



TARHEEL TRAVELER

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

February 2022



CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2022

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

[Trot into Tryon Rally March 31-April 3 \(NEW\)](#)

[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](#)

Looking for Additional Rallies?

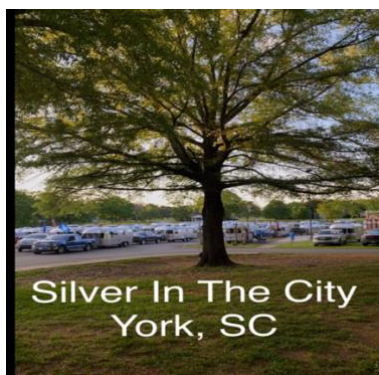


April 6-9 [Region 3 Rally](#)

Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds

1311 Music Hall Rd.

Hiawassee, GA. 30546



Silver In The City
York, SC

April 21-24 5th Annual [“Silver in the City”](#)

An Airstream Rally hosted by members of

Palmetto State in Historic Downtown

York, South Carolina



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168

Having fun yet?

Claire and I have just returned from the Season Kickoff Luncheon at Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia. The wide selection of food was delicious, and it worked out that we had a mostly private dining room. Our group of 20 plus was smaller than usual and no doubt concerns about COVID variants caused some to be extra cautious and stay home.

1st VP Ricky Wilcox brought us up to date on upcoming rallies this year with an emphasis on the news about our second M.O.R.E. Rally for 2022, the Tryon NC Urban event which is already attracting lots of attention. 2nd VP Steve Thompson described the ongoing work of the new Rally/Camping Committee plus he got our attention with rumors of an All-Carolinas Units Rally in 2023, which will be a first in twelve years or so. You'll be hearing more about these events elsewhere in this newsletter I'm certain.

I'm feeling pumped about this season already. Hey, it's almost March and James Island is beckoning once again. I am full swing into winter trailer mods and have my fingers crossed that stuff ordered will actually arrive in time for installation. It's kitchen focus this year. Whatever it takes to keep my sweetie happy in our miniature road galley.

If you haven't done so, be sure to check out our webpage at <https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas> and scan the growing list of official Carolinas Club rallies this season. Once you make your choices, contact the campgrounds, or follow instructions on our site and get your reservation in (and hurry because they can fill up quickly). As a final step, and this is very important, be sure to RSVP or register for that Rally on our website so we know you're coming. Oh, I almost forgot... If this is your first time Rallying, send me a quick "heads up" email to 021president@wbcci.org with the details so we can welcome you properly.

Here's to a fun and safe 2022 camping season for all of us!
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~ Bruce

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT & 2022 RALLIES

RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hi fellow streamers,

We're now in mid-February and I was just noticing the days are starting to get a little longer. We're about five weeks out until our first rally at James Island County Park in Charleston, S.C. Hopefully everyone is ready for a busy camping season.

Feel free to call me with any questions regarding the Rallies, or pretty much anything that's on your mind. I still need rally host for five rallies. Please get up with me, or anyone that's been in the club for a while, and we'll talk about how easy and fun hosting can be. You can even team up with another member and host together. Either way please get involved! We don't want to have a rally without a host. Our club is way too large for the members to let that happen. I look forward to seeing everyone soon and those that are coming to James Island.



Safe travels everyone and I'll see you down the road.

~Ricky, 1st VP

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT & 2023 RALLIES

STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Hello CAC Streamers,

The thought of February always conjures up visions of love, romance, and excitement. What could be more thoughtful than recommending a 2023 rally location? Okay, that was a stretch but hopefully I got your attention.

We are shaping the 2023 schedule so don't hesitate to send us your favorite spot to share with your fellow CAC streamers. We are exploring an opportunity in 2023 to revive a quad Carolina Rally in possibly North of South Carolina, but regardless of the final location, the venue allows us to do what we do best—travel, share experiences and build friendships.

Your CAC rally committee is looking for sites as well as finding the best means to make your rally experiences memorable. Currently, we are exploring “best-practices” for rallies and developing a member survey to help us understand your desires. As our club grows, it's important to not only understand your desires but make your rallies memorable. Please feel free to contact any of the rally committee members below with your suggestions.

Safe travels!

