



TARHEEL TRAVELER

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

Upcoming Events

2021

Holiday Luncheon December 4

2022

James Island Rally March 17-20

Tanglewood Park Rally April 7-10

Shining in Shelby May 5-8

Savannah Georgia Rally May 12-15

Grumpy Bear Bryson City Aug. 11-14

New Bern Sept.29-Oct.2

Myrtle Beach Rally Nov. 10-13

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168



Hello Airstreamers,
Claire and I have just returned from the annual season wrap-up rally at Ocean Lakes Family Campground near Myrtle Beach, SC.

With few organized activities planned because of COVID, the crowning event of this largest rally of the year (a likely record of over 50 trailers), was the Saturday night gathering in the spacious Activities Room. We convened at 7:00 pm and first recognized the new members of the club. Next, Past President George Lamb, performed the installation ceremony of the new Board of Directors.

As the new president, my first order of business was to recognize and thank our immediate past President and First Lady, Bruce Thompson, and Marcia, for their unwavering service during an uncomfortable year for all of us. The board presented the two of them with an engraved plaque and gift certificate.

After acknowledging our Rally Hosts, George and Margie Lamb with etched glasses, our 1st VP, Ricky

Wilcox, reported on the 2022 rally lineup while passing out new Rally Cards. Ray Combs also provided his usual Caravan update for us all.

After a few brief remarks about my personal goals for our club in the year ahead, we wrapped up the evening by raffling off some wonderful door prizes generously provided by John's RV of Lexington and others. Overall, despite cooler than desired temperatures and some clouds, I felt the Ocean Lakes Rally was a resounding success.

As this is my first article as President of the Carolinas Airstream Club. Perhaps it would be useful to first describe something of my style of leadership; to put it in simple terms, I feel I should be less of an innovator and more of a careful listener. I often remind myself that I have only been a member of our club since 2018 thereabouts. At Ocean Lakes, it was a pleasure to talk with both Charlie Fishel and the Carriker's who were recognized for their nearly 50 years of membership in the club. Compared to them, I am but a babe in the woods, so to speak.

In just a few words, here are some of my goals for the club in the coming season:

1. See the new Rally Committee fully established and working under the leadership of the 2nd VP.
2. Establish a formal budget planning process that will produce a board approved annual budget that can be used for both monthly reporting purposes and forward-thinking financial planning. In our club, this doesn't have to be complicated. I am seeking a couple of financial knowledgeable individuals in the club to reach out and assist as we implement this new process.
3. I would like us to consider alternatives to our Evernote Membership Directory. It has served us well, but with a constantly growing membership approaching 200 trailers, perhaps it's time to identify a friendlier and more flexible approach.

Again, let me be clear. The above ideas are not all my own. I've had my ear to the ground, and I've listened, at rallies and during board meetings. People like Phil Drake and Bruce Thompson have given me lots of ideas as we move forward as a club together. Thank you for the confidence you have placed in me.

Moving on... Like most of us, I've just received the November issue of the [Blue Beret](#) magazine. It's one of the best I've seen. The cover says it all "Making the most of your membership". Please don't miss it.

As I wrap up, let me share a fresh addition to our 2022 rally lineup. Larry Brodsky has announced he is hosting a meet-up in New Bern, NC, Sept. 29 – Oct 2. Larry feels this rally will benefit members in the far eastern reaches of NC/VA. Though this rally didn't make our Rally Card, you can find the details on the CAC website and in this newsletter.

Though, these very welcome, member organized rallies have frequently been called *renegade* rallies, the Web Masters and myself would like to try a different angle. Go to our website and take a look at the latest Sept/Oct entry in our 2022 Rally lineup where **MORE** is always better, as in this **Member Organized Rally Event**.

Bruce Bodenstein, President
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PAST PRESIDENT
BRUCE THOMPSON #5027



Hey Streamers!
Your Immediate Past President here. Marcia & I want to thank everyone for all the warm, wonderful comments and well-wishes down at our Ocean Lakes Rally. We truly have a loving family in this club, and consider you a blessing and it is a pleasure to call each of you our Friends. Also, we want to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the 2021 Board Members because you have made this year flow smoothly – even during another pandemic year.

