



TARHEEL TRAVELER

NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB
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PRESIDENTS CORNER

BRUCE THOMPSON #5027

Wet Winter Weather!

Hello Streamers. We've been socked in with wet chilly weather here for days now. So in addition to being COVID isolated, we've been relegated to being inside too – and most of the country is in the grips of this Uri weather system. But there's warmer days ahead in the long range forecast. I'm looking for 50 & 60-degree days coming next weekend.

Hope everyone is doing well in our COVID conditions. Media reports are indicating that incidence rates are trending downward and that is welcome news. Keep in mind that our rallies will still be subject to the state's guidelines, so we'll still be Masked / Washed / Distanced. More & more people are getting their vaccinations, so maybe these states will begin lifting restrictions soon. Thanks for complying!

You may get a Call

Our 1st VP, Bruce Bodenstein, has discovered a new way to get Hosts – he calls people that have signed up for rallies. We missed our December & February Luncheons, which is our usual means to getting Hosts sign-up. So if you get the Call – please consider being a Host. You can make it as simple or as elaborate as you desire (within budget, of course). And, you can buddy-up with someone else to help share the fun. Here are some ideas: roasted hotdogs over the campfire (I have sticks), order pizza, hamburgers / hotdogs on the grill, have everyone fix their own and

bring out to the campfire or happy hour, order chicken from a fast-food, The list goes on. Also, consider some game time: bingo (I have cards), corn hole toss, etc. Make sure to allow time for local venues to visit – restaurants, overlooks, shopping, museums, etc.

Still Growing

We're still seeing new members joining up. Current membership is at 131 rigs, so keep up the good work. We're a strong growing club. To keep it that way – get involved & volunteer. You'll be glad you did!

Visit Our Website... a lot

It's the best way to see all the rallies and plan your outings. We now have one of the best websites in ACI, thanks to Ed Hall, so go surf around and see all the offerings.

<https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas>

(that's "AirstreamClub dot Org slash Carolinas")

And, make your reservations early and don't forget to RSVP on the website. (Now, if you were having a dinner party, wouldn't you want to know how many were coming?) Thanks!

Next Up...

James Island County Park, March 18-21! They may be full, but keep trying! Someone just told us they caught a site this week due to a cancellation. Our Hosts, Larry & Pam Brodsky, have a wonderful agenda planned and

we can now report that we'll have one of the highest attendance we've ever had there.

Next Virtual Rally!

We're planning another Campfire Virtual Rally, targeting **Saturday February 27th at 4:00 PM**. So watch your emails. I'll try to get it scheduled this week. Again, we'd like for our newer members to make an appearance – this would be a chance to tell us where you're from and about your Airstream.

Please Stay Safe & go make your Reservations!

Bruce

P.S Waking up the devastating news Tues, I called all of our members in Brunswick County (we have 4 couples there). All are well, the only ones that were very, very close to the tornado were Layne and Wanda McMillian #7682 in Sunset Beach. They are fine, just very rattled.

2021 RALLIES

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168, 1ST VP

Happy Valentine's Day Greetings to everyone,

It is hard to believe but our first rally of the season is only a month away and by the count many of us are itching to hook up and head to Charleston and James Island County Park. Larry Brodsky is not feeling the pressure because he has every detail worked out to the nth degree. That is simply his style!

For me, not so much. I still have two newly fabricated kitchen drawers on the workbench, almost ready for final finishing and installation in the Airstream. Then there are those "foam toppers" for the twin beds that need final trimming before Claire can make up the beds. Hmm... better look for that "To Do" list that I stashed somewhere.

The sad news since our last newsletter, about the tragic deaths of Bob and Anne Seslar, hit me hard along with all of you, no doubt. I believe Anne may have been the departing club President when Claire and I joined several

years back. Honestly, I never got particularly acquainted with her husband Bob as he seemed to be the quiet one of the pair.

For me though, Anne epitomized what the Carolinas Airstream Club is all about. She absolutely made Claire and me feel special from the first moment of joining and always greeted us by name with her biggest smile. We were also touched when Anne presented our young grandson Cory with his very own "honorary membership badge" which he will wear proudly when he accompanies us on any of our club rallies. May we each hold tight to memories of this dear couple.

Looking forward to seeing you down the road in 2021.

Bruce Bodenst ein, 1st VP

A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down. ~Arnold H. Glasgow

2022 RALLIES

RICKY WILCOX #5016 2ND VP

Let me start by saying I hope everyone is safe and staying well. We're on the road now and have been since Jan 5th. It's been an amazing and relaxing time traveling. We started out and our first stop was Pensacola, where we visited some friends. We left there on Jan 8 and headed to Clear Water. We went for a boat ride and saw some Manatee on the Crystal River. We headed out on Jan 12 towards Tampa. There we spent a few days at the Super RV Show. Because of the pandemic and low inventory there were no new Airstream units for sale there. There was lots of accessories and gadgets there for sale. We bought a new water filter for ours. We headed to Sarasota on Jan 17 and sat in on the IBT meeting. There was a lot of information discussed. Some highlights are as follows. As of December 2020 there are:

- 8,119 International members
- 800+ members with courtesy parking
- There's 3 different images available on the badges

- The factory is dealing with parts shortages, one of the main ones is refrigerators.
- 2022 National Rally will be in Maine
- 2023 National Rally will be in Washington

We headed south to Sunshine Key on Jan 22 – Feb 1. We spent one night each in Homestead, Melbourne, St. Augustine, and Brunswick, ending up in Savannah for a few days. Then working our way further north to Hilton Head, Charleston, and Myrtle Beach, where we are now. We came for the Beach and Buggy celebration. The Tams played Friday night and Legacy Motown Review played Saturday night. We'll head on home on Wednesday the 17th. We're already planning our next trip. We look forward to seeing everyone down the road somewhere soon.