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~Steve, 2nd VP

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PAST PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

ROCKY JOHNSON #7322



Hello Streamers,

My name is Rocky Johnson and Susan and I live in Bermuda Run, NC. I was your club president in 2019.

Our club has been growing by leaps and bounds and Susan and I haven't been quite as active in the club recently because of some health issues. As a result, there are many new people we don't know. But that's going to change in 2022 because we're signed up for a bunch of rallies, the International Convention, and a caravan to Canada. We look forward to meeting lots of new members.

If you're a new member, there're many ways to get acquainted and most ways simply center around getting involved. There's usually a Happy Hour each rally evening.... planned or impromptu. One way or the other, you're invited so just pull up a chair. Invite the guys next door to go touring or exploring with you or maybe even to dinner (Airstreamers go Dutch-treat so don't worry about that). And there are campfires.... again, you're invited so bring your chair and enjoy. And if you're a rally host, you might consider GAMs. GAMs (Get Acquainted Meetings) are used on International Caravans to help people get to know each other quickly. It works like this: groups of 4-6 couples gather for Happy Hour at a location specified by the group host. The host usually provides light refreshment, and each person takes along their favorite libation. At the GAM each person talks briefly about themselves and it all last about an hour. It's a very good way to get acquainted to new people. Nametags, Nametags, Nametags!

Susan and I look forward to meeting lots of new people in 2022. Our BRN is 7322. If you see us at a rally just pull up a chair.... you're invited!

~Rocky Johnson (CAC President 2019)



CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hello Airstream Tribe!

So glad you are in my life 😊

Please keep Steve Thompson in your thoughts and prayers as he has had knee replacement surgery on 17 February.

Duane Carter has experienced some health issues and could use your thoughts & prayers as well.

Wishing them both a speedy recovery.

At the February Kickoff luncheon Duffy & Kathy Tucker were officially inducted into Carolinas Airstream club. A big welcome to them!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2022 at the rallies.

“Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller.” – Ibn Battuta

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MEMBERSHIP

LEE DUNN #27312

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

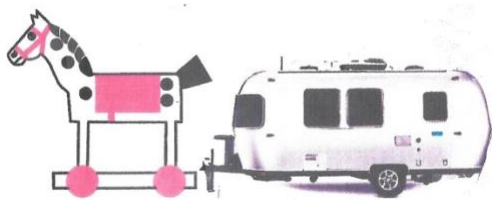


- Henry and Susan Duffie from Mount Pleasant, SC, and their 2021 27' Flying Cloud (associate member from the South Carolina Coastal Club)
- John and Willie Rosemond from New Bern, NC, and their 2018 30' Classic
- David & Judy Adams from Morresville, NC, and their 2022 30' Classic
- Jack & Linda Grimes from Chapin, SC, and their 2022 '27 Globetrotter
- Lee Helms from Sunset Beach, NC, and his 2007 23' Safari 23CB
- Sean and Corey Redmond from Pooler, GA., and their 2022 25' Globetrotter

MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



Read more about Charlie's years of camping and Airstreaming in this [Article](#).



ANNOUNCING **“TROT INTO TRYON”** URBAN RALLY

Thursday, March 31st – Sunday, April 3rd
Rally Host – Skip & Denny Crowe

Join us as we “Trot Into Tryon” for our first urban rally in the historic and quaint downtown district of Tryon, NC. Several CAC members local to Tryon have partnered with the Tryon Downtown Development Association to plan this fun and exciting M.O.R.E (Member Organized Rallies & Events) rally. Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the downtown district of Tryon, NC boasts many local restaurants and businesses for us to support and enjoy while spending the weekend. We will meet on the Thursday evening of the rally at Harmon Park which is located just outside of downtown. On Friday morning we will parade as a group into downtown showing off our shiny Airstreams for all the local residents of Tryon to come out and see.

This will be a boondocking rally limited to a total of 25 rigs so be sure to sign up early to guarantee your spot. Since we are boondocking, you will also want to make sure your freshwater tank is topped off and ready when you arrive. More details for those that sign up will be sent out once plans are finalized.

