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NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB
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CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2022

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

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

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[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](#)

Message from Tim Almy #6091

Dear fellow Streamers,

Are you looking for a rally during June before the hectic summer really takes hold of your travel agenda?

Then consider coming to [Palmetto Cove](#) in the upstate region of South Carolina on June 9-12th.

Palmetto Cove is a delightful campground originally founded as an Airstream-only Park but has since become open to all campers who desire a full hookup park at the base of Table Rock Mountain. A beautiful stream flows through the campground providing a scenic experience. The park has a full kitchen and an open-air pavilion with numerous rocking chairs with a view of the surrounding mountains.

Our tentative schedule includes a Thursday Meet and Greet (heavy appetizers with BYOB), Friday morning pancakes and sausages in the kitchen, Friday night visit to Aunt Sue's Seafood Buffet with Blue Grass music, Saturday evening potluck with burgers and hot dogs provided by the club at the outdoor covered pavilion.

If this sounds like the outing you have wanted for early Summer, please sign up on the Club website.... you will love the rally and meet new and old members who share your love for Airstreaming.

Please contact Palmetto Cove for reservations [online](#) or call 864-836-6221. Sites in C and D have been blocked for our club. Tell them you are with us.

Any questions? Just call either Tim or Sandra Almy at 561-704-7016 and we will be glad to share our own experiences at Palmetto with you.

You can also do your own research on Palmetto Cove by linking to their website at [palmettocove.com](#)

Look forward to seeing some old and new friends in June



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168

Hello Airstreamers,

The 2022 season is officially underway, with three club rallies in our rear-view mirror. Claire and I skipped Tanglewood, as I felt it would be wise to attend Region 3 that same weekend. We met at Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds in Hiawassee, GA. There were at least 6 other Carolinas Airstream club trailers in attendance. We can be proud that two of our fellow club members are part of the leadership team in Region 3. Bob Ealy is 2nd VP (moves up to 1st VP in July) and Bob Hoffman was inducted into the upcoming 2nd VP slot at this Region 3 rally. We appreciate their willingness to step up and represent our club within the region. I'm predicting that both guys are going to be outstanding future presidents of Region 3 and anything goes beyond that. Kudos to their spouse/partners Ginger and Wayne for the support they offer. The weather was iffy with even a few scattered snow flurries on Saturday afternoon plus they widely dispersed us across a very large campground, but the fellowship was great, anyway. I'm looking forward to re-visiting this area a little later in the season.

I mustn't overlook our first M.O.R.E. (Member Organized Rally Event) the previous weekend in Tryon, NC. Skip and Denny Crowe BRN 3381, pulled it off and how! Best I can tell, we had about 20 rigs in three different locations around town. Town officials and shopkeepers really stepped up and we could tell. Starting with custom Art Posters announcing the event all over town, to the Lucille Ball "Long, Long Trailer" movie matinee in the cute downtown *retro* movie theater, to the Mascot Led parade into town, we felt totally loved. Perhaps the best part of the weekend was opening our rigs to the townspeople, who came in droves to check out our glistening rigs. All agreed. We must do this again.

As I wrap up this month's column, I'll mention one last item that I've been wanting to bring before the club as hopefully a bit of useful info. I was reminded of it by the SkyMed promotion team at the Region 3 rally with the free breakfast offer one morning (I skipped it cause it may have been 35 degrees or so outside that morning). I believe the same promo was offered at Tanglewood this year as well which has happened in the past.

I'm not totally sure how I feel about these kinds of promotions and perhaps this should/could be a future board agenda item, as I know some folks feel a little uncomfortable with doing this in our club setting. So, call this a bit of equal opportunity or fairness doctrine in action. As a member of the Marine Corps Association, a few years ago, I received a mailing from an organization called EA+, here's a link <https://www.emergencyassistanceplus.com/>. As far as I can tell, they offer a somewhat similar product to SkyMed. As it turned out, I signed up for their Family Plan and it costs me well under two hundred dollars (\$200) per year which to me seems fair. I may have saved a few dollars by being a member of the Marine Corps Association but in checking, it isn't a requirement to join. I pass this along simply as an option to consider alongside other products offering similar services. Due diligence rules. Other than being a customer, I have no connection with this organization and would not benefit if you join.

Happy Camping. See you down the road.

~ Bruce

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1ST VICE PRESIDENT & 2022 RALLIES

RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hello again streamers.

