



TARHEEL TRAVELER

NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB
THE 21ST CLUB IN WBCCI FORMED IN 1960



PRESIDENTS CORNER

PHIL DRAKE #5789

CAC Members-

Region 3 President John Leake, will be inducting new R3 officers at the Palmetto Cove Rally Campground Park in Cleveland SC on Friday evening June 26th. Everyone is invited. There is plenty of room and full hookups. If you would like to join the fun, please let John know with a quick email to john@leakesantiques.com. This will not be the typical R3 get together due to social distancing measures so plan on all your own masks and meals. John is stepping down after two very productive years as R3 president. Thanks John for your leadership and support of our club!

Forty years ago, "Queen" had a hit song, "[Another One Bites The Dust](#)". Our June rally did just that when the governor of West Virginia extended his ban on out of state campers. Bruce had been in daily contact with the Pipestem Resort staff who had thought we were good to go until the week of the rally. They were almost as disappointed as we were.

OK, we are now focused on [David Crockett Birthplace State Park](#) in Limestone Tennessee. TN is open for camping now and barring any COVID increases, we will be camping with the East Tennessee Airstream Club in a joint rally. Bruce has more info in this newsletter and on our website.

While we are not camping, I wanted you to know the things here at Carolinas Airstream Club HQ have been very busy. Here are some examples: Cherylanne Weaver and Bruce Thompson have been working with our bank on changing from our old club name to the new name. Sounds simple,

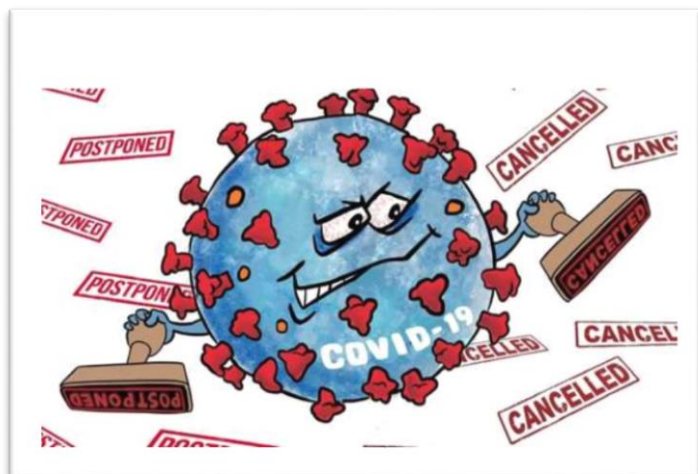
but you would not *believe* the bureaucracy involved. Margie Lamb has had to dig through meeting minutes for information requests. Bruce, as mentioned, has been on the phone daily to get us rallying again. Bruce Bodenstein is busy planning next year's rallies. The club board has met virtually on several occasions to discuss a number of important issues. Susanne Schneider, Greg Wilson and Larry Brodsky are keeping the board focused. Ed Hall is working on website security and order forms. Marcia Thompson and Dale Dowler are working new memberships and renewals. Marcia is working on the next edition of the newsletter. Elaine Myers is working on her "Rally 'Round Our Campfire" column to keep us connected. Cathy and I are working in the mailroom to ship garden flags and a mailing to all CAC members. Whew, we need to go camping! It takes a village and this one has been busy! (*note to new members: We don't have an HQ, boardroom or mailroom. We do however have some talented and energetic officers, directors and volunteers who keep this club moving. My goal is to stay in the mailroom and out of their way!*)

See you soon in Limestone TN! (*hopefully*)

~Phil

2020 RALLIES

BRUCE THOMPSON #5027, 1ST VP



***Cancelled...Closed...Postponed...Rescheduled.
Enough!***

Tennessee – here we come! This will be our first rally since March at James Island – can you believe that? The word “stir-crazy” comes to mind. I’ll probably need a refresher on how to hook up my camper.

As of yesterday, Davy Crockett Birthplace SP still had about 10 sites left. They will be at the 70% occupancy guideline on the day before we arrive. If I understood her name correctly, “Ethel” will be taking reservations – she’s been there for 3 years and is looking forward to our arrival, so just tell her you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club needing reservations for July 16 – 19th. Click [here](#) to for rally details.

Don’t forget to **RSVP!**

Just a word of warning: There are 2 Davy Crockett State Parks in Tennessee – You’re going to the **Birthplace** SP in Limestone, TN. The other one is on the West-side of TN – a very long drive.

