



TARHEEL TRAVELER

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



PRESIDENTS CORNER

PHIL DRAKE #5789

Hi everyone,

It's my pleasure to announce the recommendations of our nominating committee. Committee chairman Rocky Johnson (immediate past president) has submitted the committee recommendations for club officers for 2021. They are:

- **President** – Bruce Thompson
- **1st Vice President**- Bruce Bodenstein
- **2nd Vice President**- Ricky Wilcox
- **Treasurer**- Cherylanne Weaver
- **Recording Secretary**- Margie Lamb
- **Corresponding Secretary & Newsletter Editor** - Marcia Thompson
- **Director** (2 yr. term) - Larry Brodsky
- **Director** (2 yr. term) - Elaine Myers
- **Director** (1 yr. remaining of 2 yr. term) - Susanne Schneider
- **Director** (1 yr. remaining of 2 yr. term) - Greg Wilson
- **Webmaster** (Board appointed) - Ed Hall
- **Membership Chairperson** (Board appointed) - Dale Dowler

We will vote on these officers in our general membership meeting at our Myrtle Beach rally at Ocean Lakes. In addition I will ask for any additional nominations from the membership, in attendance, at that meeting. Officers for 2021 will be installed in December in a general membership meeting via a Zoom video conference session.

If you have an interest in helping lead our club in the future or have an interest in helping any of the positions listed, please let these future club officers know. This is your club, it's growing rapidly, and we have plenty of opportunities to get involved.

The main cause of any organization to collapse is lack of involvement by its members. We've seen that in a number of civic groups and even a few Airstream clubs. We don't have that problem, but as we grow, we need more help keeping the fun going. "Many hands make light work" and as an organization, we are extremely lucky to have talented, dedicated and fun-loving members willing to get involved. That includes you!

We have two rallies remaining this year and we are asking, as in the past, for all participants to wear face coverings (preferably a surgical or N95 mask) and practice social distancing at our activities. This is especially important now that we are seeing an uptick in reported COVID cases.

I hope to see you soon.

~Phil

2020 RALLIES

BRUCE THOMPSON #5027, 1ST VP

Are you tired of isolating? Got cabin fever? Just remember that you own an escape pod with a silver

jacket, and even if you prefer not to ‘group’ – you can venture out into places you’ve never been... just by yourselves. See some sites, find some scenery, and enjoy that fresh air. Get Out There!

Since my last epistle, we ventured to Sanctuary Vineyards hosted by Greg & Lynne Wilson. They always do a wonder job! We all masked up and distanced, and still enjoyed some of the best sites and venues the Outer Banks has to offer. We had our socials, but tried to stay distanced and, yes – we had to pull down our mask for a sip of the wines. Hurricane Sally paid us a visit and dumped somewhere between 2 – 3 inches of rain with 30 mph wind gusts, but before and after Sally we enjoyed our rally.

Alumalina (rhymes with Carolina) is next week on the 22nd – 25th at the Tom Johnson/Camping World campground in Marion, NC. This is full hookup, rally-style parking. It is an independent rally where anyone with an Airstream is welcomed by past international president John Leake and his team of volunteers. John has been hosting this event for years, with entertainment, food, door prizes, raffle drawings, and Airstream-specific seminars. Our club host for this event are Ricky & Joan Wilcox, and they have made some great plans for the group. Look for the hard to miss Class A Land Yacht Airstream for the socials - BYOB & chair, Wear a Mask, stand apart, and make yourselves comfortable. John Leake is attempting to keep everyone as safe as possible, so expect a few changes from the normal rally-agenda. Even if you haven’t told John that you’re coming – just show up! They’ll fit you in. (You’ll still need to pay the discounted fee to Tom Johnson / Camping World once you get settled, and John is collecting a \$25 rally fee to cover the 3-days’ activities.) Expect over 200 rigs per person at this rally, with Airstreams showing up from all over the country!