You, as a Board, make the President's job so much easier and more enjoyable.

Thanks too for the wonderful gifts – the Quicksilver Radio gift certificate (that we've already claimed) and the engraved cutting board that will find a fitting place on our wall, hopefully in the Airstream!

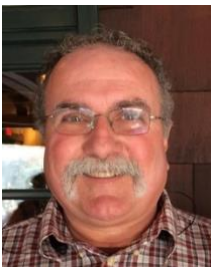
What a wonderful year of rallies this 2021 – Thanks to the hard work and diligence of your current President Bruce Bodenstein – and all the efforts he made during 2020-COVID. His attempt at strategically locating rallies all around our region worked very well.

The Carolinas Airstream Club is a strong and active club, with a robust membership of over 180 rigs. Our newsletters continue to entertain and inform, and our website is maintained and updated almost weekly to pass along rally info and member-relevant news. And most importantly, there seems to be a steady stream of members stepping up eager to serve and that's what makes this club stand out. We are looking forward to our new 2022 leadership group and the exciting year planned by 1st VP Ricky Wilcox. Also, it appears that 2nd VP Steve Thompson has already assembled an elite Rally Committee that is building our rally schedule for 2023. (Way to go, Steve!) So, Marcia & I are not leaving - just planning some trips and some new adventures (“*Adventure Awaits*”) and with that, I'll close and say that we are still available if the club needs us in any capacity.

Thanks!

-Bruce T. (the other Bruce)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT & 2022 RALLIES RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hello streamers,
The holidays are approaching fast. Thanksgiving is in a couple of weeks. Our rallies are over for 2021, and we are as I write this newsletter in Charleston camping at James Island campground. All

the rallies are planned for next year, and the " Rally Cards" are printed, with the 2022 line up. I started handing out the cards at Ocean Lakes and plan on having them with me at all the rallies and gatherings. There is a high probability that a few pop-up rallies maybe added into the lineup during the year. There's one that's on the website already. It will be at the New Bern KOA beginning Thursday, September 29th through Sunday October 2nd and will be hosted by Larry Brodsky. You can register on the website and contact him for any details. Our last gathering for 2021 is our Holiday Luncheon at the K&W Cafeteria in Winston Salem on December 4th at 12:00. I will have the Rally Cards with me if you still need one, come and see me.

Our first gathering for 2022 is our Season Kick Off Luncheon and it will be at Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia, NC. It will be at 12:00pm, and we will gather in the meeting room before we eat. We will all go through the line at the same time and come back to the room to eat and gather. I look forward to seeing everyone there and starting off a year of traveling.

I hope you all have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving
~Ricky, 1st VP

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DECEMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!

Saturday, December 4th, 2021. 11:30 am
K&W Cafeteria
3300 Healy Drive
Winston Salem, NC.

RSVP brucebodenstein@gmail.com or text 704-277-2018.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT & 2023 RALLIES
STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Hello Fellow Streamers,
I understand that this may be the first time in quite a while that our club has had a formal camping/rally committee. I think it is a fantastic idea and I am looking forward to working

with my fellow 2023 Rally Committee members who are:

- Ross Gary rving01@gmail.com
- George Lamb georgeN4ROT@gmail.com
- Bob Rychly rychly@charter.net

We will begin our work immediately and besides choosing the club rally sites for 2023, we will be updating the Rally Hosting Guidelines and other rally related topics.