Barring any uptick of the virus in Tennessee – we’re **ON** for this rally.

Also, at this point we’re uncertain about the status of restaurants in the area – so come fully stocked. We may also be still social-distancing, so be prepared for that. Keep watching emails / website for any news or updates. Rocky & Susan Johnson and Ray & Carol Combs will be our Hosts.

Did we make a hit with those CAC garden flags? I don’t think I’ve ever seen such a fast response. If you’ve been thinking about a small CAC flag, you better jump. When these are gone – they’re gone. We only ordered 50, so will probably be a few years before paying for another setup fee and ordering more. Here’s the [link](#) to order.

August weather is just around the corner... those hot, humid, sultry days. Wouldn’t it be nice to feel some cool mountain breezes and hear the swirling refreshing streams? The Boone KOA to the rescue!

Not many sites left here. Please call early mornings & leave a message if needed: as of a couple of weeks ago, they were only taking calls between 9:00 and 11:00 AM. Here’s the [link](#) & don’t forget to RSVP!

Many states are beginning to open up, roads are showing more traffic, campgrounds phasing up to full capacity, but we need to remain cautious. We may not be able to jump immediately back into our normal rally-mode. I’m anxious too, but let’s stay safe for a little longer.

Breaking News! We have maxed-out our allotment of held sites at Ocean Lakes. Today, they’ve added 10 more sites just for us, probably not in HH. 39 sites are already reserved, they are filling up *fast!* Call [Now](#) if you want a spot!

Thanks & hope to see you in Tennessee!

~ Bruce T

2021 RALLIES

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168, 2ND VP

Greetings Airstreamers,

Have you gotten on the road with your shiny trailer yet this season? We are at Ocean Lakes for a week as you read this. The weather hasn't been ideal but we are cozy and will most likely sleep well with the gentle tapping of raindrops on our tin-like roof. One would never know that we are in the midst of any sort of a crisis as this place is packed to the gills. It's not too hard to maintain our social distancing however so I'm not overly worried.

Cancellations still seem to be the order of the day so I've tentatively got Pipestem State Park moved up a year. I will keep you posted on the exact date in 2021.

Claire and I are loving the very attractive 60th anniversary medallion. I've already prominently mounted it on our entrance door. Good job Phil and the others who came up with this idea. For me, the historical aspect of our Airstream lifestyle is important and fascinating to dig into. I'll bet some of our earliest members have some tales to tell around the fireside. Can't wait to hear them.

Well, see you down the road. Next stop... checking out a potential future rally site.

~Bruce B

2nd VP

Quote of the month

There are three types of people in this world: those who can count and those who can't.

~Anonymous

CAC MERCHANDISE

Hi Streamers!

We just added a new page to our [Club website](#) - "**Order CAC Merchandise Here!**" This new page is located on the left side of the website

When you click on this page, you will see we are offering our large 3' X 5' CAC Flag **and our new CAC Garden Flag.**

We have 50 of the new Garden Flags to sell - first come first served; therefore you'll want to order soon to ensure you get your flag(s). For those that completed the recent interest survey on the new Garden Flag, you will still have to go to this new webpage to place your Garden Flag order.

When you place any order **please be sure to carefully read your Order Confirmation email, this email will contain information where to send your payment.** Also merchandise will not be shipped until receipt of payment.

As times goes we look forward to adding to this page. If you have any questions or problems with the new online ordering page or forms, please don't hesitate to contact Ed Hall #5280 (edluvsj@gmail.com).



Submitted by Larry Brodsky #2371

COMING IN MID-JULY: SELF-SERVICE PORTAL

Eric McHenry, #153

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Background:

Roughly one year ago, our new Club website (airstreamclub.org) went live with dedicated areas focused on Current Members, New Members and an interactive Club-wide Event map showing all Club rallies, caravan and special events. In addition to a more modern design, the new website was designed to be easily accessible by desktop computers as well as tablets and smartphones. The launch of our new website was the first of a three-phase project rollout:

- Phase 1: Launch new Club website (done!).
- Phase 2: Replace the aging membership database used by our corporate office to track all attributes of members, Club leadership roles, membership preferences, Big Red Number tracking, Caravans, etc. This phase is going live ~~in mid-May 2020~~ this summer.
- Phase 3: Implement a member-only “Self Service Portal” that allows member-only access to benefits, member profile updates, etc.

Member Self-Service Portal:

Beginning in mid-July, all members will be able to access a personalized “Self Service Portal” on the airstreamclub.org website.

