

# 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 –

Last Month, we had 22 rigs at [Bear Den Campground](#) on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Ray and Carol Combs planned an excellent rally with BBQ plates for all Thursday night and a group breakfast Saturday. As this happened to be ARRL's Field Day weekend – our Hams were all excited to be operating “5-Alpha” stations as WB4CAC on one of the highest elevations on public campgrounds on the Parkway. “Bulls-Eye” Bob (N4RHC), with his specialized sling shot, did an excellent job getting all the antennas up in the highest trees – He never missed! Our final score was 1082 points with 133 total contacts, which was impressive for our First “experimental” Field Day. We had a total count of 8 hams on site (see photos in newsletter). Hams & non-hams all had a great time, and the weather cooperated too. We hope to see our results in the December issue of ARRL's QST magazine.

### Reminders

- Don't forget to **RSVP!!** – IT'S THE ONLY TOOL THE HOSTS HAVE FOR PLANNING. Ed is working hard to get the 2022 RSVPs up on the website.
- CAC Happy Hour at 4:00 PM on the Last Saturday of every Month. **For July, that's the 31<sup>st</sup>.** This has become a ritual that allows us to pass along updates and news of upcoming events. There's an agenda item dedicated to our new members, and we get updates from our “Road Warriors”. So check in with us! BYOB

- **Natural Tunnel Rally** – Aug 12 – 15th. We're hearing a lot of excitement about this one. It may not be too late – give them a call: <https://airstreamclub.org/0212021-natural-tunnel-va-rally>

### Soapbox

The only way our Rally Hosts can plan for meals, outings, tours, etc. is by our RSVP list. If you don't RSVP on our website, the Hosts don't know you're coming. So Help them out – PLEASE RSVP!

Current membership is at 166 member rigs. So Yes, we're still growing! We're averaging about 2 new members each month... Amazing!

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

*Bruce*

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## 2021 RALLIES

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168, 1ST VP

Greeting Airstreamers,

This year is flying by and *almost* seems normal again. For me, it is a wonderful feeling to not have to pass everything through a Covid filter. Do I dare go out or should I stay home? Fist bumps and elbowing vs hugs and kisses. Where is my mask and hand sanitizer? Could he (or she) have Covid? *Do I have Covid?*

To be sure, caution and a measure of social distancing will be with us for a long time. Life will not ever be the same, in my opinion. The word pandemic has taken on a new meaning and urgency for us all. Instead of reading about it happening in some remote part of the world, not only have we experienced it firsthand, but we have whipped it (thanks to our carefulness, the vaccines and wonderful caregivers). Not minimizing the experiences of those in our club who may have suffered with it or have had family members or acquaintances who contracted Covid, as an at-risk, older person with asthma, I feel very blessed and thankful at this point in my life. Please continue to be cautious and safe!

Claire and I decided to skip it this year, in favor of being present at our Paradise Lake/Appomattox rally that weekend, however 2022 International in Fryeburg, Maine is actively on our agenda for next year. We hope to combine it with a family reunion in upstate NY.

Our club is well represented at International this year. No doubt we shall soon have a full report of the adventures and fun times of International 2021.

I will keep this short this month. My biggest priority right now is to search out and arrange for our December Holiday luncheon which will happen this year, *mark my words*. I have developed a long list of candidates and one phone call at a time, I am working through them. Make your plans as it will be in early December and most likely in the Winston-Salem general vicinity. More to come on this.

Have a great rest of the month.

~ **Bruce B, 1<sup>st</sup> VP**

*Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do ~*

*Voltaire*

## 2022 RALLIES

RICKY WILCOX #5016 2ND VP

I'm sending this information to you from Lebanon Tennessee this month. Hopefully everyone is doing well and able to travel once again. The Rally next year in Savannah is confirmed now and you can call **Leslie** at [Red Gate RV Park](#) and make your reservations. You need to *talk* to her and not make reservations on line. She has the sites blocked out for us. The dates are **May 12th, 13th, 14th and check out on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. If desired you can add two days at the front and two days after the rally, to make it a week long. This is a new park for us as a club and looking forward to doing a rally there. We went there in February and it's very beautiful. I look forward to seeing everyone that's coming to the National Rally and hope to see you all down the road sometime soon. There will be many more details to follow soon.

*Thanks,*

~Ricky, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP



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This month we give a big shout out and congrats to all the recently and about-to-be RETIRED members - Pam and George Beckwith #29401, Shari (and semi for Randy) Hord #05724 (we'll never let Randy TOTALLY retire!), Jeff Kueffer #10367, Terry Sheally

#28115, Duffy Tucker #3223, and any others of you on that path. Welcome to the ranks of the happily unemployed! Now get out there and make the most of it - you'd better be planning some awesome Airstream trips!

