

# TARHEEL TRAVELER

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

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

*BRUCE THOMPSON #5027*

Hello Streamers!! Hope everyone is enjoying this spring weather – the first day of summer is coming up on the 20th. So we enjoy these cooler temps while we have it.

### Last Month

In my last Tarheel Traveler article, we were packing up for Palmetto Cove – down near Caesar’s Head and Cleveland, SC. Bruce & Claire Bodenstein were Hosts and planned a perfect rally. This site is so picturesque with the Caesar’s Head mountain range in the distance, and perfect weather, and a great crowd – about 18 rigs, I think. We had a special reception for our new member newlyweds the Millers – wedding cake, champagne, & gifts. I think they were very much surprised, and will probably remember that for a long while.

We ventured into Traveler’s Rest, just a few minutes down the road, and explored that pleasant little town. The group also gathered at the local vineyard and restaurant and had a wonderful lunch there – al fresco. Palmetto Cove has a great commercial kitchen too that would be worthy of future rally plans, when we’re ready to go back that way. We enjoyed using that area for our breakfast of fruit, pastries, and coffee on Saturday morning.

### Upcoming

Bear Den Resort & Campground Rally is next weekend! June 24th – 27th. Up on the Blue Ridge Parkway, it is located right off the Parkway. Our first visit to this venue, but it promises to be a perfect site for cooler mountain air. We’ll be perched right on top! It’s a little hilly, but sites are level. Our section D was full from my last call, but other sites close by may be available. Ray & Carol Combs are our Hosts, and have a wonderful agenda planned.

Also, **CALLING ALL HAMS** – This same weekend is also Field Day for Amateur Radio. We’ll be operating multiple radio stations as **WB4CAC**, the club’s own FCC-granted station call. Even if you’re not a ham – you can help us make some contacts. Points are awarded by ARRL by how many contacts you make in the 24-hour period, and the clubs’ standings get published in their nationally published QST magazine.

### Reminders

CAC Virtual Happy Hour is on Zoom at 4:00 PM on the Last Saturday of every Month. For June, that’s the 26th. So your virtual Happy Hour Hosts will be up at Bear Den. We’ll try to make the Zoom work up there, but if you can’t get connected by 4:10 PM, consider it Cancelled.

- International Rally in Lebanon TN – We keep collecting rigs onto this Caravan! We'll have 13 rigs at the Bullpen staging. Many are gathering at Sevierville TN then caravan into Lebanon the next morning, picking up one on the way and meeting one there. (<https://airstreamclub.org/0212021-caravan-lebanon-tn>)

- Paradise Lake Family Campground – For those of you who prefer smaller crowds than the International Rally, we have the Paradise Lake Rally July 22 – 25 near Lynchburg, VA & Appomattox. Here's the link: <https://airstreamclub.org/0212021-spout-spring-va-rally>

We're still growing! Four more New Members & a Renewal since our last newsletter. Keep up the good work!

Stay Safe, and we'll see you at the Rally!

*Bruce T*

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## 2021 RALLIES

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168, 1ST VP

Hello campers,

As I write this, I am outside my trailer at the [Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park](#). It's been a stormy few days but the weather report promises sunshine this week so I am feeling optimistic. Claire and I are fulfilling our annual hosting duties here this week so we will be busy.

Speaking of hosting, I have one more opening this season; Our **July rally at Spout Spring, VA** near Appomattox Virginia is not only sparsely populated with only 6 trailers on the list the last time I checked, but also without a host. If you haven't done a rally this year, why don't you consider signing up for Spout

Spring. There's still time and the area is packed with Civil War history as you can imagine. With a smaller than typical attendance, it will be a more relaxed time and great for any newcomers to the rally scene.

The **August rally at [Natural Tunnel State Park](#)**, near Big Stone Gap, VA (Google that), promises to be a fun one. If you haven't signed up on their website ([Reserve America](#)), *try* right now and I say *try* because when I called them a couple of days ago, they had four empty slots available, that's all!

Here's what their web site says...

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 two campgrounds, cabins, picnic areas, an amphitheater, a visitor center, a camp store and a gift shop. You'll also find the Wilderness Road historic area, a swimming pool with a 100-foot slide and a chairlift to the tunnel floor. Guests enjoy cave tours and canoe trips on the Clinch River, as well as the [Cove Ridge Center](#), which offers environmental education, conference facilities and overnight dorm accommodations. [The Daniel Boone Wilderness Trail Center](#) is new this year.