- Access to update your profile (photo, address, email and other contact information).
- Access to member-only benefits such as the Harvest Host discount, Blue Beret magazine, detailed Courtesy Parking information, Membership list, etc.
- Simplified annual membership renewal.

More information on the Self-Service Portal will be emailed to all active members in mid-July plus in future issues of the Blue Beret.

RENEWAL DATES

July 1st *through* December 31st (by November 1st, if you wish to be included in the printed WBCCI International Membership Directory. In mid-July, you can renew via the new WBAC Self-Service Portal!



ELAINE MYERS #16767
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Without us rallying regularly, there is not a lot of personal news coming down the pipeline. Let me know if there is something you would like to share.

Though not CAC members, Wayne and Carroll Barth #5411 (W. Va.) have attended our rallies at Ocean Lakes. Sadly, Carroll passed away in April. Share a kind word with Wayne when you see him at O.L. in November.

All of us are affected by COVID-19 in one way or another, but some are feeling the effects too directly. Please keep Members' families and friends who have contracted the virus in your thoughts and prayers.

On a positive note, with restrictions being slowly lifted, many of us are venturing out in our Airstreams again. And rallies are right around the corner!

“Not traveling is like living in the Library of Congress but never taking out more than one or two books.” ~ Marilyn vos Savant

MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER #1972, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

We have 124 rigs in our club!!

Our newest members (details in Evernote):

- **Ross Gary** from Morganton, NC
- **Jon & Emily Hulsey** from Beaufort, SC
- **Bradley Oldenburg & Cathie Recca** from Wake Forest, NC
- **Gary Evans** from Greensboro, NC
- **Terry Millard** from Hilton Head Island, SC
- **Jim Stephens & Barbara Williams** from Raleigh, NC
- **Layne & Wanda McMillan** from Sunset Beach, NC
- **Brenda Macomber and Barbara Ann Temple** from Davidson, NC

Welcome *all!*

SHINING IN SHELBY

Save the Date!

After much consideration, member Roger Holland #5796 and Uptown Shelby have collectively come to the conclusion that we would be wise to postpone our first urban rally until 2021. The new date will be **May 6-9, 2021**.



TECH STUFF

Larry Brodsky #2371

Seat Cushions

Are your seat cushions a pain in the rear? We have found that although there is a plush feel to the cushions when you first sit on them, if you sit for a long time, as in reading or watching TV, then the cushions really do not provide adequate support. Yes, they are a pain in the rear.

Recently there was a thread on Airforums that I decided to mimic, replacing the bottom cushion foam with something firmer.

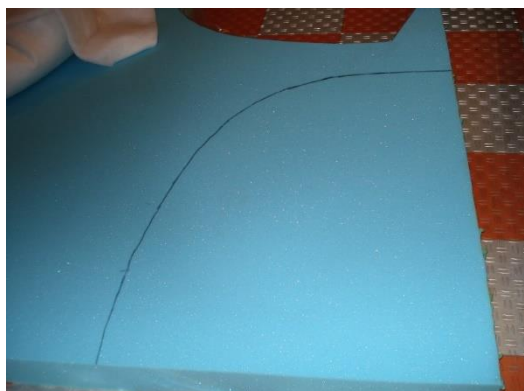
This is what the supplier, www.foambymail.com says about Lux High Quality foam: As a durable foam, Lux HQ foam is a supportive and cushioning solution made with a higher density than other types. Toward the firmer end of the foam spectrum, Lux HQ foam is known for providing excellent quality with a high degree of support for applications with moderate, everyday use. Actively used seating cushions, benches, and high-grade bedding are produced with Lux HQ, as are recreational products like gardening, kneeling and camping pads for customers wanting superior quality and firmness. This type of foam is ideal for any application where a firm cushion is required.

For my 25' trailer, seats only, I needed a full sheet of foam and about 12' of Dacron fiberfill batting to cover the foam. The batting provides a smoother finish, is cooler to sit on, and helps slipping the cover over the cushion.

Take the old foam out and use it as a template to mark the new foam. The first pic is the sheet of foam, the second pic is a marked up piece. You cut the foam with a cheap electric carving knife, with the foam supported on a table or bench. Then you cut the batting with a scissors to cover the top, front edge, and bottom in one piece. Use 3M 77 spray adhesive to attach the batting to the foam. The third pic shows the batting on the foam. After a few minutes the adhesive is dry and you stuff the foam/batting back into the cover. Presto!

