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

PRESIDENTS CORNER

BRUCE THOMPSON #5027

Hello Streamers!! Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful spring weather. We were so anxious to get out of the house (and isolation) and into the camping season.

We're just back from our Tanglewood Rally where we were two of the 56 people and 25 rigs who thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic rally hosted by Bob Hoffman & Wayne Clark. Social hours with campfires by Wilcox, Movie & popcorn Friday night, tour of Special Operations Response Team facility, live music & wine at RayLen Vineyards, a visit by rep from Out Of Doors Mart (Mellissa Reaves), door prizes courtesy of ODM, and then to top off a fun-filled agenda - a BBQ pork & chicken dinner from Little Richards that some said was the best they've ever had. Thank you Bob & Wayne!

Upcoming

I'll try to be quick – here are some important updates for upcoming rallies:

Shining in Shelby – May 6th – 9th, just 3 weeks away! Come with full Fresh water tank, and empty Gray & Black. Be prepared for an entertaining weekend in Uptown Shelby. Try to arrive at 1655 McBrayer-Springs Road in Shelby AFTER 3:00 PM on Thursday the 6th. If weather permits, we'll be slow-parading (35mph) into Uptown Shelby with a police escort with our flags displayed. (Better rinse off that pollen!)

Also Roger & Robin Holland – our Hosts for this rally, have asked that in lieu of a rally fee, please donate to the <u>Earl Scruggs Center</u>, which will be on the towncenter square. So please bring some \$\$! Not only for the donation, but for patronizing the local merchants, vendors, shops, and – don't forget the brewery! And, PLEASE wear your club Badge. This is a FIRST for our club and for Shelby and we are honored to be guests of this Uptown Shelby celebration.

Palmetto Cove – May 20th – 23rd. It's a very large campground, capable of hosting several hundred rigs. So they're not worried about our club filling it up. All you have to do is show up and pay at the office. No reservation necessary. But, if you're like me – it made me feel better to call them & let them know I was coming.

Reminders

• **CAC Happy Zoom Hour** at 4:00 PM on the Last Saturday of every Month. You'll get email reminders.

• Nancy Keuffer has rolled out a <u>Survey</u> on our virtual Happy Hour – Please fill out that survey on how we proceed with that new virtual gathering. Only takes 5 minutes! Thank You Nancy!

• JUNE: If you haven't made reservations for Bear Den – you need to hurry, they've already released the sites! Ray and Carol Combs are our Hosts and are very familiar with the area and all it has to offer.

Short and Sweet this time – no lengthy rhetoric. See you at the Happy Hour April 24th.

Bruce T

2021 RALLIES BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168, 1ST VP

Hello from the 1st Vice President's Chair,

A bunch of us are just back from the April Tanglewood Rally and did we have a swell time catching up. The weather turned out perfect with just a few sprinkles Saturday afternoon. First time hosts Bob Hoffman and Wayne Clark did a fantastic job organizing things and keeping us busy and out of trouble. The trailer count was somewhere around twenty-seven, so we had a good crowd.

The activities were all well attended and interesting. On Friday, Rocky organized a tour of a disaster relief agency in the area, and it was an eye opener. The winery tour on Saturday afternoon had a big turnout as well. Saturday night's delicious BBQ with all the fixins, brought in from a local restaurant, was a perfect way to cap a wonderful weekend.

If you have not seen it, Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC is a fantastic camping spot just outside Winston Salem. In addition to the RV Park, they offer loads of other venues and activities. Claire and I have added Tanglewood to our "favorites" list, particularly since it was less than 2 hours away from us in York, SC.

With two 2021 rallies under our belts, we can call the season "wide open". In a week or so, some of you will be headed south to Florida and the Tallahassee Region 3 Rally. The first week in May, Airstreams will be lining the uptown streets of Shelby for the "Shining in Shelby" urban rally, the newest concept in rallying. Claire and I are skipping that one since we decided to hit our local "Silver in the City" version right here in York, SC. My neighbor John Leake is heading this one up. Bet I will see some of y'all here as well.

Later in May, some of us will be gathering at Palmetto Cove near Cleveland, SC. If you haven't signed up, you've still got time, so go to our website at https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas and join the crowd. No need to even make reservations at Palmetto Cove as they will collect your payment after you arrive. Claire and I are hosting that one and we are working hard to make it a fun time.

Speaking of Hosting, I still need a volunteer couple to host the rally at <u>Paradise Lake Family Campground</u> at Appomattox, VA the weekend of July 22-25. Who wants to step up? First timers welcome!

Before I go... Last weekend, Greg Wilson and I were talking old cars and trucks as we usually get around to doing and we were wondering who else in our club might have an antique vehicle of some sort, or an unusually interesting car or truck or motorcycle even. Any Tesla owners out there by chance? If any of this strikes a nerve, get back to me or Greg. We would love to hear all about it.

