

## TARHEEL TRAVELER

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



**November 2022** 



CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2022

CAC Holiday Luncheon, December 3 Gastonia, NC CAC Kick Off James Island Rally March 16-19

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER BRUCE BODENSTEIN #8168



Hello Carolinas Airstream Club Campers,

Claire and I just got back from our Ocean Lakes final rally of the year. I counted 55 rigs including Ken Dorn's recent purchase which was a novel, Argosy Mini-Motorhome. It was a treat to see you, Ken! When we pulled in Thursday, the weather was a bit dicey and that first night our trailers really got a good knocking with the wind, but Friday and the rest of the weekend couldn't have been nicer with loads of

sun and mild temps.

Co-Host Claudia Fordham ably led us in a variety of activities (her partner in crime and Co-Host, Gloria Flowers, couldn't be on site, with unavoidable obligations at home). We had an unusually diverse crowd at what clearly is our most popular rally of the year with Airstreamers from the Louisiana Airstream Club, Northern Ohio Virtual Airstream Club, Delmarva Airstream Club, New York Finger Lakes Airstream Club, Top of Georgia Airstream Club, Watchung NJ Airstream Club, Southeastern Camping Unit plus we were officially an *International Rally* with Lindy and Neil Wilson of the Ontario Canada Airstream Club.

Friday morning, we started out with a pancake breakfast with all the fixings. Later that weekend, we held our traditional indoor yard sale and afternoon wine crawl/open house, culminating Saturday night with the famous CAC Low Country Boil put on by our own Chef de cuisine George Lamb and his Sous-chef Rocky Johnson. Hey fellas, I didn't get that backwards, did I? French never was my strong point. Thanks to all the others who pitched in to help in this enormous effort.

We followed dinner with a short business meeting to recognize new members and vote for and install new officers (they will begin their term on January 1). We wrapped up the evening with a fun raffle of prizes mostly donated by Airstream of SC (John's RV) and RV One (Out-of-Doors Mart). Grateful thanks to our corporate sponsors. Georgette Janosi, the delightful daughter of new members Leanne and Peter Janosi, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the raffle. She handled the microphone like a pro, calling ticket numbers while sending various of us scurrying to deliver prizes in the audience.

Whew, what a time we all had at Ocean Lakes. Thanks to Claudia and Vick and all the rest who pitched in. A reminder. There's still time to sign up for our **December Luncheon at Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia on December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. So far, the crowd is small so do it... The food is great, and it might be the last chance to hang around with your Airstream buddies this year.

Oh, one last thing. The NC/SC States four club rally is official. Palmetto Cove, September 21-24, 2023. You can sign up on our webpage and further information is pending regarding making your reservation at the Cove. Our club is sponsoring this one and Lee and Dawn Dunn will assist me in the planning. Much more to come and Happy Thanksgiving to all.

~ Bruce. 021president@wbcci.net





Hello Streamers,

Once again, I'm reaching out to everyone with an update. Joan and I have been traveling. We went to Alumalina in Marion and followed that with a trip to Ocean Lakes for our clubs last Rally of the 2022 season. We went early and stayed later for both Rallies. All together we were traveling over a month. We returned home on Wednesday the 16th.

I had a cousin that lost her battle with cancer on Monday the 14th. The receiving friends was Thursday, and the funeral was today on Friday the 18th. A sad time for our family. Please keep our family in your prayers.

There's one last gathering on December 3rd at 12:00 pm. Location Jackson's Cafeteria in Gastonia, NC.

I hope everyone has a safe and joyful Thanksgiving season. If I don't get the opportunity to see you in person, I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to the upcoming 2023 Rally season. Steve has planned us some nice Rallies. Refer to our website and or your Rally card if you have one.

Ray Combs is working on your 2024 Rally schedule so if you have any ideas, please share them with Ray. Also, we have plenty of opportunities for you to host a Rally in 2023. It's really a lot of fun and you'll be surprised how many people, me included, are ready and willing to help in any way.

Oh yes and if you haven't already it's time to winterize. You definitely don't want things to freeze and burst. The repairs would be much more expensive than to winterize. I hope to see everyone down the Road soon.



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

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

#### STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

We just returned from our Ocean Lakes rally and despite some wind and rain everyone managed to have a great time. The success of these rallies relies on our hosts and many volunteers pitching in. It's okay to remember the past rallies but we need to focus on the upcoming 2023 events. We are looking for rally hosts and co-hosts to make our CAC 2023 rallies successful. Please consider being a host/co-host. We can match you up with

past hosts to learn their tips and techniques. The CAC website has a host sign-up link to assist you.

Should you have any questions regarding our rallies or hosting please feel free to reach out to the CAC leadership team or the other rally committee members listed below. Thanks for your support. Safe travels.

