



# TARHEEL TRAVELER

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



## PRESIDENTS CORNER

PHIL DRAKE #5789

CAC Members;

Moving from sweat to sweaters. Fall is arriving soon and hopefully with cooler and dryer weather. Time to get those rigs rolling for sure as we, and the rest of the country, start working our way back to what we thought was normal. One tiny problem we've discovered is that with the record new RV sales taking place, finding camping spots is becoming a challenge. So, planning a year in advance is something we all need to consider. That's true for club rallies as well as personal camping trips.

Long distance members, Dave & Karen Corbett, checked in recently. Dave and Karen retired to Arizona and Dave reported all is well, if somewhat restricted due to COVID. Like all of us, they are mostly staying at home. The weather there recently has some wide swings with upper 60's in the mornings and record breaking 107+ in the afternoons. Besides COVID, temperature swings like those are another reason to stay home. Dave and Karen are active in the AZ club and are associate members with CAC. They plan on rallying with us next year.

Bingo. We played bingo as a group activity at our Davy Crockett rally and it was a hit. We are planning on several big games at our beach rally in November. We are asking everyone interested to bring a wrapped or bagged "white elephant" gift. (Something your bought or were given that you don't want or need) Game winners will be presented these "surprise" gifts.

Speaking of the beach rally the club board has, for safety reasons, cancelled many indoor activities this year. We're camping, so most of our events will move outside, weather

permitting. Rally Hosts George & Margie Lamb and Steve & Jan Thompson will be sharing an agenda soon. We will actually have more things to do and chances to meet and share ideas and stories than in years past. While COVID has been a challenge in many ways, it has shown us some ways to be more creative. There's still time to register and Ocean Lakes has provided additional spots in the "H" section. We will do our best to let you know if there are any cancellations in the "HH" section. "H" is right across the drive from "HH" so as the rally grows we are just spreading out more.

Stay safe out there,

~Phil

## 2020 RALLIES

BRUCE THOMPSON #5027, 1ST VP

**We Interrupt this Regularly  
Scheduled Article to  
Bring You this Important Message!**

**Our website has changed to:**

<https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas>

Webmaster Ed Hall has been working diligently for **months** to move the content from the old page to the new page, adding online payments in the process! Way to go, Ed!

Here comes Fall! Hello Streamers – hope everyone is well and staying safe. We actually went out to eat for the first time in four months! It seemed to work out well – I almost forgot how to act. We were supporting the 30th anniversary of Crisis Control’s [Hope du Jour](#).

Last month we were drenched up at Boone KOA, and still were able to do an ice cream social, an induction of four new members, and gather between showers out in the streets. When you plan a rally a year in advance – you never know what weather you’ll get. But we still had a great time & it was still good to see our camping family.

We’re packing up for the Sanctuary Vineyards Rally this week. It sounds like cool nights and low 80-degree days – hope that forecast holds. I had a sneak peek at the agenda, and Lynne and Greg have done it again – another great fun & exciting weekend planned at the Outer Banks. Hope to see you at Sanctuary!

**ONLY 6 SITES LEFT AT OCEAN LAKES!!** We have to relinquish those sites at the end of this month and they will become available for the general public. So, if you’ve been considering this event – *now* is the time to register. This is our season closer and is always well-attended. At last count, we have over 50 rigs signed up. Our hosts are George Lamb and Steve Thompson and they are developing a great agenda that will be exciting and fun for all. Our normally planned group meals have been COVID-cancelled, but that still leaves plenty to do at OL. Here’s the RSVP and info link:

<https://carolinas airstreamclub.net/2020-rallies-events-2/3273-2/>

Our club is growing – even in the midst of a pandemic! We are now at 138 rigs! You guys must be doing something right!

See you down the road ~ *Bruce T*



Submitted by Susanne Schneider #5032

## BEE KEEPER FUN!

We have *at least* 5 bee keepers in our club! Are you? Tell [021newslettereditor@wbcci.net](mailto:021newslettereditor@wbcci.net)



## 2021 RALLIES

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168, 2ND VP

Hello Campers,

**This month my focus is going to be on one thing only! Please read this important update.** Maybe you have noticed, we have a lot of company out there. Campgrounds are packed to the gills. Folks have figured out how to get out of the house while keeping relatively safe in this Covid 19 world... Forget hotels and motels, buy your own home (on wheels) away from home and hit the road. Though crowded, I have felt relatively safe in campgrounds, while remembering careful social distancing, hand washing and “masking up” when appropriate.

So, as I have been lining up sites for next season’s slate of rallies, my rally cry (means to Galvanize, Motivate or Show Passion) to you, is to *get those reservations called in as soon as practical.*

Last month I mentioned what I am calling a “themed rally”, i.e. the “HAM Radio Field Day” the weekend of June 24 – 27. What I left out, was the name of the campground as I knew it would be posted on our website. At this moment Ed, our webmaster, is working hard on some critical site changes that may take precedence over rally updates, so here are the details for the new events scheduled.