Total time for this project is about 3.5 hours, total cost about \$250 including a cheap electric carving knife. Now we are ready for some lengthy periods of sitting!

As always questions or comments to
LSBRODSKY@earthlink.net



85TH ANNUAL CANCELLED FOR 2020

Submitted by John & Anne Ashworth
#21189

This is the first time since WW II that it has been cancelled. Organizers are canceling the 2020 convention due to COVID-19. They believe that this is in the best interest of the health, welfare, and safety of all involved.

The dates for next year's convention are **August 9th-14th, 2021**

For years, Region 3 of WBCCI has held a Special Event rally at Cool Breeze campground during the Fiddler's Convention. The Fiddler's Convention is six days of continuous entertainment while the rally will have food, events and special concerts too.



Looking for something new? Check out RVillage! Even WBCCI is a member. Our own Chris & Gina Fox #6674 are very active hosting get-togethers for RVers via Zoom! <https://www.rvillage.com/home>



58TH OHIO SWISS FESTIVAL CANCELLED

To our Swiss Festival visitors, friends, sponsors and community:

Due to the current health and safety conditions which are upon us and the uncertainty of what the future will hold, our Ohio Swiss Festival Board of Directors have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's 2020 Ohio Swiss Festival. While we are disheartened by the current state of affairs, we are not discouraged. Our committee is ever-committed to bring back our great festival in 2021.

The 2021 Ohio Swiss Festival will be back on October 1 and 2. This will mark our 68th festival. We hope that you will come back to visit us. We want to thank you in advance for your understanding. We feel truly blessed to have such loyal sponsors, volunteers, and patrons that help with this event each year. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Respectfully Submitted:
The Ohio Swiss Festival Committee

Scott Gerber, President

The WBCCI Swiss National Festival is the longest running RV rally in the world. The Swiss Festival is held the 4th weekend after Labor Day each year, near Sugarcreek, Ohio.

The 59th Swiss Festival will be September 26 – 3 October 2021. The rally site is in the Amish Country at Winklepleck Grove just outside of downtown Sugarcreek, Ohio. You will enjoy tours, Amish dinners, buggy rides, a hobby show and entertainment every evening. You will also be able to take in the Swiss Festival activities in downtown Sugarcreek on Friday and Saturday. This is a fun filled rally. For additional information, check the Rally Website <http://www.swiss-festival-national-rally.net> or in the Blue Beret

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING DURING QUARANTINE?

Bob and Anne S #2606 moved to Bostic, NC. And look at their new view! Wow!



Steve Z # 5940 continued work on his '51 Chevy truck which may end up as a rat rod pulling an Airstream! ;-)



After 13 years full timing in their Airstream, **Jim and Debbie #4822** are building a house!

They decided to finally build their dream home after living thirteen years in their 188sf Airstream tiny home (a 2005 25' International). They signed a contract in January with [Deltec Homes](#) of Asheville. While their planned home was in production, COVID-19 created bedlam with commerce in our state. The Deltec production line stopped for a few weeks while management and work teams gauged the needed protections for their workers. Fortunately for Jim and Debbie, the precast basement walls producer and Deltec both were able to make the scheduled deliveries.

From breaking ground late March, Jim and Debbie have quickly gained a dried-in house with HVAC and plumbing rough-ins complete and electrical within a couple of days of completion. Backfill and carport foundations were completed last week. The house is ready for siding, roofing, and insulation and nearly ready for sheetrock in less than ten weeks from start.

Jim and Debbie say the building process has been greatly eased by these two things: a considerate and experienced local general contractor (GC) and spring season activity plans cancelled. They had a pretty good lead on the GC and felt fortunate he was available for their tight build schedule. The cancellation of planned travels due to COVID lockdown also meant they had uninterrupted time to deliberate upon, and be present for, the ten thousand and one decisions about the house.

All of you who've remodeled or built your home know well how memorable the experience is, regardless of whether it went seamlessly or haywire at times. This one is perhaps especially memorable for Jim and Debbie because it was nearly the only thing they had on their plates at the time. It's not over yet, not by a long shot, but building a home during the COVID-19 lockdown was a welcome, if intense, diversion for them. Sometimes things just work out well, eh?