I mentioned **Big Stone Gap**, a nearby town. It's tiny but famous... filming site of the [2014 Ashley Judd movie](#) of the same name, home of the well-known outdoor drama called "[Trail of the Lonesome Pine](#)" (some of us will be going for sure), a coal miners museum, lots of restaurants and on and on. I'll just say, we will be busy that weekend, not to mention the fact

that Claire and I have an inside track on that little town as good friends of ours live there and they love to party!

Whew, here we are approaching the half-way point in our rally season, and it's been a doozy thanks to all our hosts and their great planning starting at James Island. I'll leave you with one final thought:

At the Palmetto Cove rally, the group decided they were comfortable doing a restaurant meal for the first time as COVID seems to be fading into the sunset to a degree. Our **December Holiday Luncheon** slot is still open with no decision made for a location. I have been making inquiries around but so far have not come up with anything firm. Would some of you in the membership give this some thought and offer suggestion you might have. Please call me or text to 704 277-2018. Email [brucebodenstein@gmail.com](mailto:brucebodenstein@gmail.com) works fine too. The Winston-Salem general area may have appeal since it's somewhat central to most. Any and all ideas are welcome.

Yours Truly for Airstreaming fun,

*Bruce B*

**A smart person knows what to say, a wise person knows whether to say it or not.** ~ *Anonymous*

## 2022 RALLIES

*RICKY WILCOX #5016 2ND VP*

Hello everyone I can't believe this year is almost 1/2 over already. The heat is definitely back as well. That's both good and bad. We have many plans for this year and some of those include a trip to Creekwood Farm RV Park in Cherokee last weekend that we had to cancel. On June 24th we go to the Bears Den Rally in Spruce Pine N. C. We've never camped there before so we're looking forward to it. I did make a dry run up to Bear Den, in our car, just to make sure I didn't see any

issues. It's a little hilly, curvy and a little tight. I don't think there's anything that our rigs and trucks can't handle, especially if we have a traffic coordinator and maybe a spotter. I'll help where I can as well. Next we'll head to Riverside RV Park in Sevierville, TN for a few days and then next up for our club is our international Rally in Lebanon Tennessee. We're planning on going there as well. I volunteered for the logistics committee there so we'll be going up on the 12th ahead of most of you. Hopefully I'll have parking for the rest of us figured out before you guys arrive. We leave there on July 24th and head to Elkhart Campground in Indiana. We'll be there for a couple of weeks. We'll take the long scenic tour home from there. Hopefully my next newsletter will be packed full of 2022 information and contacts so you can start making your reservations for those. Safe travels everyone and I hope to see you soon down the road soon.

*Thanks,*

*Ricky*



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

We have several members needing good vibes and healing thoughts sent their way:

Mike Stephens (#5401) is having a tough time recouping from the many radiation and chemo

treatments he has had. I know those of you who have gone through cancer treatments can empathize. Keep Mike and Diane in your prayers.

Joe Quesenberry (#6894) has just had rotator cuff surgery, so he and Pam have had to cancel their summer camping trips. Hopefully, they can make it Ocean Lakes!

I do have a happiness to share. After seeing my Dad only once in the last year and a half - briefly, masked, and socially distanced -we spent an entire day with him last week...and even HUGGED! He shortened his daily walk to 2.4 miles so he wouldn't wear us out...not bad for a 92 year old!

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**Why endeavor to straighten the road of life? The faster we travel, the less there is to see.” ~ Helen Hayes**

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## SHINING IN SHELBY 2021

*ROGER HOLLAND #5796*

I am pleased to bring you updates on the Shining in Shelby rally held in Shelby, NC this past Mother's Day weekend! The dust has now settled a bit and I am thrilled to let you know that thanks to the generosity of those in attendance, and the Club, we raised just over \$2,000 for The Earl Scruggs Center! This support will help maintain the economic vitality of the community through the Center that is critical for continued growth and development of our Uptown.