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*I travel a lot, I hate having my life disrupted by routine.* ~ Cassie Stinnett

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## 2022 INTERNATIONAL

Registration for the 2022 International Rally in Fryeburg, Maine started on

**Thursday, July 22**

To register online you have to be logged into the members-only section of the ACI website:

<https://airstreamclub.org/>

The 2022 International Rally dates are

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**

*A caravan to Maine is being planned now!  
Stay tuned!*

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## MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER #1972, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Our newest members (details in Evernote):

- **Dick & Denny Quinn** from Wilmington, NC and their 2021 20' Caravel
- **Mark & Linda Schroeder** from Concord NC, and their 1979 31' Excella 500
- **John & Melanie Philips** from Wilmington, NC and their 2021 22' Bambi
- **Brian & Brandelyne Lewis** from Buchanan, TN and their 2020 30' Flying Cloud

- **Amanda & Ray Nimocks** from Fayetteville, NC and their 2021 30' Flying Cloud

Welcome Associate member **Robin Gieniewski** #18404!

Welcome *all!* See you down the road!

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## BOON DOCKING? YOU NEED THESE!

*Submitted by Marcia Thompson #5027*



We have two, hanging with carabiners and [Command hooks](#) inside the Fantastic Fans. Lights up the whole trailer with a nice solar powered ambient light!

*Each product sold helps us provide clean energy to people around the world who need it most. Through your participation, we are able to create positive social and environmental impact. – M-POWER-D*

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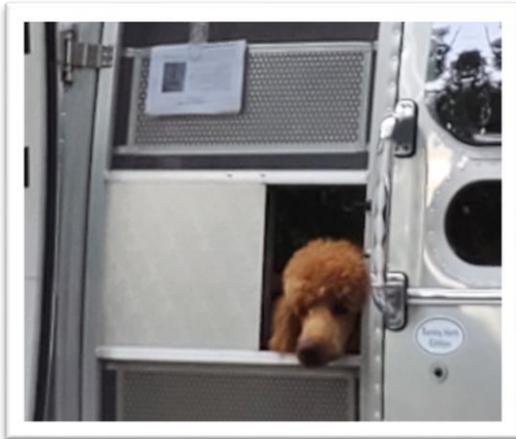
## 2022 WBCCI RENEWALS

Renewal season is just around the corner starting in August. Keep an eye out for more information!

## RALLY AT BEAR DEN



One of several Happy Hours at the Almy's



Amos Almy wants to join the Happy Hour!  
It's in his front yard!



Immediate Past President Phil Drake  
inducting new members Ross Gary, Yina and  
David Shuman.

## BALLOON FEST STATESVILLE, NC

October 15-17, 2021

Please join members of the Southeastern Camping, Carolinas, South Carolina Coastal, Florida, and other Airstream Clubs from Region 3 and beyond for the Carolina Balloon Fest Rally in Statesville, NC October 15-17, 2021.

We will have parking convenient to the entrance to the festival grounds. The festival will be located at the same site as previous festivals, adjacent to the Statesville, NC airport. The schedule is available at: <http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com/>

### All RVers:

- 1) Complete the RV Application:

[http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com/uploads/2/5/3/3/25331844/2021\\_wallybyam\\_airstream\\_cbf\\_rv\\_application\\_form.pdf](http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com/uploads/2/5/3/3/25331844/2021_wallybyam_airstream_cbf_rv_application_form.pdf)

### Payment:

**Option 1:** Online registration: <http://www.carolinaballoonfest.com/wally-byam-airstream-portal.html>

→ Password: **CBF#2021**

**Option 2:** Tell [awaschka@bellsouth.net](mailto:awaschka@bellsouth.net). Sign up using the standard RV Parking application. Write “**Airstream Rally**” on the application when you send

The festival has reserved 20 spots for us, but in order to guarantee a space with the club, our applications and deposits will have to be received before the slots fill up. As was done in 2019, the festival will start assigning spaces with WBAC at space 1 and the general public starting at space 75.

This will be a no-frills rally with no rally fee. We will not have any scheduled meals or happy hours due to the need for flexibility as the event timing is dictated by weather conditions. Please feel free to gather as you wish but abide by any applicable Covid-19 restrictions or personal preferences.

Notes:

1. Per Festival policy, reservations are not refundable but the festival has in the past supported transfer of a reservation to another person as needed.
2. This is boondock-style camping. Arrive full of water, batteries charged, and holding tanks empty! Generators are allowed and pets are OK in the camping area. There will be food trucks on site, but they have been crowded in the past. Exit and re-entry are possible, but not convenient, so best plan to bring enough food and drink for the rally

*Al Waschka #1322*



*Marcia Thompson #5027*

Over the next few months, Nancy Kueffer #10367 will transition into the role of Corresponding Secretary/ Newsletter Editor and Evernote Administrator. Thank you sooooo much, Nancy!!!

*Marcia*

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## MEETING MINUTES

Rally @ Bear Den Mountain Resort

June 24, 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, and Director Elaine Myers.

As we had finished eating the meal of barbecue, Ray Combs auctioned off the uneaten portions. He announced the breakfast on Saturday morning will be a potluck of breakfast foods.

Ricky Wilcox offered an invocation. He reported that we should call James Island, Tanglewood and Ocean Lakes (Talk to Shannon).

First Vice-President Bruce Bodenstein led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Immediate Past President inducted new members Ross Gary and David and Yina Shuman.

Bruce Bodenstein promoted hosting a rally.

