions.

Note:

1. Reservations are not refundable, but the festival has committed to support transfer of a reservation to another person as needed.
2. This is boondock-style camping. Arrive full of water, batteries charged, and holding tanks empty! Generators are allowed and pets are OK in the camping area. There will be food trucks on site. Exit and re-entry are possible, but not convenient.

If you think you might attend, e-mail Al at [awaschka@bellsouth.net](mailto:awaschka@bellsouth.net) and he will send you the signup page address and password when it is released.

## STREAMIN' ON THE HARBOR

*Georgetown, SC*



*Photo: Chris Fox*

Our club had 4 rigs and 8 members attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Streamin' on the Harbor event in Georgetown, SC on March 6 – 8. There was an “Open House” on Saturday for locals to enjoy seeing inside the Airstreams. The group chose “Miss Ruby’s Kids” by making a donation to help local kids.

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## TECH STUFF

*Larry Brodsky*

### USE/STORE Switch

This article is based on a request, but has long been a source of confusion for many Airstream owners. As you enter your trailer, you will see a Battery Disconnect Switch with USE and STORE positions. Airstream has apparently had some variations over the years in how this is connected, but in most cases, what follows here will apply to your trailer. Check your Owners’ Manual if this does not apply. Now for what this switch does and does not do. First, the switch is not like a light switch in the sense that it does not stay in one position. What it does is it actuates a DC operated relay in the front of your trailer. Think of that relay having an open and a closed position and the USE-STORE switch



alternates it between the two. Note that if you have run down your batteries to a very low voltage, the relay cannot operate.

In the USE position, the batteries are connected to the DC Distribution panel in your Power Center, where all those fuses reside. IF you are NOT connected to shorepower, the switch will light up in the USE position, but not in the STORE position. The STORE position disconnects the batteries from the DC distribution panel, but your trailer brake system, your tongue jack, and your propane detector are essentially connected directly to the battery and will remain operational. Nothing else will have DC power. If you have factory solar, that remains connected directly to the batteries. If you are connected to shorepower, your converter will provide DC power to the DC Distribution panel, the light on the switch will stay lighted in both positions, but the battery will still be disconnected in the STORE position. Note that the items mentioned above, that are directly connected to the batteries, are still connected to the batteries, not the DC Distribution Panel.

So when should you use each position? The simple part is that if you are storing your trailer, use the STORE position. Your solar will still charge the batteries, your propane detector will still be energized, and your tongue jack will still work.

The harder part is when you are *using* the trailer. Before you head down the road, you will want your refrigerator to operate on propane and the switch must be in the USE position for any DC appliances to work. If you don't care about that, you can remain in the STORE position and the trailer lights, brakes, and charging from the tow vehicle will still function. At the campsite, use the USE position.

Now for the big UNLESS. If your trailer is pre-2019 (I think) and you have the stock charger, it is not battery friendly and a long time on shorepower will overcharge/cook your batteries. If you are going to be on shorepower for many days, you do not need to keep charging the batteries. I have not seen any studies or reports on exact numbers, but a week is not going to be an issue. If you have wet cell batteries,

remember to periodically check water levels. If you see the water levels decreasing, refill the cells and put your switch in the STORE position. You will still have all of your DC appliances available from the converter and you can go to the USE position every few days to top off the battery charge. Certainly you never want to leave your switch in the USE position if you are storing the trailer, connected to shorepower or not.

I hope this has clarified a few points about the switch. As always, questions to [LSBRODSKY@earthlink.net](mailto:LSBRODSKY@earthlink.net)

Larry

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## MEETING MINUTES

Carolinas Airstream Club  
Luncheon meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2020 – Noon  
Village Tavern, Winston-Salem, NC

Welcome – Phil Drake

Invocation – Charlie Fishel

Pledge of Allegiance –led by Bruce Bodenstein

Officer Roll Call – Margie Lamb- Present - Phil Drake, Bruce Thompson, Bruce Bodenstein, Marcia Thompson, Margie Lamb, Rocky Johnson, Cherylanne Weaver, Ed Hall, Rocky Johnson-immediate past president

Approval of December Meeting Minutes – Motion to approve was made by Chuck Fishel, seconded by Bob Clark and the minutes were approved as written.

Luncheon - (as appropriate, we will adjust meeting agenda as needed)

Treasurer's Report – Cherylanne reported our club balance, most of which belongs to the Smidge of the Blue Ridge caravan.

1st VP Comments – Bruce Thompson-80 people reserved for lunch; there are currently 120 units in club. We need hosts for the rallies; there is no rally fee for hosts. 2020 schedule cards are available for all who want one. The March rally will be at James Island, Region 3 rally will be at Ocean Lakes in April, and the Carolina Airstream Club Rally will be at Tanglewood in Clemmons April 16-18.

2nd VP Bruce Bodenstein-would like a committee to be formed for finding campgrounds and planning rallies and is seeking interested people to serve with him.

No comments from Board Members

Induction of new members – George Lamb led the induction of Linda Aubrey and Cal Calhoun, Bob and Carol Rychly, and Lee and Dawn Dunn. Welcome to all of you!