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 In To Tryon, NC (Urban Rally)

May 11-14 Shining in Shelby, NC (Urban Rally) \* Currently filled but please sign-up on the waiting list\* 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 North Carolina/South Carolina Rally, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, GA

October 19-23 \*\*\* Alumalina Tom Johnson RV Park, Marion, NC \* Note Date change\*

**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 021vicepresident@wbcci.net



#### PAST PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

#### LINDA FISHEL CAC President 2010

This month we dedicate the Past President's Perspective to our dear beloved Linda Fishel, who served as Club President for the year 2010. We located her November President's Corner article to publish in her honor. We love you and miss you, Linda.

Bruce Thompson

#### President's Corner – Tarheel Traveler- October/November 2010

October is gone and we are enjoying the cold November weather! The Carolinas Unit has had an outstanding October. We celebrated the club's 50th anniversary at our rally at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, NC. About 80 folks attended our anniversary dinner. What excitement we had seeing many of our former members - past presidents, first ladies and others. We had 28 units attending the rally. Way to go, gang! Here's the note from Francis Collins, a past first lady and I quote, "I enjoyed the party so much, especially all those HUGS. That was just like old times, greeting friends and the good fellowship. The folks I had not met were very nice also. I think you have a great club. Thanks again." That says it all.

Our club officers for the coming year were elected at our October business meeting.

The following will serve as your officers and

directors for 2011: President - George Lamb; 1st Vice-President -

Miriam Ross; 2nd Vice-President - Charles Fishel; Recording

Secretary - Robin Nash; Treasurer - Jerry Hall; Corresponding

Secretary & Newsletter Editor - Lynda Brown.

Directors: 2 yr. term John Carriker, III & Ken Dorn

Directors: 1 yr. term Myrna Harris & Dick McKenzie

We "Congratulate" the above members who have agreed to lead and serve our club for the 2011 season. Please assist them in any way you can when called upon or better yet, VOLUNTEER. The club cannot run itself – we need you.

Our last rally for this year has just ended. We had 21 units in attendance at the November rally and everyone seemed to have a great time. We welcomed and installed as new members Mark and Barbara Atkinson from Charlotte. It was great to get acquainted with them and we look

forward to working with them. We were also glad to have Region 3President Rick Bell and First Lady Carol with us at the rally. They just happened to need to work on the Region 3 Rally to be held at Ocean Lakes in 2012 so were able to fellowship with us.

Remember our Installation Luncheon scheduled for December 4th at Bethania Moravian Church in Bethania, NC. We have a number of reservations already and if you have not reserved please do so as quickly as you can. We need to be able to give the ladies at the church a headcount no later than Thanksgiving. I hope your holiday season will be great. It's difficult to believe that Thanksgiving is almost here, and Christmas is just around the corner. Be safe, enjoy your family and friends during the holidays and don't eat too many goodies!!!! Linda Fishel.

#### Airstream Club International Rally 2023 in Rock Springs, WY

To date, 919 rigs are registered to attend our 66th Annual International Rally! That means 316 campsites remain at the Sweetwater Events Complex.

#### **Quarterly Board Meeting**

The next upcoming <u>Airstream Club International Board of Trustees Meeting</u> will be Thursday, November 17, at 10:00 a.m. EST. The meeting will be live streamed on our <u>YouTube Channel</u>.

#### **Quarterly Membership Campfire Chat**

The next upcoming Quarterly Membership Campfire Chat will be Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. EST on Zoom. Click <a href="here">here</a> to log in to our website for instructions on how to participate. You may view the recording of last month's chat on our <a href="YouTube Channel">YouTube Channel</a>, and a recording of next month's chat will also be posted.

If you'd like to stay current on all "things" Airstream Club International go to this link.





#### CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hi Airstreamers!

It was great seeing everyone at Ocean Lakes – our last rally of the year – what a great turnout! And especially great to see Ken Dorn in his awesome Argosy. Glad Ken is doing well.

I was Airstreamless but didn't want to miss this rally, so I stayed off site in Pawley's Island and attended a couple of days. I am ISO of my next Airstream – a 22/23' dual axle early 70's model. Keep your eyes peeled for me. I am on the hunt every day and know

the right rig will be found.

Randy & Shari Hord's – BRN 05724 - fur baby is now a tri-pawed after having a hind leg removed due to tumors and abscesses. The word is he's managing fine with his new look – you GO Henry!!

Tim & Sandra Almy – BRN 06091 – are recovering from Covid and are ready to be back on the road. Their fur baby Amos had an injury to his tail and now has a stub of a tail but is doing well and patiently waiting for his folks to get well so they can be onto the next adventure.

When you next see Henry & Amos give them an extra special hug for being such troopers.

Wishing everyone a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

"We travel not to escape life, but for life not to escape us." – Author Unknown

~cherylanne!

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#### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

#### **LEE DUNN #2731**



Hello Streamers,

As of Nov 18, 2022, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 260 rigs and 476 members strong!

I have received positive feedback about the "Member Highlight" articles. For this to continue I need volunteers to answer a few questions so the article can be written. Please let me know if you are interested in being highlighted in future

newsletters. If I don't get volunteers, I will have to start recruiting.

