

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥



PALMETTO STATE AIRSTREAM CLUB
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President's Message: by Eric Pollard (BRN 7218)

As we begin a new year, I have been reflecting on what the year 2022 means for our Club. Freedom to travel to new places, opportunities to volunteer and to meet like-minded friends are just a few I'd like to share.

Donna and I attended the Canopener Rally in Santa Rosa Beach, FL the first week in January along with over 100 other Airstreams. In spite of the weather and difficulty in acquiring a spot, this rally is well attended every year. We had to make our reservations 11 months in advance just to get a spot.

We met up with family, met old friends and new. Palm trees, beautiful beaches and warmer weather are very appealing but, there is also a possibility for cold and rainy weather in the Florida panhandle.

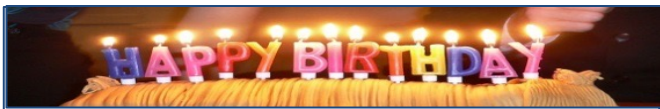
I ask myself then, why take a risk and attend this rally in January? The answer is obviously that the enthusiasm of the volunteers was contagious, delightful and rewarding for sure. Donna's Aunt who attended, and quite new to Airstreaming, commented on how friendly and welcoming everyone was.

Why would over 100 people show up for Tacos on a cold Tuesday evening? Yes, 100! Ask our own member, Melia Jacobs, who hosted Taco Tuesday. It was amazing! If you think you can't host a rally with just 7 to 20 trailers in attendance, think again. You will have plenty of folks who just jump in to help. Palmetto members, Bob Hoffman and Wayne Clark, also helped Melia along with many others. Volunteering is truly the life blood of the Airstream Club experience.

Check the schedule, there are two rallies that need hosts next year. Volunteer, try something new, make new friends and experience the real joy of the Airstream Club. I am sure you won't regret it.

Also, don't delay in making reservations for upcoming rallies in 2022. The Region 3 Rally in Hiawasee only has openings in Area 1 remaining and I believe there are only 7 sites left at Ocean Lakes, which is our March Rally.

Our Valentine Luncheon is coming up on February 12th at the Tega Cay Shore Club. You can RSVP and find details for these and other rallies on our Facebook page or email erictpollard@gmail.com. Your site number would be appreciated. See you in Tega Cay,



February Birthdays:

Nancy Suttlemyre – 4
Joann Wallis – 4

March Birthdays:

Mark Weaver – 9
James Schaal – 13
Jan Wilson – 14
Rob Eggebrecht – 27



Happy Anniversary!

February Anniversaries:

Tom & Nancy Suttlemyre – 19

March Anniversaries:

Don & Vickie Lee – 25



Cares and Prayers:

- McCrostie's, for the loss of Dave's mom.
- Prayers for Ann Miller who has cancer.
- Continued prayers for Jake & Diane Butts.
- Jeff Morehead with health issues from 2 car accidents.
- Sonny & Linda Meadors for their son, Jeff who has a brain tumor. **PRAISE: Tumor has not grown.** But he has slow speech, is swollen and getting around slowly.
- Martha Harris and her daughter Nancy.
- Blood Clot in Bill Butucel's leg after Covid.
- **For all those fighting Covid.**

Reach out to Vickie Lee for Donations

by Vickie Lee (BRN 11798)

With Paul Welch's help, Vickie has been sending out letters to businesses that we Airstreamers have utilized in the past or could utilize in the future. She has been asking them to partner with our Palmetto Unit by providing donations that we could use at our rallies. So far she has had 4 businesses to respond and she has received 26 items to use as door prizes. In partnering with us, we have agreed to mention them in our Bell Ringer and of course, utilize their services as needed.

But help is needed by our members to get more businesses involved. If you know of any businesses just email Vickie Lee the name and address and she would be glad to send them a letter explaining how we use their donations and how they get the recognition.

She has been keeping a record of who she sends these letters to so she won't send any duplications.

Any questions?? Just ask.

Vickie_lee@yahoo.com

Businesses that have donated so far are:

- Out-of-Doors Mart, Colfax, NC
- Tireminder, Stuart, FL
- Camping World, Spartanburg, SC
- AB Lifestyles, Iva, SC

NOTE from your Editor.

If you want a **GREAT** newsletter it takes **all** our members to contribute! I need stories, pictures, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Cares & Prayers with updates, Nuts & Bolts, Recipes. Please send any newsletter information at any time to

Joyce Butucel at a7roses4757@gmail.com.

