



TARHEEL TRAVELER

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



October 2022



CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2022

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

[CAC Holiday Luncheon, Gastonia, NC](#)

Other Upcoming Rallies & Events 2022

[Alumalina October 27-30](#)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168



Hello Carolinas Airstream Club Streamers,

It is really cooling off in my neighborhood. Perfect for me, as I have a big landscaping job to wrap up this fall. As I write this, the Statesville Balloon festival is just days away. I am not sure how many of our folks are attending, but the weather looks promising for lots of sun and clear skies.

Then, in two weeks, Alumalina kicks off, and it is never too late to add it to your calendar. At last count, 39 CAC rigs will be at Tom Johnson's monster campground for John Leakes annual event. Really, just show up and you will not regret it. This was the Bodenstein's very first Airstream rally ever and I do not think we have missed one since.

Plus, we still have two more popular club events this year. The second week in November is our Ocean Lakes "grand finale" rally with an unbelievable sixty rigs signed up. This must be a record. My "look ahead" weather forecast is showing sunny skies and mid-sixties temperatures. What a way to wrap a season!

Hmmm, do not forget to get on the list for our Holiday Luncheon Dec 3rd at Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia, NC. Only six families have signed up last I checked and this is our farewell event of the year. The food is great, and we need to alert the staff over there with a count so sign up TODAY please.

As this season winds down, I cannot help but look back with a smidgeon of pride (not in myself, but for each of you club members who made these things possible). Much was familiar, but we tried a few new ideas. The formal Rally Committee headed up by Steve Thompson was one of them. The idea is sound and is a great encouragement to a new Second VP who has the enormous job of presenting the next year's rally schedule. We also implemented a formal club budget in 2022. Thanks to our new Treasurer, Elaine Myers, who ran with this so successfully

this year. Our board also purposefully took a less formal approach to our regular meetings (with the encouragement of International) which I appreciated.

Several members hosted for the first time this year. This is always a step of faith, but I'm betting we will see them stepping up again soon. The Caravan to International in Maine was a highlight for sure, thanks to the meticulous planning by Ed Hall, Mary Shaw, and Elaine Myers. We formalized the process for ad hoc, member organized rallies, once referred to as "rogue" rallies. We pulled off two friendlier termed M.O.R.E. (for **Member Organized Rally Event**) rallies in Tryon, NC and New Bern, NC.

As we look forward to the holiday season, may we all be thankful for good health and safe travels. See you down the road.

Save travels,

~ Bruce. 021president@wbcci.net

1ST VICE PRESIDENT & 2022 RALLIES

RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hello fellow Streamers,

Hard to believe it's mid-October. The leaves are changing, and the air is getting cooler. It's perfect conditions for sitting around the Campfire and catching up with friends.

On a maintenance note, with the cooler weather here be sure and check your tire pressure because it tends to drop some with the cold. I know most of us run TPMS systems, but it doesn't hurt to check. It just might save you from having tire issues later.

We were in Dillard, Georgia last week and had a great time at October Fest in Helen, Georgia, with our friends Bjorn and Nicole. The fall colors were beautiful as well. I'm looking forward to Alumalina in Marion next week. I think the colors will be beautiful there as well. I've communicated with many fellow Streamers that are planning on coming to events this year and next. I look forward to seeing and or meeting everyone down the road at some point. Safe travels everyone and take care.



~Ricky, 1st VP 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

Airstream Club International held their first Campfire Chat with President Eric McHenry and Corporate Manager Lori Plummer. A few highlights included the following.

- **The 2024 International rally will be in Sedalia, Missouri on October 5-11.**
- **The 2025 International rally will be in the "south"**

Keep an eye on [ACI's YouTube Channel](#) for a re-post of the October 2022 Campfire Chat. It was very informative!

2ND VICE PRESIDENT & 2023 RALLIES
STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,
Jan and I returned from a 3-month action packed airstream adventure with friends and now play catch-up on the home front before heading to our Ocean Lakes Rally in Myrtle Beach, SC. Your 2023 CAC rally schedule is complete (see below). The schedule consists of favorites, new, urban, Region,

International and multi-club events. Consider mixing your rallies or attend all if your schedules permit. All events tend to fill-up quickly so reserve your spots early. Happy and safe travels. Should you have any questions regarding our rallies please feel free to reach out to me or the other rally committee members listed below.