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

THEN, on November 5th – 8th is our season closer at Ocean Lakes, Myrtle Beach, SC. Current count attending is **over 50 rigs**. This is my personal favorite rally, where we have our highest attendance, with plenty of space to spread out, walk the beach, enjoy the seafood cuisine, bike, and hike, ride the golf carts, and explore Myrtle Beach. WE’RE STILL TRYING TO STAY SAFE HERE! So, mask up and stand apart. Our routine agenda will be modified for safety, but with plenty of fun, prizes, and activities. Our hosts for this rally are George & Margie Lamb and Steve & Jan Thompson, and I caught a glimpse of the agenda – you will NOT be disappointed! Go, See, Do! See you there. What better way to celebrate the end of the political ads!

<https://airstreamclub.org/2020-myrtle-beach-sc-rally>

See you down the road, Stay Safe and let’s get through this,

~ Bruce T

1st VP

2021 RALLIES

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168, 2ND VP



Fall is in the air and I am lovin' it!

Ta Da... see the map of our 2021 travel plans to date. I hope many of you have been following along on this journey so far. I have been noticing a flurry of emails announcing your intentions to join us along the way. Your early booking will be appreciated by our many camp hosts, I am certain.

A working version of this map has been my guide throughout this process. Realizing that we have members strung out over a wide swath of the Carolinas and even into Virginia, I wanted to be as fair to all as possible.

As you can see, our camping friendly months from March through November, are booked with club rallies, with one exception in July when the only scheduled event is the one-night “caravan stopover” on the way to the WBCCI International in Lebanon, Tennessee. Hopefully, we will have a good crowd for that fun caravan.

I have been working on another possible club rally in July, keeping in mind the busy July 4th weekend plus “International” smack dab in the middle of the month. This brings me to my request for all of you;

See the big red circular arrow between NC and VA on the map? I am thinking that it could work to schedule a July rally somewhere in this area, perhaps up in

Virginia. The Lynchburg/Appomattox area appeals to me for several reasons including its rich historical significance. Do any of you, who might be familiar with this area, have any recommendations for me to pursue? If so, please call or text (704) 277-2018 or email me at brucebodenstein@gmail.com. Practically speaking, this needs to happen soon so your early responses will be appreciated!

Just remember... Once you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed.

~ Arthur Schopenhauer

~ Bruce B

2nd VP

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE BEACH

OCEAN LAKES RALLY

This year's Ocean Lakes Rally will be *much* different from what we've done in the past. After surveying our club members, checking with the governor of South Carolina, and discussion with our board we've put together a rally agenda provides for social distancing and minimal close contact.

We want to encourage our members to:

- Wear your name tags (new members and first rally attendees will have a ribbon on theirs)
- Meet and greet each other (get to know each other)
- Go out of your way to say hello

Do all this while wearing our masks (if not in a gathering), and keeping our social distance. Stay within your own comfort zone while not imposing on others.

Since this is a new situation for all of us we need to be aware that we may need to make changes to the agenda due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

The most important thing is to have fun, enjoy the beach *and* be safe!

AN OPPORTUNITY YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

Here is an opportunity to do something with those lovely gifts you've received two of (for us it's salt and pepper shakers shaped like a camper and tow vehicle.) Make a donation of your wonderful treasures to the rally for potential prizes for bingo, door prizes or maybe a charity raffle if we get enough items.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the beach and we all promise to make the best out of this unusual situation.

George Lamb & Steve Thompson, rally hosts

Read the entire Guidelines for South Carolina – [Opening Restaurants Updated Guidance and Regulations](#)

COMING TO THE BEACH?

**BRING YOUR
WHITE
ELEPHANT!**



What is a white elephant? An item that you purchased when you thought it would be useful, but after a few years have found that you never use it. A nice gift that you received, but have no use for it. A White Elephant is not trash that you would throw out. Please nicely wrap your White Elephant and bring it to the Ocean Lakes Rally for use as a Bingo Prize!

MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER #1972, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

We have 143 rigs in our club!!

Our newest members (details in Evernote):

- **Rob & Tricia Parker** from Gastonia, NC and their 2015 30' Classic
- **Richard & Denise Marshall** from Walhalla, SC and their 1998 34' Classic
- **Robert & Dee Blom** from Traphill, NC and their 1999 31' Classic
- **Douglas & Mary Miller** from Fleetwood, NC and their 1986 31' Excella
- **Mike & Sarah McCarty** from Pinehurst, NC and their 2021 27' Flying Cloud

Welcome *all!*



Renew by **Dec 31** to be in the 2021 WBCCI Membership Directory!

MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

Submitted by Greg Wilson #11007

The Wilson's love theirs!



Camco Cyclone Rotating Sewer Plumbing Vent -
Rids Odors from Your RV Holding Tank, Rotates
360 Degrees to Pull Odors Up and Away



Administered by Jill Wilson #4823

Public Page

<https://www.facebook.com/NCUnit21Wbcci/>

CAC Members Only Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/623638594679423/>

Want to invite a friend? Get them to buy an Airstream (or Argosy) and join WBCCI and this club! ☺

WELCOME TO THE CLUB, *HOLLYWOOD!*

Bev Williams and Libbi Hord



1958 22' Airstream Caravanner

We got the chance to purchase this 1958 22' Airstream Caravanner because of a few generous people - the owner George who decided to let us purchase it, Rocky for helping George decide to let us purchase it, and Randy for not purchasing it for himself!

We decided to name her *HOLLYWOOD*, based on her birth in California and what we would like to think was a glamorous life there before ending up here in North Carolina.

She sat for quite some years without any work being done to her, and when we first saw her, we immediately declared that she would stay 99% original... until we learned that you have to get down on your knees to light the stove/oven with a match on the end of a stick, that the heater was likely slightly dangerous, the fridge was missing, the wiring was cloth, and the floor was rotten in spots.

So, we began removing everything inside ourselves, preparing her for all new plumbing and wiring courtesy of Randy the Airstream whisperer, and of course a savings account to pay for it all.

This is where she stands today... empty, as we search for new appliances, new flooring, new roof vents etc., and refinish every piece of her original cabinetry, all to help bring her back to her almost original glamorous former life.

More next month, assuming we get somewhere with the wiring, flooring and plumbing.

Bev and Libbi



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Cherylanne Weaver (our Treasurer) reports: “I guess if this is going to happen 2020 is the year for it ☹️ I sliced my wrist open trying to get the last bit of epoxy mix out of a gallon jug. And no less with a rusted blade. ER and 6 stitches later. Made it all these years without ever getting stitches. That record ended tonight. And did not do the epoxy pour.” She says she is sporting a Frankenstein scar she will show off at Ocean Lakes.

Good timing for Halloween! Seriously, glad she is okay.

As our membership grows exponentially, it is harder to keep up with everyone and be able to share the highs and lows in our lives with one another. Aside from the usual bumps and bruises of life, Covid19 has thrown a giant curveball full of physical, emotional and financial challenges to all of us in one way or another. Hang in there, folks! We all look forward to brighter days and campfire nights.

Once a year, go someplace you've ever been before.

~Dalai Lama



WBCCI IS ON YOUTUBE! SUBSCRIBE!

QUILTING FUN!

Are you a quilter? Tell 021newslettereditor@wbcci.net



Fall beauty from Marilyn Hughes #1944



Want to get involved in our club?

Email Administrator

As our Club continues to grow, and as WBCCI moves toward leveraging more technology, we are seeking 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) 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 max. If interested, contact Ed Hall via 021info@wbcci.net

AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG

Members Only section of airstreamclub.org is only a couple weeks away from launching. Keep your eye out for updates!

BEEKEEPER FUN ☺



We have *at least* 5 bee keepers in our club! Are you? Tell 021newslettereditor@wbcci.net

WE NEED A REBOOT!



