



TARHEEL TRAVELER

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

December 2021



CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2022

[Kickoff Luncheon in Gastonia Feb. 12](#)

[James Island Rally March 17-20](#)

[Tanglewood Park Rally April 7-10](#)

[Shining in Shelby May 5-8](#)

[Savannah Georgia Rally May 12-15](#)

[Table Rock June 9-12](#)

[Maine International Rally Caravan Waitlist](#)

[Misty Mountain, VA July 14-17](#)

[Grumpy Bear Bryson City Aug. 11-14](#)

[Cool Breeze, Galax, VA Sept 15-18](#)

[New Bern Sept.29-Oct.2](#)

[Myrtle Beach Rally Nov. 10-13](#)

Other Upcoming Rallies & Events 2022

[Carolina Balloonfest October 14-16 \(website not updated\)](#)

[Alumalina October 20-23](#)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168



Holiday Greeting to all Carolinas Airstream Club Members, The Holiday Luncheon at the K&W Cafeteria in Winston-Salem was a big hit with all 65 attendees. As this was a first for the club at this location, I was a little concerned that the venue wouldn't allow for the interaction we desired, but it turned out to be perfect for our very rowdy group! It was a special treat to get to see Trish Miller as well. I can't

wait to see what's in store for us in Gastonia in February. Get signed up for this early and we will see you there.

Looking back on 2021, Here is the breakdown of units we had at 10 different club rallies: James Island-32, Tanglewood-29, Shelby-28, Palmetto Cove-13, Bear Den-23, Spout Spring-5, Natural Tunnel-15, Williamsburg-8, OBX-16, Ocean Lakes-60 for a total of 229. A big shout out to our Webmaster, Ed Hall for tracking this data. These numbers don't reflect invited guests who often show up at a rally as they are in the park with their Airstream. What a great way to attract new members to the club.

Speaking of which, I am blown away with the numbers of new members we are adding each month. Since Ocean Lakes in early November, I have sent at least 14 welcome emails to new and affiliate members.

If you are reading this online, check out this [link](#) to a Google map of our membership as of mid-December 2021. If you are a new member and not on here yet, you soon will be.

I created this as a graphic that might be useful to our newly formed Rally Committee as they attempt to schedule rallies across *most* of the broad swath of our membership. Sorry AZ, TX, and a few other far-flung locations. We probably won't be scheduling a rally in your area soon, but when you're in the area... please look us up! Seriously though, we love all our members, no matter where their home base might be. I know that some of our newest members, in far-flung regions, have just or are about to retire and plan to move to our area soon. We can't wait to have you join us regularly!

Claire and I send you our warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful Holiday and a very Happy New Year. Stay safe and see you in the New Year.

~ Bruce

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PAST PRESIDENTS PERSPECTIVE

BRUCE THOMPSON #5027



Hey Streamers! Your Immediate Past President here, wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

This Club has certainly grown in the past year, and it appears from the numbers that we are all 're-enlisting'. So, if there are any that haven't – don't forget to "**Renew for 2022**".

Marcia was certainly surprised / shocked to receive the Lifetime Member Award plaque & Rally Fee Pass at our Holiday Luncheon at the K&W Cafeteria. I was cleverly kept in the dark in that planning and was only told that we needed to be there. She was certainly honored and thankful for that recognition. (And I thank you too since I'll inherit some benefits.)

We had some long-distant travelers that attended that Luncheon (Williamsburg, VA!), as well as the local members. It was so good to see so many of our members, and unfortunately there wasn't enough time to get around and spend time with all the 65 attendees. But it was good to see everyone and hope to catch you next year.

I would like to pass the baton for writing this article off for January's Newsletter to another of our Past Presidents, but since I haven't asked them yet – maybe it's best not to mention any names. This spot provides a voice for our previous leaders to share their ideas, thoughts, concerns, and maybe even some soapbox lectures to our membership (of course, at the discretion of our Editor. Thanks Nancy!).

That's it for now – hope everyone enjoys the Holidays and time with family. Hope Santa graces you with lots of toys, that you share good times and great food. And for our travelling Road Warriors - may the road rise to meet you & the wind be always at your back. We look forward to seeing you at the rallies next year. Be Safe & Keep 'Streaming.