New Bern Rally Clarification

Thinking about the New Bern Rally in the Fall? The CAC rally lists indicates the registration deadline is April 1, 2022. As a point of clarification, the KOA is holding sites only until April 1.... just 6 more sites as of the end of January. But they will continue to take reservations as long as sites are available. So, if your schedule does not permit you to make a commitment yet, you will need to decide by April 1. However, campgrounds have become busier, and campers are making reservations much earlier than in past years. Go ahead and contact the New Bern KOA to make a reservation, telling them you are with CAC, and then please RSVP to the host on the CAC web page.



“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.



With the beautiful cool weather calling us to hit the road with our Airstream, it's time to get ready for those upcoming rallies. Last month's newsletter had a brief checklist of "De-winterizing your rig". This list is a more detailed. Visit this [link](#) to see all the details around this detailed list.

1. Inspect and clean the exterior

2. Check Tires

3. Charge or replace batteries

4. Flush Water System

5. Sanitize Water System

6. Check the roof for any cracks or repairs needed

7. Clean the interior

8. Check for leaky pipes

9. Inspect propane system

10. Other Maintenance Checks

- Electric appliances – Clean all your devices and test them in electric mode. Check the outer covers of your water heater and refrigerator for debris and clean them.
- Dump hoses – The last thing you want to discover when dumping waste is a leaky dump hose. Check your sewage dump hose for any holes or leaks. Have them repaired or replaced immediately.
- Check engine – For motorized camper trailers, check the fluid levels and top up where necessary. Make sure that all engine lights and controls are operational. Fill the engine with fresh fuel and a fuel additive (optional).
- Change/Clean filters – Many RV's have a variety of filters that need to be maintained. Now is a good time to [clean your AC filters](#) and replace your water filters, etc. If you are feeling energetic, rinse your window screens as well. These screens will act as filters throughout the summer.
- Air vents and windows – Make sure all windows and air vents are working correctly. As the weather gets warmer, these vents become even more essential to ensuring proper airflow, preventing high humidity, and keeping you cool.
- Check safety devices – Before heading out, make sure all safety devices in your RV are working well. This includes the fire extinguisher, smoke alarm, LP detector, and carbon monoxide detector.
- Update the truck's insurance and registration – Finally, make sure the truck's insurance and registration are up to date. Store your camper trailer's documentation in an accessible place in your truck.



“OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL
GO!”

MEMBERS' TRAVELS AND CLUB EVENTS

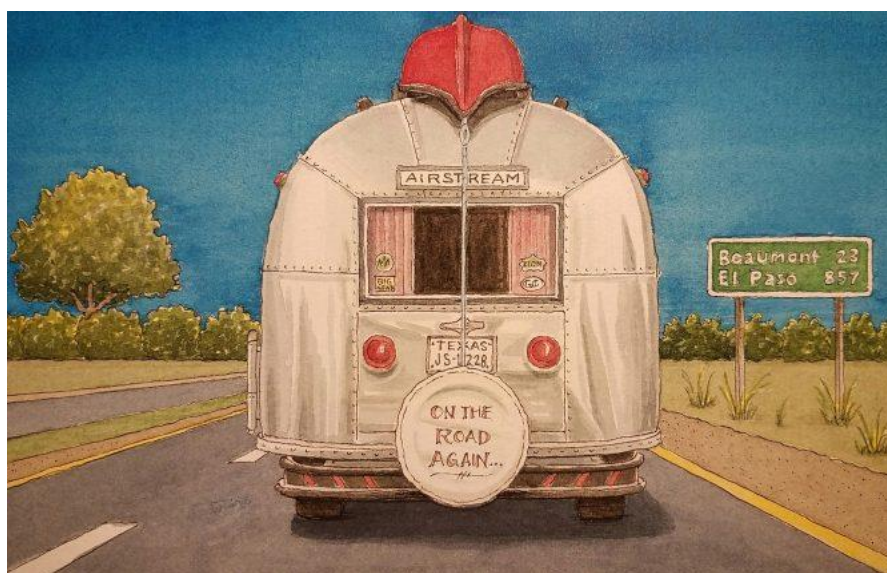
Let us spotlight your travels.
Send pictures to
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February Kickoff
Luncheon in
Gastonia



**Elaine and Scott
Myers at St.
Augustine, FL North
Beach RV Resort**



Chris and Linda Fox in Florida hosted at a “u-pick it” strawberry farm!