CAC New Bern Rally
September 29th – October 2nd, 2022

Come join your fellow club members at the President's Award-winning **KOA** in New Bern. Plans for this rally include a Chicken/BBQ dinner at Moore's, Happy Hour get together, and more. Enjoy the beautiful area which includes the Crystal Coast and the quaint sailing center of Oriental, NC. Go to the [CAC website](#) to sign up and call the KOA at 252-638-2556. We have 15 sites reserved but additional reservations are welcome. (If you have already reserved your spot be sure to go on the website to RSVP) Looking Forward to it! Larry Brodsky



ELAINE MYERS #16767

Hello All,

Just a few updates on some of our members so keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

- Susan Johnson #7322 has several upcoming surgeries scheduled to remove kidney stones. Prayers and well wishes welcome.
- Ken Dorn #3139 will be having surgery on Nov. 28. More prayers and well wishes.
- Bob Clark #4230 has (mostly) recovered from a very serious bout of breakthrough Covid-19. It was good to see him at Ocean Lakes!

Congrats and thanks to Cherylanne Weaver, who will be taking over the duties of this column starting in January!

A few words on the purpose of this column. This is the caring and sharing outlet for our CAC community. We strive to protect member's privacy so many of our members may choose to not publicize in the newsletter. Part of this position that you DON'T see are all of the cards and notes that go out to our members which include thinking of you, sympathy, congrats, thank you, etc. So, if you know of a member that could use a note of support, it is NOT gossip to share it with us. It is a chance for us to remind that member that they are cared about, and that someone is thinking of them. A personal card in the mailbox always brightens someone's day!

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"If you think adventure is dangerous, try routine, it is lethal." ~ Paulo Coelho



- Lindall & Beth Cox from Wilmington, NC, and their 1972 29' Land Yacht
- Robert & Cindy Knoll from Greensboro, NC, and their 2021 28' International
- James & Melissa Dooley from Chesapeake, VA, and their 2022 27' Flying Cloud
- Brian & Diana Zepa from Waxhaw, NC, and their 2014 30' Flying Cloud
- Darryl & Vicki Nester from Wilmington, NC, and their 2020 30' International Serenity
- Art & Sharon Perper from Summerfield, NC, and their 2019 27' Globetrotter
- Gordon and Karen Mowen Affiliated Members from Myrtle Beach, SC, and their 2017 27' International
- Rich and Elaine Barrick Affiliated Members from Cincinnati, Ohio, and their 2007 25' Safari



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MEMBERSHIP

**DALE DOWLER #1972,
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- Tracy & Kit Matteo from Clarksville, VA, and their 2022 25' Flying Cloud
- Mark & Kim Johnston from Charlotte, NC, and their 2022 27' International
- Mark DeVita from Troutman, NC, and his 2019 27' Flying Cloud 27FBT
- Jeff & Judith Rabon from Lewisville, NC., and their 2006 25' 25SS Safari
- Lee & Jennifer Scott from Tryon, NC., and their 1958 17' Pacer





“OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!”

MEMBERS' TRAVELS

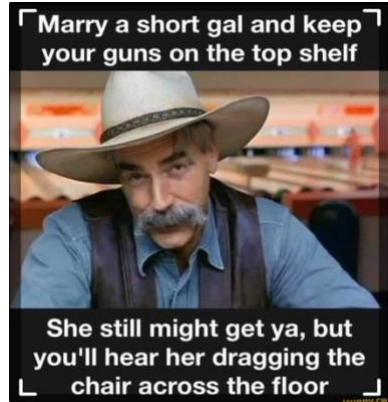
Alumalina 2021

Doug & Mary Miller #9159 slipped away from Alumalina to pick up a second Airstream! It is a 26' International Overlander.

They will be selling their restored 1983 31' Excella



*Fox Jamboree in Western NC
Hosted by Chris Fox for family and friends
2021*





*Ocean Lakes Myrtle Beach Rally
2021*

From horses on the beach to flea markets and nighttime campfires in 40-degree weather, the Ocean Lakes Rally was a great success with 50+ rigs.



Let us spotlight your travels. Send pictures to 021newslettereditor@wbcci.net



Are you looking for ideas for next year? Take a look at Region 3 website to find rallies in our area. The Region 3 rally held each year in Georgia or maybe December in Florida.



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