~ Bruce T. (*the other Bruce*)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT & 2022 RALLIES

RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hello Steamers,

I hope this Holliday Season finds everyone well. We are busy preparing for family gatherings, food and Christmas, and food, lol. Getting the RV ready and finalizing travel plans for 2022 and planning 2023. I'm sure a lot of people are doing the same. Just to let everyone know there are plenty of opportunities to host rallies for 2022. Please let me know if you're considering or would like to host a rally. You wouldn't be on you own there's plenty of people that would

love to help or co-host with you. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

~Ricky, 1st VP

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT & 2023 RALLIES

STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Hello CAC Streamers,

Has anyone attended a CanOpener Rally? Jan and I will travel to the 2022 [CanOpener Rally](#) at Topsail Hill State Park, Santa Rosa Beach, FL from January 5-10 (Site 173), flying the CAC flag. We look forward to the camaraderie and good times to be had by all. While travelling, we will have an opportunity to look at some potential sites to fill our 2023 CAC rally schedule. Your newly created Rally Committee has an excellent opportunity

to shape a schedule to meet the needs of our membership. We solicit and highly encourage every CAC member to give us input early in 2022. If you have suggestions on specific locations and are thinking about potentially hosting a rally, please reach out to any of the committee members or myself. Safe travels and Happy Holidays.

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~Steve, 2nd VP

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[Ham Radio 101](#): a brief introduction to amateur radio. You'll find some some history, teach you why radios are excellent with Airstreams, debunk some myths, talk about FCC licenses, and how to study for those licenses!



ELAINE MYERS #16767

Barry Berglund and Glenn Sneed (#3430) bade a sad farewell to their 14-year-old Bassett Hound, Rhoda. She loved the camping life and will be missed.



And, as one beloved pet crosses the Rainbow Bridge, a new one arrives - puppy Rhys has been adopted by Kathy and Duffy Tucker (#3223). AND, they have ordered a 2023 25' Globetrotter. Oh, the Antici.....pation!

This is my last time writing this column. Cherylanne Weaver takes over from here as I take over her role as treasurer. I have so enjoyed getting to know more of you through our written communication and conversations. Holiday Blessings to everyone!

” Which is more important,” asked Big Panda, “the journey or the destination?” “The company,” said Tiny Dragon. ~ James Norbury

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Elaine Myers





MEMBERSHIP

DALE DOWLER #1972,

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- **Dana Hartmann from Newport, TN, and her 1969 29' Ambassador**
- **Joshua Barbella from Moorestown, NJ, and his 2017 22' Sport**
- **Scott & Dede Ivey from Greensboro, NC, and their 1999 34' Excella**
- **William & Eva Trudeau from Mokena, IL, and their 2012 23' Flying Cloud**
- **Kevin & Ellen Meechan from Fairview, NC, and their 2017 25' Flying Cloud Queen**
- **Harold and Julie Burton from Wilmington, NC, and their 2022 19' Caravel**
- **Scott and Carol Browne from Mills River, NC, and their 2008 25' Safari SE**
- **Robert and Marnie Wolf from Wilmington, NC, and their 2012 27' Flying Cloud**

“LIVE RIVETED”

This part of the newsletter is to share ideas and provide insights to members about making Airstreaming life easier. Please share your ideas at 021newslettereditor@wbcci.net.



Using "DampRid" containers in our airstream when not in use....and if it's particularly humid will use them when on a camping trip.

In addition, collapsible orange traffic cones are helpful when backing into a spot. They are especially good when you need to avoid a stump or other hazards when backing up



*****If you haven't already renewed your membership, please remember to renew your membership by **December 31st** to ensure you are listed in the Airstream Club International Directory. Even if you are a Lifetime Member, you should renew to update and keep current your contact information. Once you've gone to the [website](#), simply go to the drop-down under current members. Go to the membership dashboard and log in. It's simple from there. Go to this [link](#) to watch a video about how to renew your membership. If you prefer to renew on paper or have any questions, simply call 937-596-5211.



“OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!”

MEMBERS’ TRAVELS AND CLUB EVENTS

Let us spotlight your travels.
Send pictures to
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Holiday Luncheon Winston Salem 2021





Click on the image above and visit a great site for new and seasoned Airstreamers to get answers to your RV questions. This is one of many sites that many fellow club members have used. Do you have sites or applications that help with your travels? Send them to us [here!](#)

CAC FACEBOOK PAGE

HEY THERE CAC!

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK PAGE? WELL...WE DO AND JUST FOR YOU!

IT'S EASY TO JOIN JUST SEARCH FOR "CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB MEMBERS PAGE" ON FACEBOOK. THEN YOU CAN START SHARING ALL YOUR GREAT PICTURES, TIPS ON WHERE TO FIND THE BEST CAMPING AND ALL YOUR EXCITING AIRSTREAM ADVENTURES WITH US. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE ANY OF THOSE BURNING AIRSTREAM HOW-TO QUESTIONS...THIS IS THE BEST PLACE TO POST THEM! COME JOIN THE FUN!

ALL MEMBERS ARE APPROVED USING THE CAC MEMBERSHIP LIST AND QUESTIONS APPROVED BY THE FACEBOOK ADMINISTRATOR - JILL WILSON
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