As I write this article, we're approaching Easter weekend and I hope everyone has a blessed Easter and can spend it with friends and family. We attended the James Island Rally in Charleston and as usual it was a big success. Thanks to Bob and Wayne for hosting it.

We had our first urban Rally of the season in Tryon N. C. on March 31st through April 3rd. It was also a big success. Thanks to Skip and Denny Crowe for planning and hosting that rally. We had our next Rally at Tanglewood RV Park in Clemmons N. C. I've attached a few pictures of the swearing in of new members and of course the food. Thanks to George & Margie for hosting and Mike & Georgia for co-hosting this rally.

Here's an update of the upcoming rallies on the schedule. Our second urban rally, "Shining in Shelby", is coming up on May 5th through the 8th. Roger & Robin Holland are your hosts for this Rally. It is full and there is a waiting list. The next one on the calendar is Red Gate Farms in Savannah Georgia. My wife Joan and I are hosting this event. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there.

There's four more Rallies coming up that we still need host for. Please consider hosting you'll have so much fun hosting a rally. There's a little work involved, but limitless help, so it doesn't seem like work. Please reach out to me if hosting is something you might consider. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter weekend.

~Ricky, 1st VP

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2ND VICE PRESIDENT & 2023 RALLIES

STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,
A special thanks to all of you for completing our CAC Rally survey last month.
Check out the [results!](#)

A few quick take-aways.

1. **We all have busy schedules and our planned CAC rallies don't always meet your schedules.**
2. **Very positive feedback on "boon-docking" as most are willing to "rough-it" to meet & mingle with fellow Streamers.**
3. **A good number of our membership are either willing to host or co-host a future rally.**
4. **Everyone appears willing to travel distances provided the event or venue is interesting.**

Our 2023 rally schedule is shaping up so "Please" reserve your spots early. Below are a couple of events you can sign-up for now.

- 2023- James Island, SC March 17-20 (Aim for Loop #1 when reserving)
- 2023- Tanglewood, NC April 6-9 April. Call 336-703- 6494 and indicate you are with the Carolina Airstream Club.
- HEADS-UP: Region 3 has posted a 2023 rally in Myrtle Beach (29 March-2 April)

Your Rally Committee has been hard at work not only looking for a variety of venues for 2023 but also ways to improve "how" we rally. A successful rally can always be attributed to the planning and efforts of the hosts and individual participants. Your opinions count! The Rally Committee is developing forms to capture the efforts of planners and host with a goal of building a database to help future rallies. Also in the works, is a form soliciting feedback from 2022 rally participants.

Safe travels from your Rally Committee!

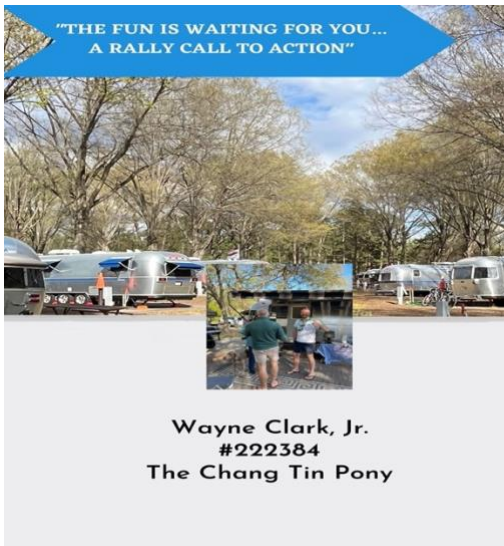
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Bob Rychly rychly@charter.net

~Steve, 2nd VP

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I'd like to encourage you to consider hosting a rally for our Carolinas Airstream Club!

Bob & I have had really good experiences. In our two years with the club, we have hosted twice: Tanglewood 2021 and James Island 2022.

Hosting can be as little or as much as you want it to be. It may also be beneficial to partner with another club member to co-host. Both rallies we hosted had over 30 Airstream trailers. But some rallies may only be about 9 or 10 trailers. And of course, the annual Ocean Lakes rally is much, much more. First of all, let me share some challenges and opportunities, as well as successes that we had in hosting a rally.

<p><i>Challenges/Opportunities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing which attendees had not actually registered for the rally • Making sure the shelter/pavilion had been pre-reserved and also paid for (out of rally budget) • Utilizing the \$10.50 per person budget carefully and efficiently 	<p><i>Successes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made sure to get an up-to-date listing of registered rally attendees so we could plan appropriately, budget, and know where folks would be parked • Communicated with attendees early before the rally and during the rally • Offered different events, outings, participation opportunities for attendees to take advantage of during rally weekend • Including attendees in helping with setup and cleanup • Leveraging the local visitors center in the area to put together brochures for local attractions • Identifying new club members for inductions into the Carolinas Airstream Club
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Here are some examples of former Rally events:

- ⇒ At Tanglewood 2021, rally attendees enjoyed: Movie night with popcorn and candy, community campfire, field trip to local emergency response facility, craft beer exchange, winery outing, catered BBQ dinner, local Airstream dealer door prizes, happy hours.
- ⇒ At James Island 2022, rally attendees enjoyed: Irish bangers and mash dinner, craft beer exchange, tea garden tour and tasting, brewery outing, potluck dinner, pancake and sausage breakfast, knife sharpening demonstration, happy hours.
- ⇒ Also, we were thrilled to be able to call the rally at James Island this year a local, pop-up "International rally", i.e., we had fellow rally from San Diego, Connecticut, and even Canada!

The club has in possession an x-large catering-style coffee pot, large serving utensils, PA system and microphone, among other items that can be used for rallies. Most importantly you should have fun. Any attendee is more than willing to help you with a successful rally. And even a small group rally can have fun impromptu breakfasts or gatherings that you can plan as a host. You can show off your ability to plan, lead, organize and HAVE FUN!

Consider hosting—you'll feel more connected to your local Carolinas Airstream Club family and help our club continue to be a strong, fun, and inviting community.

As of this writing, 4 rallies remain for the year without hosts. And I'm sure the Almays or Wilcoxes would embrace you if you wanted to co-host their upcoming rallies with them.

LINK TO HOST SIGNUP:

<https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas/021carolinas-2021-rally-host-sign>

I can't wait to see what you come up with when you host! See ya down the road...

PAST PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

KEITH SCHNEIDER #5032



Hello, from Keith Schneider, Club President during 2017.

Susanne and I enjoyed my time in office, giving back to the club that has provided so much education and support for us as we learned about our Airstream, club business and organization, rallies, and everything else that goes into making our Carolinas Airstream Club a success.

Our 1st rally was a luncheon in 2009. Everyone was super friendly and helpful, answering our questions about Airstream systems, rallies, and so much more. Soon after, we began attending club rallies and other regional Airstream events.

About five years later, I was asked to join the club leadership as 2nd Vice President in charge of selecting campgrounds for the next years rallies. It was quite a challenge, however, with the help of other club officers and veteran members, I put together a schedule of rallies. I remember visiting most, if not all, of the potential rally sites. Ultimately, the rally season was a success, due to the support of many club members.

After completing our tour of duty through the club office ranks (2VP, 1VP, President, Past President), Susanne and I decided we should try some solo camping trips to places beyond the normal boundaries of our traditional club rallies. We developed itineraries that might be called the Carolina's Coastal Tour (Outer Banks, Wilmington, Charleston), Virginia Highlands Tour, and Jackson Center, Ohio warranty service trips. And always included several of our rallies if we could.

Our original short camping trips soon evolved into 3-4 month "expeditions" to Maine for the summer (July, August, September) and Florida for the winter (January, February, March). We also have added slightly longer trips to include Glacier NP, Yellowstone NP, and the Tetons NP with brief trips to Canada's Waterton Provincial Park. Now, we typically spend 6-8 months on the road. Currently, we are meandering home from our Florida trip – we left home December 22nd.

Along the way, we have discovered many alternatives to the traditional state park campgrounds. I'm writing this at Twin Lakes Corps of Engineers (COE) campground outside Clemson, South Carolina. COE campgrounds are usually on a river or a lake with excellent facilities and most of the sites on the water.

We also enjoy city/county campgrounds and recently have added Harvest Hosts for waypoints. This option allows a one-night stay with no hookups or restrooms. However, many are located at vineyards with tasting rooms and wine, cheese boards, and/or food for sale. Another plus for the Harvest Hosts sites is that you pay an annual fee but no camping fees — you are just asked to purchase something from the individual host. (Let's see – what would Susanne buy at a vineyard?) I have met fellow campers that planned trips from NC to Wyoming using Harvest Hosts exclusively. Very cost effective.... and fun!

A final word about satisfying the need to explore this great country of ours. Rallies are planned, organized, and conducted by our club. We are very fortunate that our club is made up of members who care about others enough to go to this effort – not every club does this. And this is what makes our club so very special.

However, your own personal expeditions must be planned and organized by you. It can be quite a bit of work and often must be planned well in advance, at times at least 6 or more months prior to starting out.

Fortunately, our parent organization, Airstream Club International, offers Caravans to many wonderful locations that only require a registration fee and your presence at the Caravan “rally” point. They do all the planning and logistics. Some of our club members do not want to plan for an extended trip so they choose club caravans. Other members have planned and run Caravans themselves. We went on the Cajun Caravan in southwest Louisiana. It was delightful and only about 15 days, just long enough to get the idea of how a Caravan operates but not too long.

We are planning to attend the Ocean Lakes year-end rally — finally after a 2-year Covid hiatus. Hope to see our old friends and make many new ones.

When I was President, there were only about 75 members but now we have over 200 members. This growth is a sign of members supporting the club and the club, in turn, offering great opportunities for us to Airstream together. What could be better??

Thanks to everyone,
Keith Schneider


Fellow Airstreamers and great friends:

We are making some major changes in our lives, downsizing and moving into a 55+ apartment complex in Greenville, SC. We have nothing to keep us in New Bern, are looking for a sense of community, and want to be closer to kids/grandkids. Simplifying our lives also means selling the Airstream.

It is sad to think of not rallying with our many friends but we are giving up many things we had simply taken for granted. In exchange we have new freedom. I must also confess that I had become very disenchanted with the Airstream construction quality, the maintenance, and the overcrowded campgrounds. I have long said the best thing about Airstreaming is the friends you make.

Fear not, we are still hosting the New Bern MORE rally, staying in a cabin instead of an Airstream. That will be our final opportunity to party with a group of Airstreamers at a campground, but we hope that we can keep in touch with some of you, especially since we will be living closer to the Western Carolina contingent. It has been fun and a privilege to get to know you. Be safe in your travels. Our emails remain the same at:

LSBRODSKY@EARTHLINK.NET
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Farewell from Larry Brodsky



CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hi Airstreamers!

I did my first urban rally and boondocking in Trot into Tryon! I survived with power and water to spare!! Looking forward to more of this type of camping

Please keep the following members in your thoughts & prayers

John Carriker III (Sharon) -BRN 03679.

John recently had a full knee replacement and wants all the prayers he can get.

Ricky & Joan Wilcox – BRN 05016 – lost their sweet Max. Max lived a long life of 20 years and was a constant companion. Max will be missed.

Barry Berglund – BRN 03430 – recently lost his sister. Here is what he shared with me:
She and her husband were also Airstreamers. She inherited a 1958 Tradewind that had previously been bought new by my aunt and uncle. I traveled to Yellowstone with them in it back in 1959. That trailer had a BRN of 3430. When I bought my 2012 International, I asked for 3430, and it's been on both of my Airstreams.

Glenn and I did several Airstream trips with my sister and her husband. Our caravans of two took us to Lake Superior, Yellowstone, and the Tetons, and also to Mount Rushmore, ending up in the Pacific NW.

My brother-in-law did a beautiful restoration of their Tradewind.

We were very close. Our two Airstreams gave us some very precious good times together.

Please keep **Ken Dorn** - BRN 03139 - in your thoughts & prayers. He is in the hospital dealing with health issues.

Ken is being moved to rehab - room number is not yet known.

Please send cards to:

Ken Dorn

Grand Strand Medical Center

Rehab

809 82nd Pkwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Hold each other close and hug often. This life is shorter than we know.

“Take only memories, leave only footprints” – Chief Seattle

~Cherylanne!

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MEMBERSHIP

LEE DUNN #27312
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

As of April 15, 2022, the Carolina Airstream Club is 209 rigs and 384 members strong!

I am always looking for ways to make it easier for CAC members to communicate. A recent improvement was making it possible to call someone directly from their information in Evernote while on your smartphone. Just tap their phone number and your smartphone should dial the number for you.

While helping someone with Evernote at the Tanglewood Rally I noticed the default was to sort the members list in 'Date updated' order. Here are the instructions to sort the members list in alphabetical order.

- *Open Evernote*
- *If the Carolinas Airstream Club notebook is not showing, Tap the icon in the lower left-hand corner, tap 'Shared with me' and then tap 'Carolinas Airstream Club'*
- *Once the Carolinas Airstream Club notebook opens tap the icon in the upper right-hand corner*
- *Tap 'Sort by' and then tap 'Title'*
- *If the arrow to the right of 'Title' is pointing down Evernote will put the members list in A-Z order*
- *If the arrow to the right of 'Title' is pointing down, Evernote will put the members list in Z-A order*
- *Tap the arrow to change its direction*

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- **Kathy Barbee & Robert Hartman from Reidsville, NC, and their 2019 27' International Serenity**
- **Steven Price from Blowing Rock, NC, and his 2021 22' Caravel**
- **Gary & Sandra Long from Fleetwood, NC, and their 2005 25' International**
- **Thomas & Lisa Buckley from Willow Spring, NC, and their 2022 22' Caravel**
- **Charlie & Susie Ellis from Lake Lure, NC, and their 2019 30' Classic**
- **Bill & Catherine O'Donnell from Lake Lure, NC, and their 2016 23' Flying Cloud**
- **Donald & Mary Ann Campbell from Hickory, NC, and their 2021 25' Globetrotter (Affiliate from Piedmont AC)**
- **David & Catherine Christopher from Wilmington, NC, and their 2021 27' Flying Cloud FBQ**
- **JP Kravitz from West Palm Beach, FL, and their 2022 16' Caravel**

Having problems with Evernote? Drop me an email and let's see if we can resolve it.

~Lee, Membership Chair

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“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.

Confounded by how your Airstream's thermostat works? (Thanks to Marcia Thompson)



The Dometic digital thermostat runs the furnace, AC, and heat pump in many modern Airstreams, and has a *lot* of features. It's left more than one Airstreamer confused— Rich Luhr of Airstream Life included.

Now that he's figured out a few tricks, he thought he'd share these [tips for taming the Dometic digital thermostat](#).



New Lodge Airstream Cast Iron Skillet

LOOKING TO SELL/BUY AN AIRSTREAM



Jeff and Nancy Kueffer are selling their 2008 Safari 28' Airstream. You can contact them at jankueffer@gmail.com if you are interested.



Click the picture to watch a video about "Trot into Tryon".

"OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!" MEMBERS' TRAVELS AND CLUB EVENTS

Trot into Tryon

Airstream RVs come to town



The Town of Tryon, North Carolina welcomed the members of the Carolinas Airstream Club to set up camp in downtown Tryon. Club members opened their RVs for folks to enjoy.

The rally was sponsored by the Tryon Downtown Development Association and the Town of Tryon.



The Country Life
with ColumbusMark



"Trot into Tryon" induction of new members, Carol & Scott Browne, by past International President Jim Cocke, Tryon, NC.





Region 3 Rally, "Silver on Chatuge", Hiawasse, GA

Above: [l-r, Wayne Clark, Bob Hoffman, Mary Ann Campbell (affiliate), Bob Ealy, Claire Bodenstein, Ginger Ealy, Sandy LaRue, Rick LaRue, Bruce Bodenstein)

Below: [Bob Hoffman's birthday]





*Carolina Airstream Club Rally 2022
Tanglewood Park, Clemmons, NC*



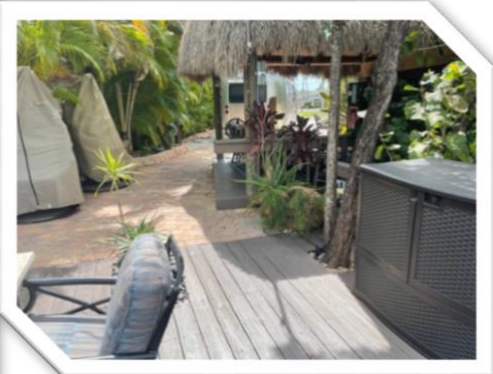
Tanglewood Rally Pics Courtesy of Mary Rowe Miller



Elaine and Scott Myers #16767 at the "Vintage Rally" at Gunthersville, AL.



Nancy and Jeff Kueffer #10367 Visiting Beverly Beach and St. Augustine after a stay in Bluewater Key RV Resort in Key West.



Let us spotlight your travels.
Send pictures to
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