What makes our rallies unique and successful is the efforts of our membership and specifically the hosts. **Posted to our website is a host sign-up sheet.** Please consider signing up as a host for our CAC rally events

March 16-19 James Island County Park, Charleston, SC

March 29 – 2 April ***Region 3 Rally, Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC. Call the reservation desk and let them know you are with Region 3 Airstream group.

April 13-16 Tanglewood, NC. Call the reservation desk and let them know you are with the CAC.

April 20-23 Trot Into Tryon, NC (Urban Rally)

May 11-14 Shining in Shelby, NC (Urban Rally)

June 8-11 Cool Breeze Campground, Galax, VA. Call the reservation desk and let them know you are with the CAC.

June 24-30 *** 2023 International Rally*** Rock Springs, WY

July 13-16 Hot Springs Resort and Spa, NC. Call the reservation desk and let them know you are with the CAC

August 17-20- Top of Georgia Airstream Park, Helen, GA

September 21-24- Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, GA

October 26-29 *** Alumalina Tom Johnson RV Park, Marion, NC

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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~Steve 2nd VP

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PAST PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

GEORGE LAMB
CAC President 2011
WBCCI# 1190



Hello fellow club members,

This is George Lamb, past president in 2011. Margie and I joined the club in 2007 after we had both retired. Our initial plan was to purchase a sailboat, but we realized our commitments at home and the 200 miles from Clemmons to the coast would make owning a boat impractical. We still charter and sail with friends on occasion.

Having three couples in our church that were Airstreamers led us to exploring camping as an option. My friend, Monroe Bowles told me about an Airstream that was available, so we were soon off to Roxboro to check out a cute 1963 Bambi. The purchase was made, and we headed home with the camper and a load of mice that were homesteading in the drawers. After much cleaning and some mechanical work, we were off to our first rally where we joined the club. After a few rallies we realized that we, including Boots our 65-pound rescue, needed more room. I found a 1977, 22-foot Safari and the Bambi was sold. We enjoyed the Safari until 2017 when we bought our 2014, 27 FB Flying Cloud.

When we joined the Club in 2007 there were about 50 units compared to about 250 now. The pool of potential officers was small, so I was soon offered the opportunity to serve as a second vice president. After reassurance that I would have ample help from members and past officers, I agreed and was elected. I found my time as an officer was very enjoyable and rewarding. I got plenty of help from our members and deepened friendships that I still cherish today. Margie has served as Recording Secretary for several years, and I have served as a Director over the years.

The Carolinas Airstream Club gives us an opportunity to meet so many wonderful people and to go to interesting places. Our members are talented and bring so much experience to our group it only makes sense to share these gifts by serving when the opportunity presents itself. I encourage you to join in our club activities and contribute by serving. For me, it was a great experience.

~George

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CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hi Airstreamers!

Hope this fall weather finds you well and warming your toes around a fire. Fall is my favorite time of year!

We are nearing the end of our rally season and I hope to join you in Ocean Lakes but, if all goes well, it will be minus The ReggieAnne. The selling of the ReggieAnne is bittersweet as this was a dream Reggie & I shared and were hoping to do together. I have cut my teeth on The ReggieAnne but as Greg Wilson will tell you – and he sat me down one night on the return trip from Maine – I need a smaller Airstream. And so, the next chapter of my Airstream life begins. Prayers please to help me find the right unit at the right price! 😊

Please keep Gloria & Arnold Flowers – BRN 04416 - in your thoughts and prayers. Gloria's father recently passed, and Arnold continues to deal with A Fib issues. Aging is not for the faint of heart and we can all use prayers as we negotiate the passing of time.

In addition, Kathy Conrad's mother, Audine (Minton) Cox, passed and a memorial was held for her on October 15th. The link below includes her obituary and also if you wish, where donations can be sent. <https://www.hayworth-miller.com/obituary/Audine-Cox>
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, 27103 or the charity of your choice

If you have something to share with our Airstream family, please let me know.
“Life is short, and the world is wide.”