I continue to receive nothing but wonderful reports from everyone in town regarding the event. The first thing everyone comments on is how extremely nice

and engaging all of our guests were throughout the weekend. Those of you that were here made an indelible mark on our community with your kindness and generosity. Given the positive feedback all the way around and after discussion with the city manager, it appears we will be making application soon for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Shining in Shelby rally! The tentative date will once again be Mother's Day weekend, May 5-8, 2022 with more information to follow once we have city council approval for the event. Stay tuned!"

Thanks!

*Roger*

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## MORE NEWS ABOUT SHINING IN SHELBY!

*BRUCE THOMPSON #5027*

We gathered your results of our Survey for Shining in Shelby. We had over 60% responses, and the analysis turned out to be a great surprise!

Based on the 'honest estimated' numbers from all the questions of the survey, our group had a **\$13,000** economic impact to the city of Shelby during the weekend we were there. And that was *just* from our 28-rig group. That does not include the visitors we attracted to the city for that weekend. When rating the Rally, *everyone* gave it a 5! Thank you, Roger and Uptown Shelby! You can't get any better!

## MORE MEMBERSHIP NEWS

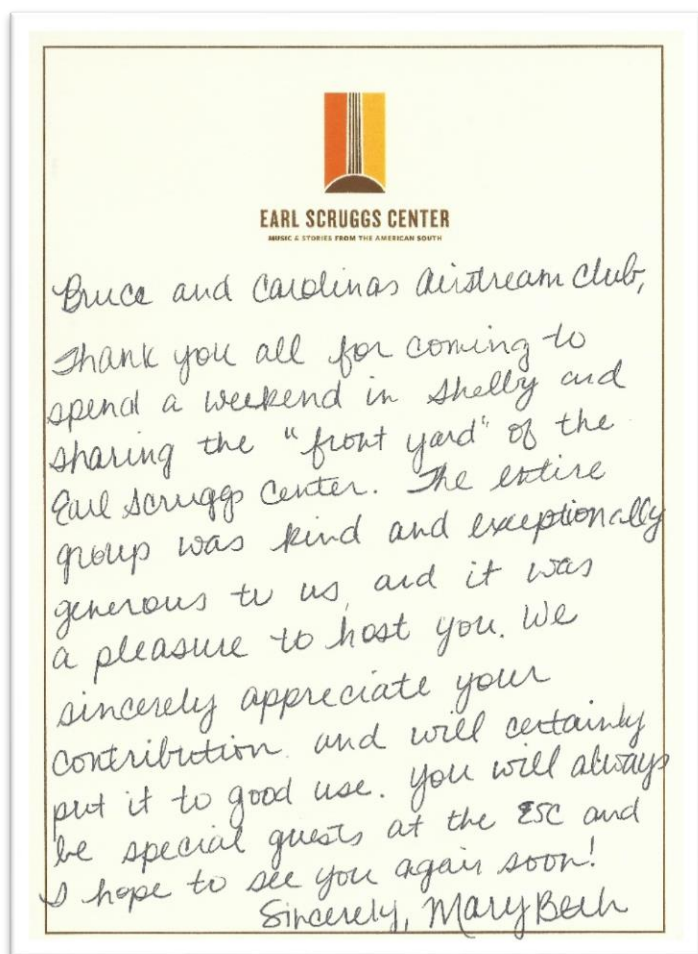
Have you logged into the **Members-Only** section of the [Airstreamclub.org](http://Airstreamclub.org) website? If not, you are encouraged to do so!

Starting for the 2022 membership renewal season, logged in members will be able to renew their International Membership, Home Club Membership, and Affiliate Club(s) Membership *ALL* at the same time! HQ will be reaching out to local clubs soon to get the needed information. HQ will now track associate members.

Keep your eyes out for more information coming soon about these additional features.

### Anniversary Date Starting

Another membership related update is the change of the membership period from a **calendar** year to an **anniversary** year. The anniversary year will be based on 12 months from the original join date. There is no change for current members. All current members will have the same anniversary date of January 1st. This means your membership will run from January 1st to December 31st. The renewal process for members will start roughly 120 days before the expiration date. HQ (Headquarters) will send out notifications reminding members it is time to renew. **Starting July 1st, 2021**, new members will be on a true anniversary schedule. If a member joins July 15th, 2021, their membership is active from July 15th, 2021, until July 14th, 2022. New members will be charged one year of International dues and one year of Local Club dues. **The pro-rated dues system will end on June 30th, 2021.** HQ will notify local clubs of new members as soon as they are processed as we currently do.



## MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER #1972, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Our newest members (details in Evernote):

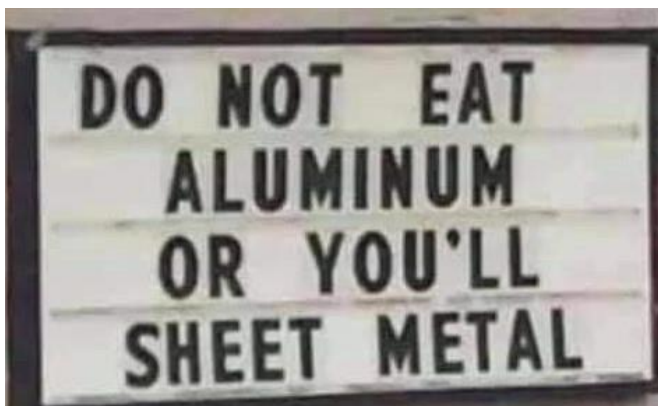
- **Richard & Sandy La Rue** from Kitty Hawk, NC, and their 2021 23' 23FB Flying Cloud
- **Steven & Brenda Mullinix** from Greensboro, NC, and their 2007 25' International CCD FB
- **Cynthia & Faron Courtney** from Oak Island, NC, and their 2012 23' Flying Cloud
- **Michele Dagenhart** from Charlotte, NC and her 2011 19' Bambi Flying Cloud

Welcome *all!*

## Other Changes

The Founder's Award program will also be ending as of July 1st, 2021. Everyone is very appreciative of all the work these members have done. Founder's recipients are listed on page 1 of the printed Membership Directory (our own Dale Dowler receives it regularly). The leadership team is working on developing a new program for member recruitment, retention, and acknowledgment.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact HQ at 937-596-5211 or email [info@airstreamclub.org](mailto:info@airstreamclub.org)



MARCIA THOMPSON #5027

Next January 2022 when Bruce becomes past president of the club and I become past first lady, I also want to become past corresponding secretary, past newsletter editor, past Evernote administrator, past everything, and just return to being a "regular" member. ☺

## Assistant Newsletter Editor

You can have over 6 months of adjustment to ease into the **Newsletter Editor** position in January!

- The president, vice presidents and sunshine person write monthly articles for the newsletter, the Editor grammar/spell checks, and edits for clarity.
- The Editor sets a deadline for submissions and makes it "pretty"
- Meeting minutes are only when a business meeting has occurred and the Recording Secretary has sent the minutes.
- Editor can put in hyperlinks for places that have websites.
- About 20 people at Airstream/WBCCI can read our newsletter
- The Assistant would accumulate interesting articles, pictures, cartoons, etc to include in the newsletter then just add the regular articles come January 2022.
- In the past, the **Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor** positions have been combined, but they could be separated. The Corresponding Secretary generally corresponds with the membership and WBCCI.

## Evernote Administrator

- Be the first to know when new members join!
- Copy and paste to add them to Evernote
- Share the club directory with them (copy and paste our standard Evernote welcome message)

If you're interested or have questions, please email

[021newslettereditor@wbcci.net](mailto:021newslettereditor@wbcci.net)

## PLACES TO CHECK OUT

SUBMITTED BY ELAINE MYERS #16767

### TENNESSEE

- Crossville - TCPC Airstream Park
  - Cumberland Homesteads(interesting history!)
- Memphis - Danny Thomas Grave at St. Jude Hospital
  - Tom Lee Monument and Park
  - Lorraine Motel where MLK Jr. was shot
  - Beale St.
  - Graceland (too touristy now, but go if you are an Elvis fan)

### OKLAHOMA

- Oklahoma City - Museum of Osteopathy (so worth it!!!)
  - Banjo Museum (awesome if you like music or bluegrass history)
  - Quarterhorse Museum (worth it only if you are big into quarterhorses)
  - Murray Building Bombing Memorial (DO NOT MISS)