2022 Airstream Rally Schedule



February 12, 2022, 11:00AM-2:00PM Valentine Luncheon

Tega Cay Shore Club, 15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC 29708.

We have reservations at the beautiful Shore Club in Tega Cay which is the perfect setting to celebrate Valentine's Day. Click on the following link to preview the main menu; <https://shoreclubspecialevents.com/menus/>.

Please RSVP Eric Pollard at erictpollard@gmail.com if you plan to attend.



Valentine Luncheon at the Tega Cay Shore Club

Hosted by Burt & Gail Broadway, 1st VP

Happy February, Airstreamers!



I trust you all had a wonderful and blessed holiday season! Now, we are ready to make some great Airstream memories in the New Year! Let's start off with a fabulous Valentine Luncheon at the Shore Club in Tega Cay on Saturday, February 12th, from 11:00-2:00.



The Shore Club offers breathtaking views and outstanding service. The menu provides a variety of dishes ranging from seafood, steaks and sushi to sandwiches, burgers and salads. Please RSVP on our Facebook event page or email

erictpollard@gmail.com.

We're looking for a good turnout to have lots of fun, love, club support and fellowship! Don't miss it!



March 11-13, 2022

Silver in the Sand

Ocean Lakes Family Campground

6001 S. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC 29575

We have reserved 20 Sites in the HH Section from March 10-13 as most folks come a day prior to the start of the official rally. Call to reserve your own site. Rates are \$51.52 (tax included) for each site per day. Deposit of 50% due at time of making your reservation. Reserve early to get your favorite spot. Sites being held are HH 9-13, 15-19, 22-25, 30-35 all with concrete pads that are close to the ocean. Be sure and tell them you are with the Palmetto State Airstream Club. **Call 800-722-1451.**

Hosts: Leakes and Montgomerys



April 6-10, 2022

Region 3 Rally

N. GA Fairgrounds, Hiawasee, GA

Each person is responsible for obtaining a campsite for their rig. Contact the fairgrounds at **706-896-4191**, as soon as possible, to make your reservation. Make sure that you mention that you are with the Region 3 Airstream Group. and ask for Area 2.

April 21-24, 2022

Silver in the City, York, SC

An urban rally hosted by Palmetto State Airstream Club #22

Hosts: Leakes, Montgomerys and PSAC

May 13-15, 2022 **Camping in Mayberry** Mayberry Campground, Mt. Airy, NC
Mayberry Campground is built on land that was once part of a 2,000 acre farm owned by the original Siamese twins, Eng and Chang Bunker. Their ancestors run this privately owned campground. Mt. Airy is where Andy Griffith grew up. If you've never been to Mt. Airy, you are in for a treat. The campground is holding 20 sites for the Palmetto State Airstream Club.
Call 336-789-6199 and make your reservations for a fantastic rally.
www.mayberrycampground.com
Hosts: Broadways, Lees and Butucels

June 10-12, 2022 **Kids' Rally! - Palmetto Cove RV Park, Cleveland, SC**
This is not only a kids' rally (for kids and grandkids too) but a rally for everyone. Special attention is given to the children including great activities and crafts, but you will find it is a fun rally for everyone. It's always a fun time at the Cove, the home base for our club.
Hosts: Paul & Kathy Welch, Jeff & Madalyn Morehead & Callie Rae Scurry

July 23-29, 2022 **65th International Airstream Rally, Fryeburg, ME**
See page 6 for Caravan information.
You can now sign up for the International Rally being held at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds, Fryeburg, ME. Register thru www.AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg. Go online or see your Blue Beret for more details.

August 19-21, 2022 **Palmetto State Airstream Mountain Rally**
Asheville's Bear Creek RV Park & Campground, 81 South Bear Creek Rd., Asheville, NC 28806.
Come to the NC mountains! This campground has it all, a pool, a clubhouse, discounted tickets to the Biltmore and beautiful views of the mountains and hopefully some cooler temps at a higher altitude. 20 sites have been reserved, rate \$54 night.
Call 828-253-0798 and ask for Missy or Tracy. <https://ashevillebearcreek.com/>
Hosts: _____

September 9-11, 2022 **Joint Rally w/the Coastal Unit Palmetto Cove RV Park, Cleveland, SC**
Hosts: Jacobs, Huffs and Herlongs

October 27-30, 2022 **ALUMALINA**
NOTE this date has been changed from previous scheduled date
Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 Hwy 70 West, Marion, NC
A Carolina Airstream gathering. 4 days of food, fun, fellowship, seminars, craft fair/flea market, beer swaps, Bourbon Trails, walking, talking, biking, hiking, paddling, picking, grinning, campfires, miles of Aluminum, and lots of paroozing.
Details to come on airforums.com.