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~Cherylanne!

MEMBERSHIP

LEE DUNN #27312
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR



Hello Streamers,
As of October 19, 2022, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 255 rigs and 456 members strong!

Someone asked me if they could sort the Evernote member list by date people joined the club. Unfortunately, you cannot. I use a template to create new member entries so technically, all new members entries were created at the time I started the template. So, sorting the entries by 'Created Date' does not show the order in which members joined our club.

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- **Lisa & Dwayne Batten from Burnsville, NC., and their 2017 26' Flying Cloud 26U**
- **Affiliate members Peter Davey & Stephanie Tisch from Powhatan, VA., and their 2020 27' Globetrotter**
- **Peggysue Ford from Charles City, VA., and her 2021 25' Flying Cloud**
- **Annette & Jim Beeler from Blowing Rock, NC., and their 2023 25' International**
- **Leanne & Peter Janosi from Wake Forest, NC., and their 2016 25' Flying Cloud**
- **Affiliate Members Terry & Ann Montgomery from York, SC., and their 2012 30' Flying Cloud**
- **Melinda & Steve Downie from Roanoke, VA., and their 2022 30' Classic**
- **Heidi & Ross Dickstein from Sneads Ferry, NC., and their 2021 20' Basecamp 20X**
- **Ron & Joyce Backus from Durham, NC., and their 2022 25' Flying Cloud**
- **Phil & Donna Piercy from Shelby, NC., and their 2019 27' Flying Cloud**
- **Richard & Billie Smith from Waynesville, NC., and their 2018 25' Flying Cloud**
- **Affiliate Members John & Imelda Hill from Rock Hill, SC., and their 2004 31' Classic**
- **Deb Tillman from Mooresville, NC., and her 2023 23' Flying Cloud**

Have a membership question? Having problems with Evernote? Drop me an email at ~Lee, Membership Chair 021membershipchair@wbcci.net



Smidge of the Blue Ridge Caravan is now open for Airstreamers to register.

Enjoy all that the Blue Ridge mountains have to offer. From September 12-22, 2023, you will travel from Bryson City to Boone, NC. This trip includes everything from white river rafting, biking, and ziplining. To learn more and find links to register please go to this [flyer](#). Hope to see you there!





MEET THE THOMPSONS

Marcia and Bruce

About the Thompsons

- Members of CAC since 2014
- They have 2015 25' International Serenity
- They live in Advance, NC.
- They have a son and daughter-in-law with two grandchildren who live in Rutherford, NC. in Bruce's old home. They visit there regularly taking the camper and parking in their side yard. The Airstream provides comfortable living space without imposing on their routines.
- They both like Amateur Ham Radio and sewing. Bruce also enjoys beekeeping and Marcia enjoys technology
- Bruce was 2021 Club President
- Marcia was the former newsletter editor and corresponding secretary.

Marcia

Marcia enjoys CAC for the friends she's made and the things she's learned from other club members. One of the most unusual things that happened is contracting anaplasmosis in Maine, which is a tick-borne disease. Her favorite campground is Topsail Hill Preserve in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. The best modification that they did to the Airstream was Window Poppers. Her advice to other members is to try to attend an "Open House" rally to view other Airstreams.

Bruce

Bruce loves the camaraderie of the CAC. His favorite campground is James Island without the "no-see-ems". Once while camping in Colorado, they went into town and returned to their campsite covered with white after an unexpected hailstorm. Bruce has upgraded their Airstream with solar panels and his advice to other members is to get the size trailer that you're comfortable in with your partner and possibly your pet(s).

"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.



“Outdoor Cooking”

Why have an outdoor kitchen when the Airstream has a perfectly outfitted kitchen? There are many reasons but most say that it cuts down on cooking smells and grease build up in the RV, reduces the heat inside the RV, provides more room especially if two are cooking, grilling is one of the most tasteful ways to enjoy various meats and also you can't replace the view when you're cooking outside versus inside the Airstream. And food just plain tastes better outside.