2020 RALLY AT OBX

PHOTOS COURTESY OF LARRY BRODSKY,
GEORGE LAMB AND GLORIA FLOWERS



Hosts Lynne and Greg Wilson with his restored 1919
Autocar used for rally hayrides

Want *your* photo in the newsletter? Send it to
021newslettereditor@wbcci.net

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

- NC - SlowCOVIDNC
<https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slowcovidnc>
- VA - COVIDWISE
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covidwise/>
- SC DHEC is not using a contact tracing app right now

NEWBIE INFO

WINTERIZING YOUR AIRSTREAM

Dave Schumann, Airstream Inc.

1. Drain and flush fresh water tank
2. Drain and flush gray water holding tank
3. Drain and flush black water holding tank
4. Drain and flush hot water tank
5. If you have low-point drain lines under your RV:
 - o Open the hot and cold faucets in your RV
 - o Uncap the low-point drain lines; let water drain completely
 - o Recap Drain Lines
 - o Close the hot and cold faucets
6. Blow out the water lines:
(Note: If you have low-point drain lines, this may not be necessary)
 - o Screw on [compressed air adapter](#) onto main fresh water inlet
 - o Apply compressed air, keeping pressure to **less than 60 psi**
 - o Open each faucet, one at a time, to force water out of lines, capture water in a pail to empty later.
 - o Drain any water filter canisters.
 - o Depending on your unit you may have a washing machine, icemaker or dishwasher; the lines to these would also have to be drained and blown out. (Consult owner's manual.)
 - o If you have a tank flush be sure to blow out also
 - o Make sure to open **each** faucet in the RV, including the shower and toilet (Don't forget the hand sprayer and exterior shower)
 - o Open hot water drain plug and blow out the water in this tank
 - o Remove compressed air and compressed air adapter
 - o Replace drain plug in hot water heater and close all faucets

If you are confident you have successfully blown out all the water from your system, at this point you would just add anti-freeze to all traps and the toilet and you're done! One cupful in each is usually enough, winterizing would be [complete](#) at this point.

If not proceed, with following steps:

Put Antifreeze in the water lines:

- Use **RV Non-Toxic Antifreeze ONLY**
- Approximately 1-2 gallons should be plenty
- Make sure water pump is off and all faucets are closed
- Close the Water Bypass Valve to your hot water tank
- NOTE: If you don't have a Water Bypass Valve for your hot water tank, seriously consider having one installed. Otherwise, in addition to the water lines you will end up filling the hot water tank with antifreeze. It's not harmful, but you'll use an additional six gallons of antifreeze.
- Disconnect the water line where it joins the fresh water tank - or -
- If your RV is so equipped, shut off the valve coming from the fresh water tank and open the valve for the winterizing inlet line
- Place the water inlet line (either from the main system or the winterizing line) into the jug or other source container with the RV antifreeze.
- Switch on the water pump; it will start to suck up the antifreeze into the lines
- Open each valve of each faucet slowly, one at a time, until the red antifreeze starts coming out. Once flowing shut off the faucet valve. **Note:** If you can't drain the water lines using the lowpoint drain lines and you can't blow out the lines with compressed air, you will have to wait until the antifreeze pushes out the fresh water in the lines before closing the valve. A rule of thumb: don't shut off the valve until the antifreeze starts coming out.
- Remember to do this for the toilet and the shower.
- Be sure to drain water filter. Remove filter before adding anti-freeze and store in zip loc bag.
- Shut off the water pump
- Remove the inlet line from the antifreeze, then either:
 - Re-attach the water line to the fresh water tank - or -
 - Close the winterizing inlet valve and reopen the fresh water valve, if your RV is so equipped.
- Pour a small amount of antifreeze down each drain to ensure that the sink traps have antifreeze in them.
- Pour a small amount of antifreeze in the toilet bowl also. Note: **Don't** flush it into the holding tank.

You Are Done!