November 4-6, 2022 **Installation Rally** Palmetto Cove RV Park, Cleveland, SC
Hosts: _____

Sign up!
Register!
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65th WALLY BYAM AIRSTREAM CLUB

★ INTERNATIONAL RALLY ★

★ July 23-29, 2022 ★ Fryeburg, ME ★

Register thru AirstreamClub.org/Fryeburg #ACIRALLY2022

Sign up now for the FRYEBURG, MAINE event! Six days of fun, friendship, and all things Airstream at the 65th Airstream Club International Rally.

There will be six days of fun-filled events, seminars, social gatherings, tours, food, and entertainment. Fryeburg is located between North Conway, New Hampshire, and Bridgton, Maine, on the west side of the state. Fryeburg also offers a variety of recreational opportunities, including the White Mountains National Forest, the Saco River, and numerous ponds and lakes nearby. Other sites of interest include Jockey Cap Rock, Fryeburg Farm Museum, and the Fryeburg Historical Society and Museum.

Conway, New Hampshire is a short drive with outlet stores, many restaurants, museums and golf courses, all with the friendliness of a small town. Fryeburg also offers restaurants and shopping opportunities that include farm stands with local produce and products, craft beers, wines, and locally made crafts.

Caravan News!

Eric Pollard, with the help of Bob Wilson of our Caravan Committee, has put together a caravan to Fryeburg, ME for the International Rally. As of January 21st, 829 sites out of 1000 have been reserved, so there are still spots remaining. We have secured reservations at campgrounds on the way to and from ME beginning on July 19th, arriving in Fryeburg on July 22nd for parking, arriving back in Fort Mill, SC on August 6th.

We are so excited that 22 of our members are attending the International Rally in Fryeburg on July 23-29, 2022. It's not too late to register and let us know your interest in joining the caravan to the International. Some members are joining the caravan which starts in Fort Mill, SC, some are meeting up along the way, and some are meeting us there on Friday, July 22nd for parking. Arriving at the fairgrounds on the same day will allow us to all park together. We will be traveling by 2's but all arriving on the same day.

We have planned on two side trips, Boston, MA (3 nights) and Frank Lloyd Wright's Falling Water in PA (2 nights) on the return home, with some traveling directly back to South Carolina. Let Eric know if you are interested in the caravan and we will get you all the information you need.

Welcome New Members/Affiliate Members

New Affiliate Members:

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Meet Michael & Melody Charles

We are Lexington based Mike and Melody Charles, both US ARMY retired with service all over the world in a combined 55 years in uniform.

We are fresh back from New Years in Key West with our 27FB, "Soulace."

We bought our 2010 27 FB from a AC-130 pilot and his wife in FEB 2021 and started our retirement dream immediately. Last year we logged 15,000 miles, 2 trips out west including Yellowstone in September, 24 states, and 31 campgrounds not including boondock locations.

We travel with our dog, Sasha, cookware for an Army, acoustic music for those in the mood and tall tales till the sun rises. We cook great food and play bluegrass guitar and harmonica.

We have 3 adult sons, 3 grandsons and extended family in Iowa and Tennessee.

Hope we see you soon!
Mike and Melody on "Soulace"
(BRN 9671)



Meet Gayle & Jill Sutton

My husband, Gayle, and I are very excited to be new members of Palmetto State Airstream Club!

I'm an Upstate native; a few years after moving to Tidewater, VA I met and married Gayle, and while it took me a few years to persuade him to leave his home so I could come home, we settled outside of Travelers Rest in 2000 and have never looked back.

Over the past 20 years we've established a mini farm of sorts, with fruit trees and bushes, free-range chickens, 1 duck (currently) and 3 miniature horses - Tank, Princess and Skye.

In Nov 2019, we bought our gorgeous old girl, Silvia - a 1972 Ambassador that is 90% original - and named her after the '72 hit by Dr. Hook & the Medicine Show "Sylvia's Mother".