### TEXAS

- Amarillo - RV Museum (DO NOT MISS)
  - Cadillac Ranch (at least pull over for a photo op)
  - Tex Randall Statue and his horse's grave
  - Helium Statue

### COLORADO

- Golden - Buffalo Bill Grave and Museum (fascinating)
- Boulder - Mork and Mindy's house (drive by only - not worth it unless in the area)
- Colorado Springs - Garden of the Gods (DO NOT MISS)
  - Air Force Academy (See the Chapel)
  - Pikes Peak

### KANSAS

- Abilene - Eisenhower Museum
- Dodge City - Ft. Larned

### MISSOURI

- Independence - Harry Truman Museum
- Hannibal - Mark Twain Museum
- St. Louis - The Arch
  - Grant's Farm (the Clydesdales live next door!)
  - Cahokia Indian Mounds (actually in Collinsville, IN just east of St. Louis)

Hamilton MISSOURI STAR QUILT COMPANY!  
They have taken over most of the town. MUST SEE!

### KENTUCKY

Bowling Green - Corvette Museum (They now feature the cars ruined in the sinkhole collapse.)

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You can look up details on these online. Also, check out [Roadsideamerica.com](http://Roadsideamerica.com) - go to the map of a particular state, and it will show you all the little spots. Click on one and it will give you the name. If it sounds interesting, click on the name and you will get all the details. Sometimes seeing the picture online is enough. Sometime the directions will let you know if it's trailer accessible ("7 mile gravel road"). Often, they are on the main street through town, so you don't even have to detour, but have a heads up as you pass through.

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## HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU!



Scott & Elaine Myers decided their Shiny 72 needed some rear personality!

## OUR MEMBERS GET AROUND!



Scott & Elaine Myers #16767 at the Jersey Shore Vintage Trailer Rally at Avalon Campground, Cape May, NJ.



Chis & Gina Fox #6674, and their granddaughter saw some silver at Kennedy Space Center in FL!



This is how John & Sharon Carriker #3679 roll on their way West! 🎵🎵



Sharon in Texas!



## TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

Alice Martin #9598 - Facebook

May 31

Hi! Made it from NC to WY so far. It's been a blast! No route, no reservations, so relaxing. The badlands were amazing! Have stayed at some parks & some [Harvest Hosts](#). All have been great. Missoula bound!

Happy Memorial Day 😊 My "bourbon bar" by leafted. <https://www.leafed.com/>



June 10

Hi Friends! Made it to Missoula, MT after 3,427 miles, 20 days, and 9 states. Trip of a lifetime! Sunshine 20 days in a row, except for one night of rain 🌧️. Thought I'd share some pictures of my journey. Also, follow along on [Instagram](#) if you'd like, I'm @exposuresbyalice. Safe travels...



[Buffalo Bill State Park](#) in Cody, Wyoming

Alice

## TOURING THE MOTHERSHIP!

Bob Hoffman #22384 - Facebook

Ever since I've been little, I dreamed of owning an Airstream. As many of you know, we were fortunate enough to custom order and become an Airstream Globetrotter owner in 2020. Today marks yet another exciting day on this new Airstream journey. I had an exclusive opportunity this afternoon as an Airstream [Customer Council Member](#) to see the brand new Factory in Jackson Center, Ohio! While at the factory I also had a rare sneak peek at the new [Airstream Heritage Center](#) which is under construction and not yet opened to the general public. It is filled with an incredible selection of rare vintage models once owned by Wally Byam, the founder of Airstream in 1931! This year marks the [90th Anniversary](#) of this incredible brand and I am looking forward to the official opening and ribbon cutting in September!

As though a personal factory tour wasn't exclusive enough, the fact that we had the privilege of meeting with several members of the Airstream Executive Team and have Justin Humphreys, Chief Operating Officer and VP of Sales be the one to give the tour was incredible!

I am incredibly thankful for opportunity I had today and it's just one more reason why everything about the Airstream brand and living life to the fullest is so important!

Bob



## PALMETTO COVE 2021



George installing Gary and Anne #2687



Ricky showing his New 2nd VP flag



Following the business meeting, champagne and wedding cake was served to celebrate the recent wedding of Anne Clayton and Gary Miller! *congratulations and cheers!*

## “STREAMIN’ THE GAP” URBAN RALLY

*Mary Nicholas Johnson*

[HopyHiker@gmail.com](mailto:HopyHiker@gmail.com)

Hi from East Tennessee Airstream Club.