Tricia Miller offered thanks to the club for the support when Mike died.

Lenwood Ammons passed away. Joined in 1974, with his wife Doris. Lenwood was 101 years old.

Bob Clark moved to adjourn; Anne Seslar seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, *Margie Lamb*, Secretary

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## NOTE ON COVID-19

*Emailed to membership 3/12/2020*

I am writing this from our Charleston James Island rally where the weather is fine and the conversation and news reports are all about the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). We've had a number of questions about club rally cancellations. The St. Patrick's Day parade in Charleston as well as the ACC Tournament are two major cancellations we learned about today. There will be more.

We are not planning to cancel any club activities at this time. The club leadership is, like you, watching the news and advice of government officials. Social distancing, hand and surface sanitation for now are the guiding principles. The rally schedule, of course, may change based on local, state and federal mandates. We will keep you posted. If you feel safer cancelling your participation in any event now, we completely understand. Please let us know by using the RSVP button on the rally page on our website.

Here on James Island, we just finished our Thursday evening social where handshakes and hugs were replaced with waves and other acknowledgements from a distance. Everyone is being a bit more cautious but not afraid to interact and have fun. This virus is contagious; fear is even more contagious and that is the one thing that is most dangerous in any situation. "Be calm and carry on" was a slogan created in England during WWII. It is very relevant today.

Campers have a different mindset than the majority of folks. We tend to face little and big challenges with courage and self-reliance. We know that Mother Nature is a force to be dealt with but not defeated by.

We will come through this national challenge together. Americans always do.

See you soon.

*Phil Drake* – President



Sunset at [Monument Lake Campground](#) in Big Cypress National Preserve adjacent to the Everglades ~ *Susanne & Keith Schneider*



Past President George Lamb welcoming Nancy & Jeff Kueffer to the club!

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## [2020 Club Officers and Directors](#)

## BE AWARE OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Ed Hall

# Social Engineering Red Flags



### FROM

- I don't recognize the sender's email address as someone I **ordinarily communicate with**.
- This email is from **someone outside my organization and it's not related to my job responsibilities**.
- This email was sent from **someone inside the organization** or from a customer, vendor, or partner and is **very unusual or out of character**.
- Is the sender's email address from a **suspicious domain** (like `microsoft-support.com`)?
- I **don't know the sender personally** and they were **not vouched for** by someone I trust.
- I **don't have a business relationship** nor any past communications with the sender.
- This is an **unexpected or unusual email** with an **embedded hyperlink or an attachment** from someone I haven't communicated with recently.



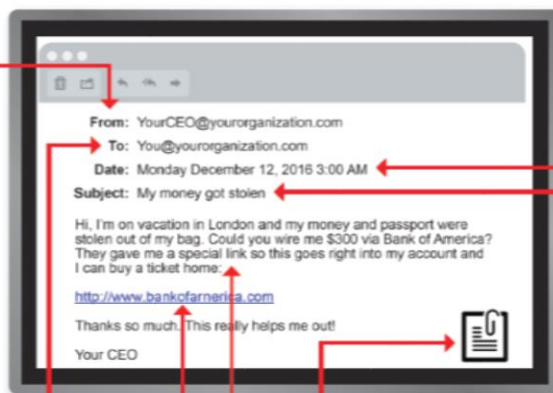
### TO

- I was cc'd on an email sent to one or more people, but I **don't personally know** the other people it was sent to.
- I received an email that was also sent to an **unusual mix of people**. For instance, it might be sent to a random group of people at my organization whose last names start with the same letter, or a whole list of unrelated addresses.



### HYPERLINKS

- I hover my mouse over a hyperlink that's displayed in the email message, but the **link-to address is for a different website**. (This is a **big red flag**.)
- I received an email that only has **long hyperlinks with no further information**, and the rest of the email is completely blank.
- I received an email with a **hyperlink that is a misspelling** of a known web site. For instance, `www.bankofamerica.com` — the "m" is really two characters — "r" and "n."



### DATE

- Did I receive an email that I normally would get during regular business hours, but it was **sent at an unusual time** like 3 a.m.?



### SUBJECT

- Did I get an email with a subject line that is **irrelevant or does not match** the message content?
- Is the email message a reply to something I **never sent or requested**?



### ATTACHMENTS

- The sender included an email attachment that I **was not expecting** or that **makes no sense** in relation to the email message. (This sender doesn't ordinarily send me this type of attachment.)
- I see an attachment with a possibly **dangerous file type**. The only file type that is **always safe to click on is a .txt file**.



### CONTENT

- Is the sender asking me to click on a link or open an attachment to **avoid a negative consequence** or to **gain something of value**?
- Is the email **out of the ordinary**, or does it have **bad grammar** or **spelling errors**?
- Is the sender asking me to click a link or open up an attachment that **seems odd or illogical**?
- Do I have an **uncomfortable gut feeling** about the sender's request to open an attachment or click a link?
- Is the email asking me to look at a **compromising or embarrassing picture** of myself or someone I know?