We're currently enjoying Part A of our long-range retirement plan (we both still work full time) as AirBnB hosts, inviting guests to bring their pets and enjoy the peace and quiet of our little slice of country life; we also really enjoy taking Silvia out (once a quarter for now) to someplace we haven't been.

We're looking so forward to beginning Part B of our Plan of hitting the road much more frequently and for some long-range trips to see the country.



In 2021 we camped at Raccoon Mountain RV Park outside of Chattanooga and really enjoyed the mountain views, cleanliness and quiet of the campground - had an absolute blast touring C'nooga on e-bikes (with our Doxie, LD, riding along in his backpack), Ruby Falls and Lookout Mountain (also with LD (Little Dude-Low Down-Long/Loved Dog).



How and why to properly keep lug nuts torqued.

Torquing the lug nuts on your RV wheels is an essential and critical maintenance procedure that should not be overlooked. Proper maintenance of your Airstream travel trailer tires and wheels helps to ensure a safe and enjoyable trip.

Tightening the lug nuts on your travel trailer before every trip will give you great peace of mind. Granted, a lot of people have probably never torqued lug nuts. Not to worry, as it is really a pretty simple procedure. However, to perform the procedure yourself, you do have to own a torque wrench.

What is a torque wrench, you may ask?

We will not get into the specifics, but a torque wrench is a specialized tool for making precise adjustments on nuts and bolts.

This important tool should be in your Airstream tool kit.

Torque is measured in pound feet and it is usually expressed as a number of pound-feet (110-pound feet). In the case of our Airstream trailers lug nuts, it is important to precisely torque them. We do not want them over or under tightened.

For Airstreams with aluminum wheels set your torque wrench to 110-pound feet and for older Airstreams with steel wheels set your wrench to 100-pound feet.

Start with the lug nut that is at the 12 O'clock position and move from nut to nut in a star pattern until all six lug nuts are tightened. You should tighten each lug nut until you hear the click of the torque wrench. The click of the wrench is your indication that the torque setting has been achieved.

Remember, torquing your lug nuts is a procedure that should be performed every time you change a wheel because of a flat tire or when replacing all of your tires. Airstream recommends torquing lug nuts at 10, 25 and 50 miles after a wheel replacement. Airstream also recommends you torque your trailer lug nuts before every trip.

As always, I hope you find this information helpful. You should always refer to your owner's manual for specific maintenance procedures.

Looking forward to a safe and happy 2022 filled with wonderful travel adventures.

Safe travels!

See ya down the road!

Christmas at the Puryears'



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GRITS CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

1-lb. Jimmy Dean Sausage (I use HOT)

Or I have also discovered SNOW CREEK-HOT,
at Food Lion, which we like very much!

3/4 cup diced onions

1/2 cup diced celery

1/2 cup diced green pepper

Brown sausage. Sauté vegetables in sausage drippings.

1 cup grits uncooked.

Cook grits, as directed, adding salt to taste and about 3
tablespoons butter.

When grits are done, mix grits with sausage and vegetables, then
mix in ...

1 can Cream of Chicken (or Mushroom or Celery soup)

3/4 cup sharp cheddar

Pour into 9" x 13" Greased baking dish.

Top with sharp cheddar cheese just before baking.

Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees F, or until bubbles around edges.

SPINACH ARTICHOKE CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- Prep Time: 5 minutes
- Cook Time: 25 minutes
- Total Time: 30 minutes
- Calories: 493kcal

INGREDIENTS:

- * 4 cups cooked chicken shredded/chopped
- * 9 ounce package frozen spinach, thawed and well drained
- * 14 ounces artichoke hearts (plain) chopped
- * 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- * 1 cup parmesan cheese, grated
- * 1-1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- * 2/3 cup sour cream
- * 1/2 cup heavy cream
- * 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- * 3 cloves garlic minced
- * salt and pepper to taste



PREPARATION:

- Preheat oven to 375F. Add the cream cheese, sour cream, heavy cream, mayonnaise, garlic, salt and pepper to a large mixing bowl. Mix until combined, then add in the rest of the ingredients, except for the mozzarella cheese.
- Mix well, then pour into a 9" x 13" baking dish that has been sprayed with nonstick spray. Top with the shredded mozzarella cheese and bake for 20 minutes. Increase the temperature to 400F and bake for another 5 minutes or until the cheese is slightly golden and bubbly.
- Allow to cool slightly before serving.
- Store leftovers in the fridge for a few days or freeze.