[See more pictures! Send an email to dreamstreamr@gmail.com and ask for the link you prefer - iCloud for Apple or Dropbox for everyone]



**AIRSTREAM CEO:
WE'RE CRANKING
PRODUCTION UP AS FAST AS
WE CAN TO MEET SPIKE IN
DEMAND**

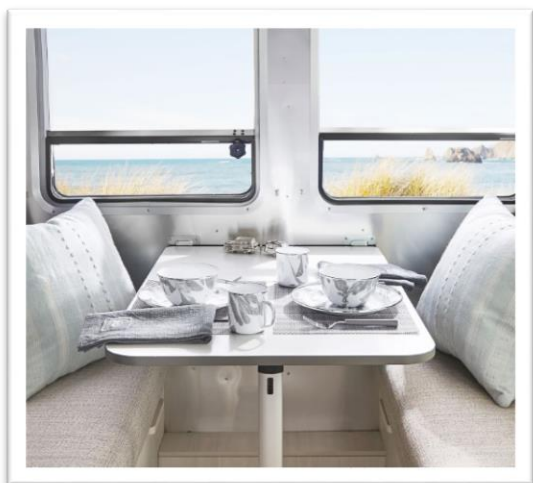
Submitted by Tim Almy #6091

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCjO90vDJtw&feature=youtu.be>

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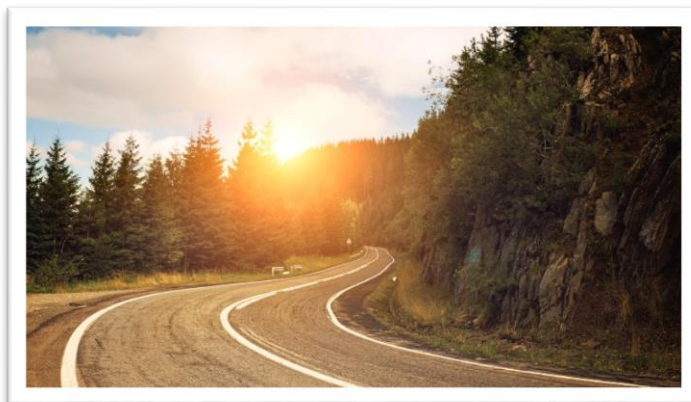
CHECKING ON YOU!

Doug W #15240 says he's doing just fine with all this coronavirus quarantine, here's a photo to prove it



2021 INTERNATIONAL

The 2021 **WBCCI International Rally** will be held in Lebanon, TN at the [Wilson County Exposition Center](#) July 16-24. Registration is *targeted* to begin August 5, 2020!



THE ROAD AHEAD: A LETTER FROM AIRSTREAM'S CEO

Jun 11, 2020

As I've watched the events of the last two weeks unfold, I've wrestled with how to respond. I resisted the urge to simply react, to post about our horror and outrage at the killing of George Floyd, choosing rather to take the time to figure out what concrete actions we can take to catalyze real change.

The killing of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and many other Black people has rightfully brought an intense focus to the issues of social injustice and racial inequity, and also much-needed clarity about how Airstream can be part of the solution. Though Airstream is a small company, we're a big brand, and I feel both the undeniable responsibility to continue to use our voice for good, and optimistic that we can actually make a difference.

Airstream was founded to inspire people to connect with each other and enjoy the outdoors. We know that, all too

often, the prejudices and inequities that pervade society as a whole also keep people of color from feeling at ease in these natural spaces. So what can we do?

- First, we can support those organizations whose aim is to combat inequities in our criminal justice system. To that end, we are making a multi-year financial commitment to the non-profit [Equal Justice Initiative](#), whose work is at the front lines of challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.
- Second, we are listening to people of color in the outdoor and camping space through feedback sessions. This is the next step in our important work to learn how Airstream can positively impact change and better understand how we can create a more welcoming and inclusive environment in the outdoors.
- And finally, in addition to conducting justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion training for our employees, we are listening to and learning from all Airstream associates who may have experienced discrimination so that we can better understand how those forces manifest themselves in our local community and our ability to counter them.

As calls for real, systemic reform grow louder around the nation and the world, we are hopeful that this is the time for meaningful, positive, and lasting change so that all people can enjoy a life free from injustice and inequality. We know we have work to do.

Be well, be safe, and be compassionate.

Bob

Bob Wheeler
President & CEO

PORTABLE PARK EPISODE 2:

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

The Grand Canyon is unquestionably the most famous canyon on Earth. It's a consensus member of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, sharing that pantheon with the likes of Mt. Everest and the Aurora Borealis. See the park like never before and start dreaming of your own adventure in this beautiful, jagged geological wonder.

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