### June 24- 27, 2021

Bear Den Mountain Resort and Campground.  
600 Bear Den Mountain Rd. Spruce Pine, NC  
[beardenmountainresort.com](http://beardenmountainresort.com)  
Reservations: (828) 765-2888

This is our “HAM Radio Field Day” event but do *not* be scared off by that if you are not interested. It is a “dandy” campground and just for example, the famous

[Penland School of Crafts](#) is less than a half mile away. I cannot wait to see that!

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### July 16, 2021

If you are caravanning to 2021 AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL at Lebanon, TN:

Riverside RV Park & Resort  
4280 Boyds Creek Hwy, Sevierville, TN 37876  
<https://riversidecamp.com/>

Reservations: 1-800-341-7534

This will be a “one nighter” midway stop on the way to the 2021 International Rally in Lebanon, TN for those that are planning to attend. From what I have heard, our club has done this for several past “Internationals”.

More info to come, but Marcia Thompson came up with this cool chart that may help you decide if you need to stop in Sevierville on the way to Lebanon.

- Charlotte, NC to Sevierville, TN - 200 miles
- Raleigh, NC to Sevierville, TN – 340 miles
- Corolla, NC to Sevierville, TN – 560 miles
- York, SC to Sevierville, TN – 200 miles
- Beaufort, SC to Sevierville, TN – 370 miles
- Mount Pleasant, SC to Sevierville, TN – 350 miles
- Williamsburg, VA to Sevierville, TN – 475 miles

Don’t ya love all these smart people we know!

### August 12-15, 2021

[Natural Tunnel State Park](#). Reservations: 800-933-7275  
1420 Natural Tunnel Pkwy, Duffield, VA 24244  
Reserve America

IMPORTANT: There are two campgrounds here. I am recommending we stay in the “**Cove View**”

campground. There are 16 sites in there and right now they are ALL available. **CALL TODAY.** Learn more about Big Stone Gap - <https://www.virginia.org/cities/Big%20Stone%20Gap>

### **CHECK AVAILABILITY**

More than 850 feet long and 10 stories high, Natural Tunnel was naturally carved through a limestone ridge over thousands of years. William Jennings Bryan called it the "Eighth Wonder of the World." Other scenic features include a wide chasm between steep stone walls surrounded by several pinnacles, or "chimneys." Facilities include a swimming pool with a 100-foot slide and a chairlift to the tunnel floor.

So, what is my focus again? **Call in those reservations. Now! Before it is too late.**

- Bruce B

2nd VP

Quote I heard recently... "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." – Mae West



**October 1-3**

Instead of hosting the festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee, they're bringing the National Storytelling Festival to you!!

[Buy Tickets](#) Full weekend pass just \$50!

That covers *everything* for your entire household, including regular performances and special events. They're also selling one-time passes to some concerts for people who only wish to see one or two shows.

They'll air performances throughout the long weekend, Thursday to Saturday. Anything you don't watch in real time will be archived and available for a full week. You can watch everything as a family, or let everyone in the house pick and choose what they want to watch on their own time.

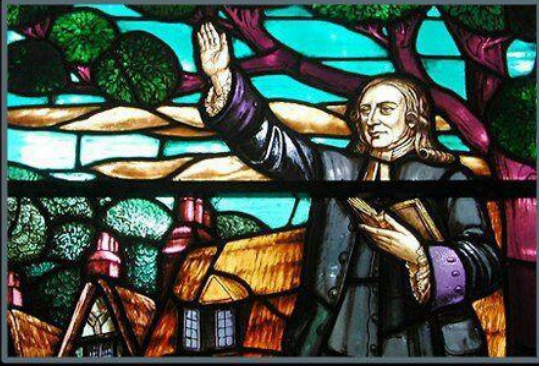


*Christmas in the Snow*

ELIZABETH JOSE

The Saturday Evening Post will have Elizabeth's painting, *Christmas in the Snow*, as its cover for their Holiday issue this year! She's not a WBCCI member, she just loves Airstreams! <https://elizabethjose.net>

[Order prints and more!](#)



“I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them, 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy: 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against: And, 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.”

— John Wesley, October 6, 1774

## WHEN 2ND VP BRUCE B IS NOT PLANNING OUR 2021 RALLIES...



Submitted by Susanne Schneider #5032

Faithful Parking connects tired RVers looking for a place to rest overnight and faith-based groups with quiet empty parking lots. Travelers get a good night of sleep and the host receives a small donation. Everybody wins!

<https://faithfulparking.com/>

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## AMATEUR RADIO FUN!