Bye for now,

Bruce B, 1st VP

They say marriages are made in Heaven. But so is thunder and lightning **Clint Eastwood**

2022 RALLIES RICKY WILCOX #5016 2ND VP

Hi Streamers. We've been busy camping this year and working on plans for 2022. If you've never planned events that far ahead, it has some challenges. I think one of the main ones is getting in touch with the right person. The person that is willing to work with you and that has the authority to override the system they have in place for booking reservations. I have been fortunate enough to connect with some of those people. I have dates on my Calendar exactly when I need to follow up with them. As soon as I confirm reservations, they are carved in stone, I'll share the exact dates and let you know when you need to call and make your reservations. Until then, they're just good ideas and can change. We're actually going today to York to join in the Airstream event there. It's called Silver in the City. It was nice to see everyone that could make it out to Tanglewood last weekend. We enjoyed lots of outdoor activities, campfires, food and great conversations. So nice getting to know others that share the same passion for camping and traveling that we do. A big thanks to Bob and Wayne for hosting Tanglewood 2021. Awesome job guys. One last little teaser there is probably a new rally coming up in May 2022 in Savannah!

Confirmed- James Island Wednesday 3/17/22 through 3/20/22. *Make reservations now!*

Confirmed- Tanglewood Thursday 4/7/22 through 4/10/22. *Make reservations now! Come early, stay late!*

Many more details to come. Safe travels everyone. The next rally I think we will be attending is **Shining in Shelby**. Hopefully we'll see you there.

Rícky Wilcox, 2nd VP 🌢 🛱 🌢



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I hope no news is good news, as I have no member concerns to relate. We do have members that are still recuperating from surgeries and illnesses, and hope to see them at upcoming rallies before too long. Is everyone enjoying spring and the anticipation of more travel than in 2020? Be sure to sign up for a rally, or head out on your own. *JUST GO*!

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Once the travel bug bites, there is no known antidote, and I know I shall be happily infected until the end of my life. ~ Michael Palin

NEW HOME!

Jill, Phil and Jesse # 4823 are taking a break from full timing and building a new home in Cary, NC!







Submitted by Susanne Schneider #5032



From free to unusable in 8 years 😕

The last update killed our digital membership directory on Evernote on our phones. It was successfully implemented for our club in 2013 by Miriam Ross #5182 as a replacement for the difficult to maintain paper directory. Research is underway to replace it with another digital membership management app. If you have recommendations, contact <u>021newslettereditor@wbcci.net</u>



Submitted by Susanne Schneider #5032

MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER #1972, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Our newest members (details in Evernote *if you haven't updated it*):

- Steve Harris and Roxanne Marshall from Valentines, VA and their 2019 16' BasecampX
- Miller & Holly McArthur from Columbia, SC and their 1986 31' Sovereign
- Keith & Janet Williams from Southport, NC and their 2020 30' International
- Anne Clayton and Gary Miller from Cary, NC and their 2021 20' Basecamp

Welcome back **Skip & Denny Crowe** from Tryon, NC and their 2015 27' International Signature!

Welcome *all!*

CAC WEBSITE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Ed Hall, Webmaster #5280

Please regularly check out Announcements on the CAC Website

When Alumalina 2021 gets an URL, this is where you'd find it. Along with <u>Airforums.com</u>



SHINING IN SHELBY 2021 Roger Holland # 5796

Shining in Shelby 2021 will be May 6-9 in Uptown Shelby, NC! The city is ready to welcome our Airstreamers into the community as we make the central court square our home for a few days. Special events are being planned around the rich musical heritage of the town along with a Saturday afternoon beer festival in the city's community pavilion just a block away from where we will be camped. In addition to special activities, we will be able to enjoy multiple locally owned restaurants, a coffee shop, a brewery, a large locally owned pet supply store, a wine bar & shop, and many other small shops. All of this is within easy walking distance radiating from the central court square where we will be. There is a waiting list, but we are working to fit in as many more rigs as we can. We are looking forward to this inaugural Shining in Shelby rally! You should have received an email with the schedule, if not please email roger@h-harchitects.com

AMATEUR RADIO: HOME BUT NEVER ALONE



What: 2021 World Amateur Radio Day

Who: All amateur radio operators worldwide

When: Sunday, **April 18, 2021** at 0000 UTC until Monday, April 19,

2021 at 0000 UTC

Where: A global event covering all regions of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)

Why: World Amateur Radio Day, held on April 18 each year, is celebrated worldwide by radio amateurs and their national associations which are organized as member-societies of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). It was on this day in 1925 that the IARU was formed in Paris. American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Co-Founder Hiram Percy Maxim was its first president.

NEW TOY!

Scott and Elaine Myers #16767 got a shiny new toy to tow their shiny old toy!



BLUE ANGELS PRACTICING



Fort Pickens CG in Gulf Islands National Seashore in Pensacola Submítted by Susanne Schneider #5032

COURTESY PARKING WITH JIM & DEB #4822

Their courtesy parking is now ready & open in Fleetwood, NC (near Boone). Water, dump, and 30a electric, no backing required with the 70' diameter parking pad. Just call to arrange (704) 430-9192.

TANGLEWOOD RALLY

Tour of SORT facility in Mocksville



Lambs trailer full of kids



Past Pres Phil Drake and the McCarty's





HANGIN' WITH WALLY



Chrís & Gína Fox's Granddaughter hangín' with Wally!

JAMES ISLAND RALLY

YOGA CLASS WITH ALICE #9598



Submítted by George Lamb # 1190



Angel Tree photo Stolen from Alice Martin #9598 400-500 years old, 28 feet around, longest branch is 187 feet long, covers 17,000 square feet.