Ricky Wilcox, 2nd VP

TANGLEWOOD RALLY PLANS FROM THE HOSTS

*BOB HOFFMAN AND WAYNE CLARK
(AND THE CHANG TIN PONY)*

A return to Clemmons...Way back in April 2020, the Tanglewood Park rally was one of the first canceled due to the then impending pandemic, so the club is indeed excited to make a return to this beautiful campground near the Yadkin River. This rally will take place April 8-11, 2021. The Piedmont Triad offers visitors opportunities to check out historical sites, gardens, and maybe even a brewery, or two. As always of late, local COVID-19 restrictions and personal choices are considered for any outings.

In keeping with other recent/upcoming rallies, we will have no group meals requiring people to sit next to each other around tables nor organized meals at restaurants. We do plan to enjoy the daily outdoor afternoon cocktail hours where you can grab your favorite beverage of choice and enjoy fun and fellowship. Masks are encouraged.

Additional details and plans are to be determined, but the campground does have 3 large communal fire pits to gather safely in small groups.

More details to come, but we are excited to host our first rally. As of mid-February, we have 20 Airstreams (39 attendees) that have signed up for Tanglewood, including a couple visitors from the Palmetto and SECU clubs. At last check, at least one site was still available. We'd recommend checking the [campground website](#) or calling 336.703.6494. If you do get a reservation, don't forget to confirm your rally attendance [here](#).

Looking forward to a fun springtime rally at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC!

Bob & Wayne

TALLY RALLY!

**Region 3 Rally in Tallahassee, FL
April 21-25, 2021**

Rally organizers are planning four days of fun, friends, and food at the [North Florida Fair](#) where they have parking for several hundred rigs. There is a large meeting room with a full kitchen, stage, and sound system. They are putting together seminars, craft events, demonstrations, happy hours, and lots of meals. And of course, entertainment. They are finding local talent from the active music scene that surrounds the FSU campus, and may also have a jam session for our resident musicians, so bring your instruments with you.

All sites are on grass and have 30/50A electric and water. There are two dump facilities. Come with empty tanks and you should be fine for four days.

Click [here](#) for more info!



RALLY 'ROUND OUR CAMPFIRE!

ELAINE MYERS #16767
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We are heartbroken over the sudden passing of Bob and Anne Seslar. They were active Club members, and Anne was our president a few years ago. Condolences to their families and close friends. Cherish the memories.

On the good news front, Ed and Joni Hall (#5280) welcomed a new grandbaby last month - Amelia Christina. They are in Las Vegas now, lovin' on that sweet little one!

I'm sure we are all antsy to get camping again - our first rally is less than a month away! See you there!

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Since life is short and the world is wide, the sooner you start exploring it, the better. ~Simon Raven

WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN 1967?

1967 was the year that...

- Jimi Hendrix released the album Are You Experienced?
- The first Superbowl was played at the LA Memorial Coliseum.
- Thurgood Marshall became our first black Supreme Court Justice.
- The Summer of Love was held in San Francisco.
- McDonald's introduced the Big Mac.
- And a new company called Zip Dee opened its doors in Elk Grove Village, Illinois!



Airstream Life Store, January 30, 2021

THE RIVETED FOX ON RVILLAGE

Join Chris & Gina #6674 on RVillage!

<https://join.rvillage.com/therivetedfox/>

They host regular fun get togethers with folks they've met around the country!

There are many pursuits which men and women follow, outside of their regular business or profession. No hobby is more suitable for people in general than radio. – Charles William Tassig, The Book of Radio, 1922.

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MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER #1972, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Our newest members (details in Evernote):

- **Cindy and Greg Wise** from Kill Devil Hills, NC, and their 2011 22' Sport
- **Vic & Claudia Fordham** from Goldsboro, NC and their 1971 23' Safari Land Yacht
- **Alice Martin** from Asheville and her 2018 16' Basecamp

Welcome *all!*

AIRSTREAM IS AIMED AT NOMADIC REMOTE WORKERS!

Check out the Flying Cloud 30FB Office!

<https://www.caranddriver.com/news/a35383179/airstream-flying-cloud-mobile-office/>



Congratulations!

CAC member Bob Hoffman #22384 has been accepted into the [Airstream Customer Council](#)! The Council carries forward Wally Byam's vision of continuous improvement through real-world feedback.

**Visitor Center at Flamingo CG
Southern Everglades NP**



What's your story?

Tell 021newslettereditor@wbcci.net



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2022 Season Opener!

James Island, Charleston SC – March 17-20, 2022



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