We have at least 24 hams in this club!

Are you? Tell [021newslettereditor@wbcci.net](mailto:021newslettereditor@wbcci.net)



## MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER #1972, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

We have 138 rigs in our club!!

Our newest members (details in Evernote):

- **Libbi Hord and Beverly Williams** from Concord, NC and their 1958 22' Caravanner
- **Larry & Linda Troxell** from Winston-Salem, NC and their 2020 20' Bambi
- **Robert & Jody Bazemore** from Clayton, NC and their 1967 28' Overlander
- **Traci Miller and Chris Monroe** from Shelby, NC and their 2020 30' Globetrotter
- **Jack & Susie Arndt** from Beaufort, SC

Welcome *all!*

## MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

Submitted by Jill Wilson #4823

### TUBSHROOM

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- Works great with both human and animal hair
- No special installation required



ELAINE MYERS #16767  
[quirkyquilter@pemtel.net](mailto:quirkyquilter@pemtel.net)

Charlie F.'s Airstream was vandalized by juveniles and suffered significant damage. The culprits have been identified. Charlie, we are so sorry, and hope to see you at Ocean Lakes.

Ginger F. has recovered from Covid-19 enough to return to work, but still struggles with fatigue. Hang in there, Ginger!

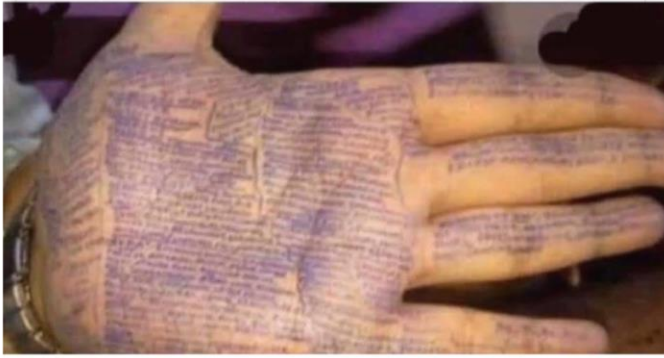
Mimi H. and Rebecca W. both had surgery recently. Speedy recovery and good health to you both!

Carol M. has had to resume chemo, so she and her husband Mac missed the Boone rally. It was going to be their first rally with us. We look forward to meeting you at an upcoming one!

Warren and Maureen S. have reluctantly sold their Airstream due to declining health. That's a hard decision to make, and we wish you well in your future endeavors.

*"It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end."* ~ Ernest Hemingway

I washed my hands so many times, I found the answers to my 8th grade social studies test.



Submitted by Susanne Schneider #5032

## MUSINGS FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Jim (N5RTG) & Deb #4822 Fleetwood NC

A friend emailed recently to ask about our experience sharing the Airstream with mice. Doug wrote, “Seeing that we have exactly the same Airstream year and model, I was just wondering if you’ve ever figured out how mice make their way into the rig.” I airily replied, “Never (knock wood) had a mouse in the AS.”

Only three weeks later, I sent this message to Doug: “Buddy, you’re in big trouble with me now. Fourteen years we’ve had this CCD25, 13 years we’ve lived in it and never the first mouse in the house. Never, that is, until you had to bring up the question. Two days ago we discovered a hungry mouse had gotten into what we call our lower pantry, ate an apple and also ate one on the countertop.”

We swiftly evicted that intruder and searched and cleaned all areas she “marked”. Aside from blaming and wringing our hands, we decided it’s time to take the initiative on rodents in our little house on wheels. We’re now keeping a baited trap in the water pump cubby (where the apples had been), and only keeping in that area glass bottles and steel cans. And we

picked up a repellent recommended by our local builders supply.

It’s [Fresh Cab®](#) botanical rodent repellent. A four-pouch box is about \$16 and contains four sachets highly scented as balsam fir. It’s approved by our own Federal government for interior living spaces. The North Dakota maker recommends one pouch per 125sf for maintenance and one pouch per 8sf for infested areas. We divided one two-sided pouch (think a double tea bag) and put half in each wheel well. The pouches are pretty fragrant but so far the smell isn’t objectionable. We also put one in the truck cab, just in case.

We might have guessed house mouse problems don’t much happen in Airstreams since we went sixteen years without any sign of the little pests. Is this one of those “dirty little secret” things we all know about but never mention in public? I’ve heard of barn finds that had housed rodent families. But in our own cozy trailers or motor homes? So, what about you - have you evicted some unwelcome visitors from your Airstream?