What is necessary for cooking outdoors

- Small sturdy table
- Lightweight, covered grill either propane or charcoal
- Propane Stove with good wind screens
- Appropriate utensils: Tongs, Spatula, leather gloves, Paper towels

If you really want to have fun, consider adding a Dutch Oven in your repertoire.

You can bake, roast or fry using a Dutch Oven... all with charcoal. See the October [Blue Beret](#) for ideas on how to bake with a Dutch Oven.

Consider making a healthy stew or even [“Rouladen”](#).

Check out the [Article](#)
about the “Four
myths about
Airstream Cooking”



Hi CAC Hams,

The WBCCI RV Service Net announces a new Echolink net. Its target audience is Technician Class hams, or those who are unable to have HF stations for whatever reason. The net has been successful so far, but could always use more check ins!

Wednesday evenings at 7pm Central Time 8pm ET). We have arranged with the [Family Motor Coach Association Amateur Radio Club](#) to use their Echolink node. It is actually an Allstar node too, but that is transparent for our purpose. The node will support up to 50 connections. This will be a trial to see if it solves our bandwidth problem.

The node name is: FMCA-ARC

The node number is: 522547

Day and Time: Wednesdays at 19:00 Central Time, 20:00 Eastern (ie, 8pm)

We want to thank Stan Patterson, KK4PF for the use of his Echolink node for a few weeks. It helped get the RVSNet Echolink net off the ground.

A detailed discussion of Echolink would take this entire newsletter. If not familiar, please look at the myriad of help available on the web and YouTube. Echolink can be enjoyed by those with no radio equipment at all). There are apps for Apple and Android, tablets as well as phones even Linux boxes. A place to get started is <https://echolink.org/>.

You will have to upload an official copy of your FCC license to EchoLink.org to be able to sign in to EchoLink. It's a fairly quick process. Normal FCC requirements for station ID apply when using Echolink. [How To Obtain Official Authorizations from ULS](#) . You'll need your FRN from your license to register.

Please consider joining us, even if you participate in the morning HF nets.

73,

Bruce AD4ET and Marcia NC4MT

Let us know if you have any question about Echolink



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

Our own Tim, Sandra and Amos Almy on the Oregon Trail Caravan, Oregon and Scott’s Bluff, NE.



New Bern MORE (Rogue) Rally September 29-October 2nd

The New Bern MORE(Rogue) rally was a resounding success, significantly aided by the always excellent KOA staff and facilities.

This rally had more additions and cancellations than any rally in memory due to the NWS forecast for Hurricane Ian which included tropical storm warnings and coastal flood warning for New Bern. Nevertheless, intrepid, mostly experienced, Airstreamers decided to forge ahead and attend the rally. Early arrivals, totaling 17 people dined at the superlative waterfront restaurant **Persimmons** and had a wonderful time.

On Thursday the weather clouded up with occasional light rain, but thankfully the rain held off for a great happy hour outside. There was enough food to substitute for dinner, though some still went into New Bern, mostly for seafood.

Friday was the wind (gust up to 40 but 20-25 was typical) and rain day, but no more so than many other camping trips. We had another well-attended happy hour that afternoon in the KOA meeting room. The only real weather concern was the rising river level, because of the persistent wind direction and strength. Indeed, Rocky opted to move his trailer back one row to avoid a potential problem. The river did rise to the first street, but no further.



By Saturday the weather was clear and a gorgeous Autumn Day. Everyone went somewhere to eat, shop and see the sights. Saturday night we brought in pork BBQ, Chicken, beans, Coleslaw, hush puppies from Moore's, which was fabulous. We had plenty of food because of cancellations and invited the KOA staff to join us.

Most people departed Sunday morning and the few remaining were treated to another nice day, with another fine meal at MJ's Seafood downtown. The Lambs win some award for dining 4 times at MJ's during the rally!

In the end, everyone who attended was glad that they did not cancel

and a great time was had by all.

Side note from the hosts: We are very pleased to have been able to rally, from a cabin, and say a final goodbye to our many Airstream friends. This was especially sad since we will never see many of you again. You will be in our hearts always.

Larry and Pam Brodsky



Let us spotlight your travels.
Send pictures to
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