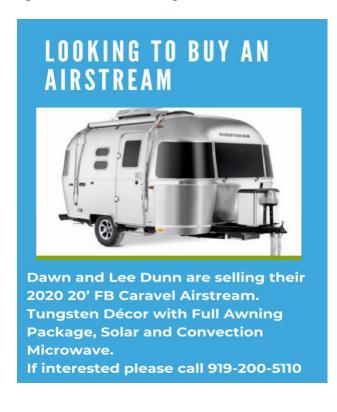
#### **Airstream Club International Renewals**

For everyone who joined the Airstream Club prior to July 2021 your membership renewal date is the end of every year. If you joined the Airstream Club in July 2021 or later your renewal date is the anniversary of the date you joined. So, now is a very busy time for membership renewals. Please help the Airstream Club International office staff by renewing as soon as you can.

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- Jim & Barbara Stephens, transfers from Southeastern Camping, from Angier, NC., and their 2014 22" Interstate Lounge
- Pamela & Ernie Anderson, affiliate members, from Indianapolis, IN., and their 2017 16' Basecamp
- Charles & Joyce Campbell from North Wilkesboro, NC., and their 1973 26' International Land Yacht
- Francis & Deborah DiBona from Asheville, NC., and their 2008 28' Safari

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





# MEET THE EFIRDS

Tom and Michelle

### **About the Efirds**

- Members of CAC since 2014
- They have a 1973 27'
   Overlander International
- They live in Albermarle, NC.
- They enjoy spending time with their four grandchildren.
- Michelle and Tom enjoy the CA Club because they make new friends, visit new places, and share stories and laughs.
- One of their favorite things they enjoy doing together is sitting in the sunroom enjoying coffee and quiet time.

### Michelle

Michelle's hobbies are working with polymer clay and music. She plays the piano and harp and has 23 students. Her favorite campground is Three Rivers in California. She would tell folks who are considering buying an Airstream to just Do It!

### Tom

Tom's hobby is restoring old cars, presently a '59 TR3. His favorite campground is at Lake Powell. He has added LED lights to his '73 Overlander and his advice to someone buying a new Airstream is to purchase a used, tested, and repaired one. The oddest thing that happened in their Overlander was when they had an infestation of ants after camping on a goat farm.

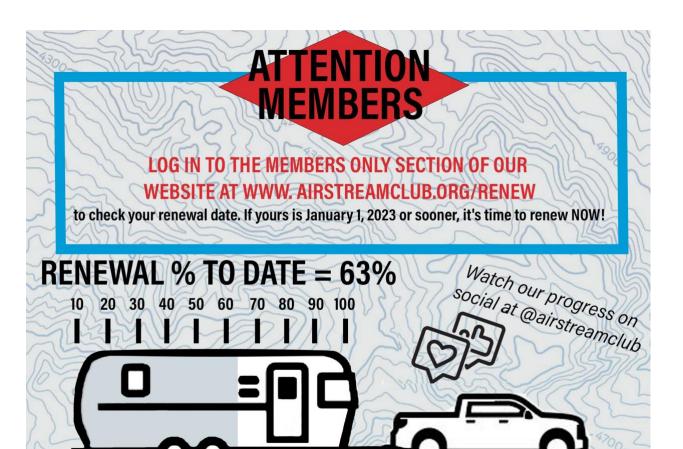


#### "LIVE RIVETED"

This part of the newsletter is to share ideas and provide insights to members about making Airstreaming life easier. Please share your ideas at <a href="mailto:021newslettereditor@wbcci.net">021newslettereditor@wbcci.net</a>.

# "Winterizing Your Airstream" Though this film is long, it is very informative!









"OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!"

MEMBERS' TRAVELS AND CLUB EVENTS

Our fellow members on the Oregon Trail Caravan, Oregon and Scott's Bluff, NE. Cathleen and Jim Plyler with Lexi, Barbara and Dennis Hackett, Deb Gooch, Steve Zoufaly, and Sandra and Tim Almy with Amos



# Alumalina October 27-30











## Ocean Lakes Rally Myrtle Beach, SC November 10-13

Once again, the Ocean Lakes Rally in Myrtle Beach, SC was a huge success!

Despite the weather and a few cancellations, we still had a large turnout.



There were Happy Hours with lots of food and fellowship.





Other highlights included a

pancake breakfast cooked by some of the men in the club,









Christmas ornament making taught by Elaine Myers and a seminar on holding tank maintenance and cleaning provided by Jack Pate from Kleen Tank. He also offered an on-site tank cleaning service at a reduced price for club members while attending the rally. Several rigs took advantage of his service and were highly satisfied.

On Saturday we had our craft sale/flea market, wine and cheese snort camper crawl and that night the traditional "low country boil".



Following the meal we had a short business meeting and installation of our 2023 officers. We then recognized our new members and drew for door prizes which were donated by John's RV in Myrtle Beach and Out of Doors Mart. Sunday morning,

we said our good-byes until we meet up

again "down the road". Thank-you to all who helped this rally be the success that it was.

Claudia Fordham