Jim & Deb

## FACES OF LUCY ON 2020



## QUILTING FUN!

### Why Do Quilts Cost So Much?

Cost for materials, construction, & finishing for  
90" x 100" Queen Size Quilt

### Materials for Queen Size Quilt

Fabric for the top:

15 Yds @ \$12.95 = \$194.25

8 ½ Yds backing @ \$12.95 = \$110.08

¾ Yds for Binding @ 12.95 = \$9.71

2 ¾ Yds Batting @ 12.95 = \$35.61

Pattern @ \$10.00

TOTAL cost of Materials = \$359.65 (not including sales tax or markup.  
Markup is customary in any other business!)

### Construction

Labor based on \$25.00 an hour (We are NOT Minimum wage, unskilled workers, but skilled Artisans with years of experience and large investments in equipment and training)

### Making a Top

(Includes shopping for fabric, prepping fabric, cutting fabric, sewing blocks, sewing blocks together adding sashing and borders)

40 hours @ \$25.00 = \$1,000.00

(What would you expect to get paid working at a skilled job per 40 hour work week?)

### Finishing

Long Arm quilting (All over Edge to Edge)

9,000 Sq inches @ .02 = \$180.00

Trimming Quilt @ \$15.00

Making Binding ½ hr @ \$25.00/hr = \$12.50

Sewing binding on and hand stitching the back

380 linear inches @ .30 = \$114.00

**Total Finishing cost = \$321.50**

**TOTAL COST OF QUILT = \$1,681.15**

Note: A larger quilt or more intricate pattern or Custom Long Arm Quilting will increase cost

Revised by Doug Sobel 1/3/2018

Are you a quilter? Tell [021newslettereditor@wbcci.net](mailto:021newslettereditor@wbcci.net)

## GOING TO ALUMALINA?

Please tell our club members so they can notify you about gatherings of club members while you're there.

Ricky [rickywilcox@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rickywilcox@carolina.rr.com)

Bob [rychly@charter.net](mailto:rychly@charter.net)

Learn more about Alumalina!

<https://www.airforums.com/forums/f288/alumalina-2020-a-208836.html>



Want to get involved in our club?

### *Online Store Manager*

New member **Wayne Clark**, #22384 volunteered for this new job.

Thank you, Wayne!

**POSITION  
FILLED**

### *Email Administrator*

As our Club continues to grow, and as WBCCI moves toward leveraging more technology, we are seeking out a new Email Administrator.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Draft and send out Club wide emails on the Club's Gmail account. Examples: new member announcements, rally and event related announcements, and Board Members' announcements. Gmail experience helpful but you will be trained!
- Monitor the Club's email inbox ([021info@wbcci.net](mailto:021info@wbcci.net)) for incoming questions and inquiries, and either reply or forward to the appropriate Board Member.
- Monitor the Club's email spam filter box and delete as needed – not frequent.
- Manage (add/edit/delete) the Club's email distribution list (Google Contacts).

Average monthly time investment is 3-5 hours. If interested, contact Ed Hall via [021info@wbcci.net](mailto:021info@wbcci.net)



## RV LIFESTYLE THE WAY TO ROLL

### SALISBURY POST



1942 Kiskatinaw Bridge on Alaskan Highway.

*Photo by Jim Cocke.*

RV-ing is nothing new to Jim Cocke and his wife, Debbie Wood. They've been doing it for the past 13 years. The couple has a 25-foot Airstream, and Cocke has been past president of the Airstream International Club, as well as the local group.

In 2018, he says, the National RV Association predicted the biggest year ever in RV sales for 2018-19.

"With the pent-up demand, they can't get them out fast enough again," he says. He notes that Airstream produces about 90 trailers a week at its plant in Ohio, and it only produces sold units.

"Airstream thinks there isn't any other trailer who approaches its quality," he adds.

In 2007, Cocke and his wife were working for Carolinas Healthcare System when they decided to quit their jobs, sell their house, and strike out in their trailer.

"It has been absolutely fabulous," Cocke says. "It was a leap of faith, but we figured we could be frugal."

One of their favorite spots has been visiting their daughter, who lived in Vancouver for 11 years. From there, they became big fans of traveling to Canada and took trips to Alaska twice. They've traveled to the Pacific Northwest, the four corners of the Southwest (Arizona, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico) southern Georgia, Cajun country in Louisiana, Death Valley, Mesa, Arizona and southern Florida for the winter, Corpus Christi for a cool and rainy January ("The weather is never like this," they were told), and the eastern and western Rockies.

They've seen 45 of the 49 states, lacking some states in New England. They also want to see the Maritime provinces in eastern Canada.

They've almost completed construction on a 1,250-square-foot home in Ashe County in the Blue Ridge mountains. For now, they're parked 100 feet away on the property.

"Although we're building a house, we're not through traveling yet," Cocke says.

Read the entire article -

<https://www.salisburypost.com/2020/08/23/rv-lifestyle-is-the-way-to-roll/>

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## 2020 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS