



# TARHEEL TRAVELER

NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB  
THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CLUB IN WBCCI FORMED IN 1960



July 2022



## CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2022

[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](#)

[Alumalina October 27-30](#)



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168

Hello Airstreamers,

Like some of you, I am at Misty Mountain Camp Resort for our July Rally, ready to kick off our caravan to Fryeburg, Maine on Monday. Whew, what a relief to get here on Thursday and have a few days to unwind and relax before the journey north. Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ricky Wilcox, arranging our rallies this year, and the Caravan Committee made up of

Ed Hall, Mary Shaw and Elaine Myers for all their hard work over many months in preparation for this exciting trip. As I understand it, there are 24 club rigs leaving Misty Mt. on the 18<sup>th</sup> with another 4 joining the caravan on the way with a grand total of 42 rigs from our club alone, at International. I'm sure these numbers will change slightly in the end. That is outstanding and I'm real proud to represent you as your official delegate from The Carolinas Airstream Club.

Speaking of Fryeburg and our input to International, out of 377 eligible voters in our club, we had 104 respondents to our vote on the international club's constitutional amendments. I was hoping for a better turnout but hey, we're here for the camping part, right?

In preparation for a trip like traveling to Maine or even every couple of years, I like to get the trailer wheels off the ground and pull the brake drums to repack the wheel bearings. It's a good opportunity to give the tires a good once-over and inspect the brakes carefully as you don't want issues on the side of the road. This time I was shocked by what I saw. I ended up replacing all four tires, brake drums and complete backing plates with new brake shoes. The cool part is that the new drums included new greased and installed wheel bearings, so the total job was much less messy. Oh, forgot to mention... stuck a new A/C on the roof as well.

I'll wrap up this month by passing along a tip I picked up recently on a blog I follow. Check out [humbledollar.com](#) if you're curious. To paraphrase a little, it goes like this... A sales guy was in a meeting with his boss, and it wasn't one of those good months. Sales were just lousy, and the salesman wasn't doing that hot either. After a few minutes, the guy's boss says "Ah, you're *being your results*." She went on to explain that a common trait of salespeople is they become their results. When the numbers are good, they feel good. When the numbers are bad, they feel bad, and their life is bad too.

We can all experience that as well I believe. Be it rising Covid numbers or when we peek at our 401K, or the price of gas, or the price of anything these days. Don't be your results *sometimes!*

Have a great rest of the month and safe travels.

~ Bruce. [021president@wbcci.net](mailto:021president@wbcci.net)

## 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT & 2022 RALLIES

RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hello streamers,

I hope this letter finds everyone well and hopefully out there traveling around and enjoying the summer. I'm writing this from our international rally in Fryeburg Maine. We went to Top of Georgia for the first time on 6/12/22. It's a really nice Airstream only park. We really enjoyed our time there.

We went from there to Grumpy Bear Campground in Bryson City and that's where our very first caravan, Smidge of the Blue Ridge, started from. On 6/18 we went Whitewater Rafting down the Nantahala River. On 6/20 we went hiking in the Dupont Forest. On 6/21 we went on a Zipline ride. On 6/24 we went on a bike ride on the Virginia Creeper Trail. We did other things as well. In short, we had an exciting time and made many new friends along the way.

I had some hand surgery that went well and I'm doing good, and we got ready for the International Rally. We arrived on 7/18/22 at Fryeburg and the work began, getting ready for the Rally. I volunteered for the logistics crew. I'm looking forward to spending time here in Maine exploring the area. At some time, we'll have to go back home but we're in no rush. I hope you all enjoy your summer and I wish everyone safe travels. See you down the road.



~Ricky, 1<sup>st</sup> VP [021vicepresident@wbcci.net](mailto:021vicepresident@wbcci.net)

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT & 2023 RALLIES

STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

It's hot out there! Many of us in July took advantage of attending the CAC Misty Mountain rally or the International rally in Maine. July 2023 the CAC rally schedule offers you an opportunity to stay a little closer to home in the mountains of Northwestern NC (see below). We are still actively pursuing August through October venues. If you haven't made reservations at the below rallies, please do so at your earliest.

Want to be a doer? Please consider volunteering for the rally committee as we have a space available. Contact any member listed below if interested.

**March 16-19** James Island County Park, Charleston, SC- Look to reserve a spot in Loop 1.

**March 29 – 2 April** \*\*\*Region 3 Rally, Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC\*\*\* Reservations are filling up so reserve a spot early. Tell them you are with the Region 3 group when reserving a spot.

**April 13-16** Tanglewood. Contact the park 336-703-649 and be sure to tell them you are with the Carolina Airstream Club.

**April 20-23** Trott into Tryon. The first urban rally of the CAC year. Reservation details will follow.

**May 11-14** Shinning in Shelby- The second urban rally. Reservation details will follow.

**June 8-11** Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA. Call and let them know you are with the Carolina Airstream Club.

**June 24-30** \*\*\* 2023 International Rally\*\*\* Rock Springs, Wyoming

**July 13-16 (NEW) Hot Springs Resort and Spa. Reservations can be made by phone now. Be sure to tell them you are with the Carolina Airstream Club as we will be grouped together.**

**August- Working**

**September- Working**

**October 26-29** \*\*\* Alumalina\*\*\* Tom Johnson RV Park, Marion, NC. **CAC is considering a joint rally/venue**

**November 9-12** Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC- Call and reserve sites in section HH letting them know you are with the Carolina Airstream Club.

\*\*\* Non-CAC events \*\*\*

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George Lamb [georgeN4ROT@gmail.com](mailto:georgeN4ROT@gmail.com)

~Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

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**WBCCI Constitutional Amendment 1:** Remove the requirement to conduct an annual meeting.

**WBCCI Constitutional Amendment 2:** Restructure the Executive Committee into an Executive Council of ten members, eliminate two Vice-President positions, increase term length to two years, and eliminate automatic succession between the ranks.

**HOW DID WE VOTE?**  
Amendment 1 85% voted yes  
Amendment 2 85% voted yes  
(28% of the membership voted)

Thank you to those who voted!

## PAST PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

KEN DORN #3139  
CAC PRESIDENT 2014



Hello Fellow CAC Members,

When I was just fourteen years old, we didn't have indoor plumbing. I was a poor kid carrying water from across the street, when up on the highway five beautiful silver trailers went by. I didn't know what they were, but I knew I had to have one.

My wife Ruth and I were high school sweethearts. We married the year after graduation, in 1967, our ages were 18 and 20. Knowing my lifetime dream we purchased our first airstream in 1977. My son was 7 years old. Our first trip was to Topsail Island, NC. It just happened on that very weekend The Eastern Carolinas Unit of the WBCCI were having a rally. The club president David White invited us to their annual fish fry. They were so warm and welcoming and asked us to join their club. Of course, there was no hesitation on my part. I was delighted to be part of this amazing organization.

In 1978 We purchased a Brand New 1978 International. We traveled with that wonderful group of people for 10 years. We adopted our beautiful daughter Robin when my son was 13 years old. When Robin was only 4 years old, my wife Ruth had been diagnosed with Chronic Progressive Multiple Sclerosis. We had to sell our beautiful airstream. I know I cried for a week. MY dreams and my passion gave way to a whole new journey.

Our God is terrific, and always has a perfect plan. Fast forward 21 years. Just before I retired at age 62, I think it was 2009, we purchased another Airstream. It was a 1998, 34ft. Classic. Twin beds in the back and a very rare front kitchen. Airstream only made 50 of these trailers in 1997, 1998, and 1999. It was perfect for our needs. Of course, we added a wheelchair lift. My wife was totally Quadriplegic, but also extremely courageous and enjoyed life to the fullest. We joined the Carolinas Unit and were delighted to be back in the club. Once again, I was an airstreamer, returning to my roots. WE were so happy. I was asked to be 2nd VP and gladly accepted. Everyone assisted in duties necessary to run our unit and it was such a pleasure to serve.

I lost my beautiful Ruth in May of 2012. So, there went the brains behind the leader. That was devastating after 45 years of a beautiful marriage. So many in our wonderful Airstream group helped me through that trying time. I ended up your 2014 President. It was a pleasure to serve. I highly recommend if you are able, step up and be a leader.

At the present time I am a member without an airstream. My health has suffered a setback, and I am on the mend. I'll be 76 in October. My intentions are to join everyone soon. I miss my beautiful friendships' along with the opportunity to make new memories. Rejoice in the love of this wonderful Airstream family. God bless you all, See you down the road. Your past president 2014, Ken Dorn



CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hello Fellow CAC Members,  
Just wow!

I made it to Fryeburg Maine without incident. Very thankful!! We caravanned into Fryeburg Fairgrounds on Friday - what a site to see. The heat continues to plague us as I am sure it is doing wherever you are as well. Hoping for some relief this week.

Please keep Rocky Johnson (Susan) -BRN 07322 - in your thoughts & prayers. Rocky has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and is waiting for a surgery date.

Continue to keep Ken Dorn – BRN#03139 – in your thoughts as he continues to fight cancer.

Please keep Bob Rychly (Carol) – BRN#07382 - as he fights a brain tumor.

Nancy and Jeff Kueffer - BRN#10367 - are celebrating a new granddaughter, (their first), hard to miss International but hopefully next year.

Life is short. Be grateful for every day you are granted.

"Every day can be an adventure" - Hostelgeeks

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~Cherylanne!

**LOOKING TO SELL/BUY AN AIRSTREAM**



Kathy and Duffy Tucker are selling 2021 Airstream Bambi 16RB w/ Ocean Interior Decor LOADED!!! If interested call (919) 607-0483

**LOOKING TO SELL/BUY AN AIRSTREAM**



Carol and Bob Rychly are selling their 2021 23-foot FB twin Globetrotter Airstream. It is lightly used. If you are interested, contact Bruce Bodenstein at 704-277-2018

**MEMBERSHIP**  
LEE DUNN #27312  
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



Hello Streamers,  
As of July 23, 2022, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 235 rigs and 431 members strong!

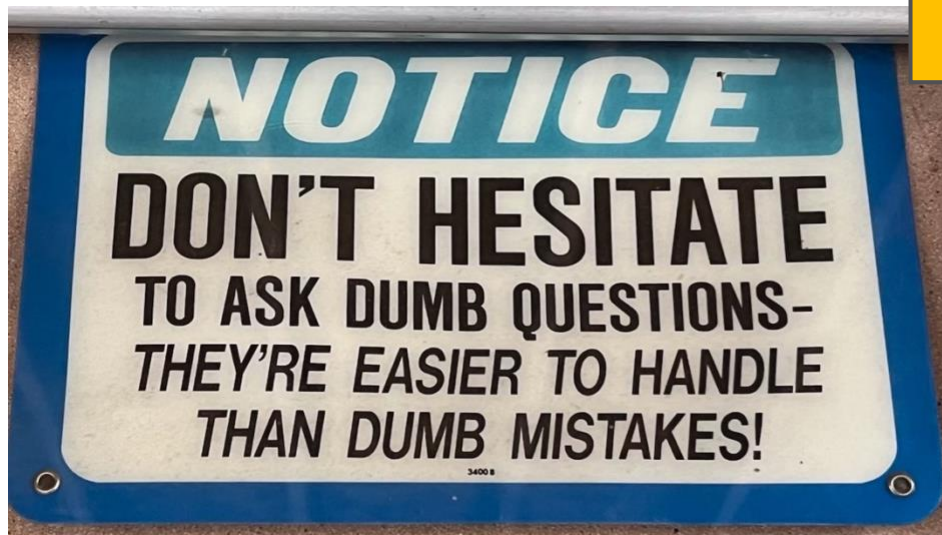
Sorry, no Evernote tip or trick this month. Evernote did come out with an update. I loaded it and having no problems. If anyone is having problems with Evernote please send me an email at [021membershipchair@wbcci.net](mailto:021membershipchair@wbcci.net) and let's see if we can resolve it.

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- Randall & Elizabeth Fry from Greenville, NC, and their 1969 25' Tradewind
- Robert & Lynne Weaver from Whispering Pines, NC, and their 2022 25' Flying Cloud
- Gavin Foltz from Apex, NC, and his 2019 30' Classic
- Carl & Linda Niedziela from Pelham, NC, and their 2015 30' Flying Cloud
- Sharri Duncan from Greer, SC, and her 2022 20' Basecamp 20X
- Tony & Diane Wilkey from Asheville, NC. and their 23' 2022 Flying Cloud 23FB
- Stacey & Larry Fischer from Ocala, FL. and their 30' 2016 Flying Cloud

~Lee, Membership Chair  
[021membershipchair@wbcci.net](mailto:021membershipchair@wbcci.net)

Sign on RV Park  
office door in  
Medora, ND.  
Just outside  
Theodore Roosevelt  
National Park!





## “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](mailto:021newslettereditor@wbcci.net).*



**RV Life** is an App that gives you many options for planning and traveling with your RV.

- You can research campgrounds and other locations of interest
- Plan trips with their “Trip Wizard” planning software to help you find the best routes and parks.
- “RV Safe” will send you updates and trip messages to keep you informed before and during your travels.
- You’ll have access to an RV community that you can use to ask questions and connect with other RV’s heading or within your trip range.
- You can keep track of your RV maintenance and stay apprized as to what needs your attention.





“OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!”  
MEMBERS’ TRAVELS AND CLUB EVENTS



CAC President, Bruce Bodenstein representing our club at the International Rally

How did we get here? Why by Caravan of course? Thanks to Ed Hall, Elaine Myers, and Mary Shaw.

Greenwood, Virginia  
Pine Grove, Pennsylvania





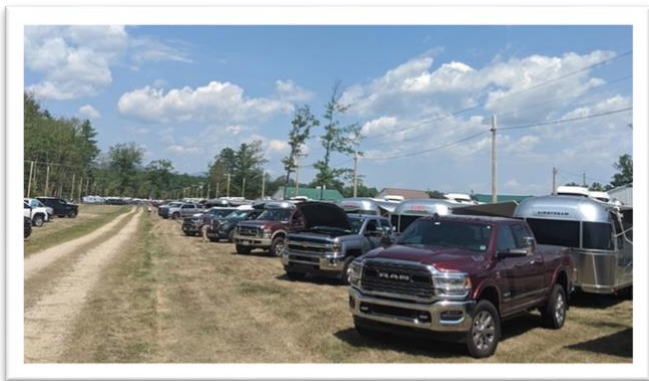
Albany, New York



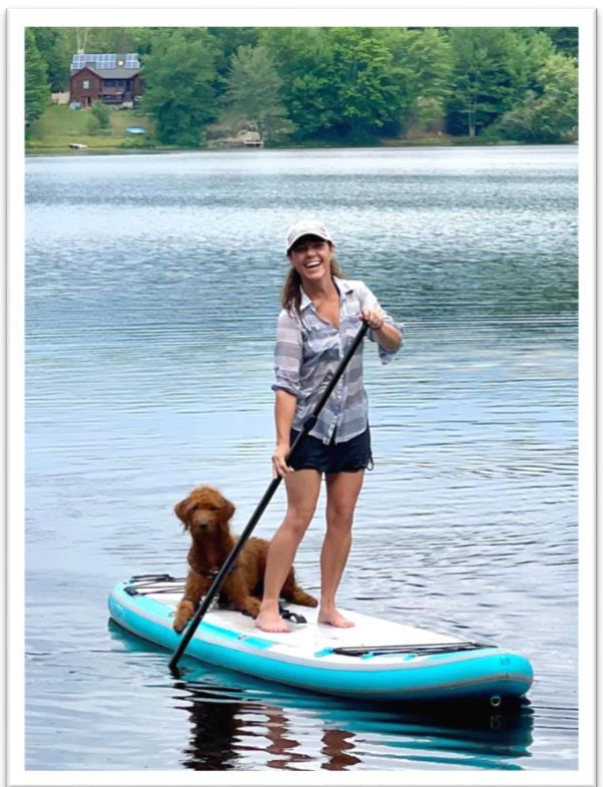
Acton, Maine



International Rally Fryeburg, Maine



Alice Martin and her new “guy”, Watson. “he likes to camp & travel. he doesn't mind eating the same thing three times a day. he doesn't snore & he's a great kisser. best of all, he poops outside”



Robin Ashley stopping on her way to International at a “Harvest Host” site, Weldon Mills Distillery in Weldon, NC.

*(Find more information about Harvest Hosts, see the June Newsletter)*

Let us spotlight your travels.  
Send pictures to  
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