We have organized an urban rally in October at Historic Cumberland Gap TN. This is the first annual and will only have 18 trailers this first year. This is almost in your back yard!

Details below.

Registration: [www.StreaminTheGap.com](http://www.StreaminTheGap.com)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/streamin-the-gap-tickets-157670238929>

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## GOING TO INTERNATIONAL IN 2022?

We are excited to start the planning for **next year’s caravan to the International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine!** International Rally dates are **July 17-24, 2022**, and we are tentatively planning to **start the caravan on or around July 11<sup>th</sup> and arrive at Fryeburg either on July 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>.**

This will be a **900 mile plus caravan with a minimum of 4 stopovers along the way.** A tentative route has been planned for meeting up somewhere in Southern VA and heading north on I-81, and then traveling around the major cities along the way (i.e., DC and NYC). **We plan to drive approximately 200-240 miles a day.** We are already scoping out possible stopover locations and campgrounds. Stopover locations we have been looking at include: Staunton VA; Jonestown/Hersey PA; Saugerties NY; and Deering NH. Also we are planning a meet up location outside of Fryeburg to allow members that cannot travel with the caravan to join up and be parked with the rest of our Club members at the

International rally. As more details about the route and locations become clearer, we will share more information.

**To help with the planning, we are asking our Club Members to take a short survey** to gauge interest and possible number of units traveling to International. Also knowing where members plan to start their trip from will help us select a central meet up location. **Please complete only one survey per Airstream.**

We ask that **you please complete this survey by June 17th.** [Click Here To Take the Survey](#)

Thank you and see you down the road!

Mary Shaw, Elaine Myers, and Ed Hall

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**Registrations for 2022 WBCCI  
International begins July 22, 2021 at  
2PM Central time!**

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## MEETING MINUTES

CAC Business Meeting Palmetto Cove Rally

May 22, 2021

Roll Call - Present were President Bruce Thompson, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Bruce Bodenstein, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Ricky Wilcox, Corresponding Secretary Marcia Thompson, Recording Secretary Margie Lamb, Directors Ed Hall, and Elaine Myers

Ricky Wilcox prayed an invocation.

Bruce Bodenstein led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers were recognized by Bruce Thompson.

Ricky Wilcox was presented with a new CAC flag. He reported that we should call James Island, Tanglewood and Ocean Lakes (Talk to Shannon) for 2022 rallies.

Bruce and Claire Bodenstein received a new CAC flag and a certificate for hosting, plus etched glasses.

George inducted new members and newlyweds Anne Clayton and Gary Miller.

Bruce Bodenstein promoted hosting a rally. Scott moved accept April minutes, Sandra Almy seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

According to the Treasurer's report, our balance is \$7,558.36. Corresponding secretary, she will have the newsletter next month.

Caravan to Maine will be planned by Mary Shaw and Ed Hall. Mary reports that the Airstream International Rally 2022 to Maine will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July. Minimum of 4 nights maybe 5. Ed and Mary will send out a survey.

Chris and Gina Fox reported on the [RVillage](#) website, acquired by [Thor Industries](#) (who owns Airstream). RVillage is an organization to assist in Travel, Park, Connect. There is no fee. It sends notifications of which members and friends are in proximity.

Bear Den is the next rally. George moved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Margie Lamb*, Recording Secretary

## MAINTENANCE TIP

### Micropulse Tank Level Monitoring System

*Larry Brodsky #2371*

Airstream replaced the Micropulse system a few years ago, but many of us have the older system. This older system has several failure modes, using pressure sensors near the bottom of the tanks, not level sensors stuck to the sides of the tanks. Many owners have upgraded to the new system when the Micropulse system failed, costing approximately \$1,500 (per Jackson Center).

I had reached the point where neither my black tank nor my grey tank were indicating properly, even after a calibration. So I decided to replace the circuit board on the interior wall. This is made by CATCON and they are still in business and sell these units at [CATCONPRODUCTS.COM](http://CATCONPRODUCTS.COM). Price of a board is \$125.

I replaced my board, did the calibration and now everything works again! A major maintenance victory!!! ~ *Larry*