Bob Clark moved to accept minutes from the Palmetto Cove meeting, Randy Hord seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Bruce Thompson reports our treasury balance is close to \$7600.00.

Corresponding secretary - There is an ad in the newsletter for a new editor. Marcia Thompson is retiring.

Caravan to Maine in 2022 will be planned by Mary Shaw and Ed Hall.

Phil Drake moved to adjourn, and this takes precedent over other motions. We voted unanimously to adjourn.

For hosting the rally, Ray and Carol Combs received some very lovely etched glasses

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Lamb, Recording Secretary

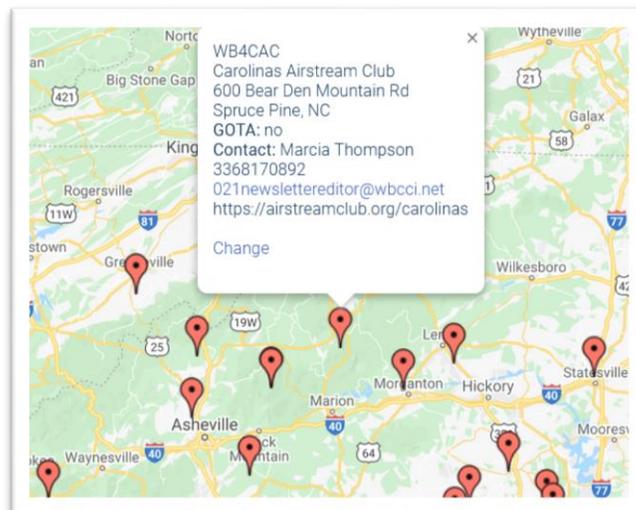
## FIELD DAY 2021 WITH CAC!

*Submitted by Marcia Thompson #5027*

Amateur Radio Operators in the Carolinas Airstream Club operated the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) annual Field Day at Bear Den Family Campground, nestled in the Pisgah National Forest adjoining the Blue Ridge Parkway at near Spruce Pine, NC on June 24-25. Members commented we made Wally proud getting to this very remote mountain campground! We used our clubs call sign, **WB4CAC** and made 133 contacts comprised of voice (SSB) and digital modes (FT8). We had 3 dipole antennas in the trees, one Buddipole™ portable dipole antenna system, and one Tarheel screwdriver vertical on top of an Airstream. All ham radios are 12v and were operated on battery power for this event to simulate an emergency situation. The scenario we made up was that a tornado had leveled all the nearby cell towers, taken out shore power, and the only method of communication was our radios on battery. When all else fails, ham radio!

This was a great opportunity for our club hams (we have 24 in this club) to practice our emergency response capabilities.

ARRL Field Day is the single most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June of each year, thousands of radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or with friends to operate from remote locations. Ham radio has been called into action again and again to provide communications in crises. Amateur Radio operators (also called “hams”) are well known for our communications support in real disaster and post-disaster situations.



Bob N4RHC #4230, Bruce AD4ET #5027, Phil N4UOK #5789 discussing antenna placement.



Bob N4RHC operating with guest Randy #5724



“Bulls Eye Bob” N4RHC demonstrating his sling shot for Phil K4UOK and Randy



Phil K4UOK #5789 operating from his truck



George N4ROT and Margie N4ZKE operating from their picnic table.



Bruce AD4ET and Marcia NC4MT operating FT8, a digital mode



Bruce KJ4BYT #8168 on battery power outside his Airstream



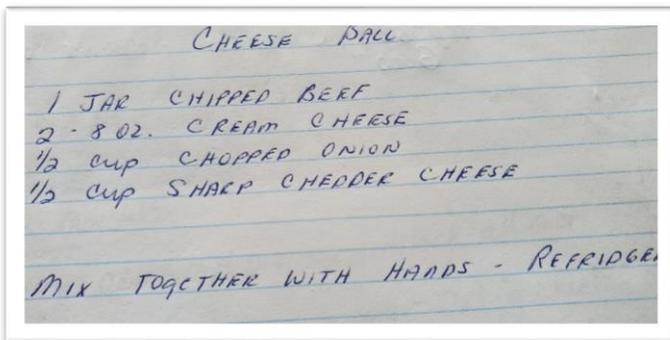
David AF4HI with Moses visiting Bruce AD4ET



We operated as "5A" during Field Day, meaning 5 radios in a club on battery power. Here's the 5! KJ4BYT, AD4ET, K4UOK, N4RHC, and N4ROT.

## RECIPES FROM BEAR DEN

### Cheese Ball - Joan Wilcox



### Cheese Appetizer - Carol Combs

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups finely grated sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons heavy cream
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard, ground pepper, or hot sauce to taste (I did not use any - wimpy husband)
- 16 oz package firm white bread like Pepperidge Farm Sandwich Bread

#### Directions

- Beat cheese and butter until fluffy
- Beat in cream and everything else
- Cut crusts from bread and cut into fourths
- Spread mixture on one piece of bread, top with another
- Spread mixture on top and sides of each "sandwich"
- You can freeze the sandwiches at this point
- Bake on lightly greased cookie sheet at 375 for 15 minutes if not frozen, a little longer if frozen

