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NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB
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December 2022



CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2023

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[Myrtle Beach Rally at Ocean Lakes November 9-12](#)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRUCE BODENSTEIN #816



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, my fellow Airstreamers,

This will be my final article in this slot for our newsletter. Claire and I have felt honored and blessed to have served this year as First Lady and President. Thank you so much for your support and kind words on so many occasions. We wish each of you the very best in this holiday season.

If you're traveling to warmer climates over the winter, as I know many of you are, please drive safely and "keep the shiny side up" as they say. And report in... We want to hear of your adventures.

Our new 1st VP Steve Thompson has an impressive lineup for rallies in 2023, so hurry and get booked before they are all full. We most likely need Hosts for these rallies as well. The September one is going to be a little different, with three other local clubs taking part with us at Palmetto Cove. It's going to be great getting to know folks from the Palmetto, Piedmont, and SC Coastal clubs. This hasn't been done in many years and we're looking forward to making this an annual affair.

Please continue to support our 2023 leadership team as you did mine. Step up when and where you can, as I know many of you will. If you feel an urge to get more involved, either as a board member, or in one of the staff positions if you feel you have those talents, don't be shy, get back to me as Past President, or contact Ricky Wilcox, our 2023 President or any other board member. We have an "equal opportunity" policy, and we can probably put you to work.

Farewell for now, stop by if you're in the neighborhood and see you in the Spring.

~ Bruce. 021president@wbcci.net

1ST VICE PRESIDENT & 2022 RALLIES

RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hello Streamers,

I'm reaching out once again with my last newsletter of the year and my last newsletter as your 1st VP.

We made it through Thanksgiving and Christmas is less than two weeks away. We hosted Thanksgiving and are hosting Christmas for both sides of the family. It's a lot of work and planning but comes with a lot of rewards. It's so nice to spend time with family. You never know when you might not be able to. We still have plenty more to do to be completely ready but I'm confident it will all come together.

We're leaving early January heading to Florida in our RV in search of warmer weather and sunshine. I've also been working on the RV getting a couple of repairs done before I leave. I thought my plumbing repairs were done but unfortunately, they weren't. There was also an issue with the slide that was very challenging to say the least. I've gotten the repairs mostly done now, just have to put it all back together. Right now, it looks like a bomb went off inside it's full of tools and materials all over the place. I'm working hard to get everything done and ready before we depart in January. Our plan will have us on the road for three months.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Spend all the time you can with family, friends, and all those you love. At the end of the day that's the most important thing.

The next newsletter I'll be sending out will be as your Carolinas Airstream Group president. Thank you all for the opportunity and if any of you ever need anything don't hesitate to call. I hope you all stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you guys down the road soon.
~Ricky, 1st VP 021vicepresident@wbcci.net



2ND VICE PRESIDENT & 2023 RALLIES
STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

It's been a great year of traveling and getting together at our rallies. We have a good number of new CAC members, and I can't think of a better way to live the Airstream life than getting involved in any of our 2023 scheduled rallies.

As always, the success of these rallies relies on our hosts and volunteers. We are looking for rally hosts and co-hosts to make our CAC 2023 rallies successful. Please consider being a host or co-host. We will 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. **Host needed.**

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. **Host needed.**

April 20-23 Trot Into Tryon, NC (Urban Rally). Should you have questions please contact Skip & Denny Crowe skipcrowe@gmail.com

May 11-14 Shining in Shelby, NC (Urban Rally). Should you have Email Roger Holland roger@h-harchitects.com

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

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. Our host is Cherylanne Weaver. **Co-host desired.**

August 17-20 Top of Georgia Airstream Park, Helen, GA. **Host needed.**

September 21-24 North /South States Rally, Palmetto Cove, Cleveland, GA Host: Bruce Bodenstein; Co-hosts are Lee & Dawn Dunn

October 19-22 *** 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. **Host needed.**

*** Non-CAC events ***

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~Steve 2nd VP 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

PAST PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

BOB CLARK

CAC President 2009

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I have always admired those shiny Airstream trailers and decided I would own one when I retired. But before I get ahead of myself, a little about my background.

I grew up in Winston Salem. Following high school and college, I enlisted in the US Army. In 1971 I completed my enlistment and returned to Winston Salem where I worked for the Winston Salem Police Department. In 1972, I was hired by the NC State Bureau of Investigation where I worked for thirty years. After retirement in 2002, I worked at High Point University as the Director of Public Safety.

While working for the state, I had little time for anything but work. The work at HPU was not as intense and I had time to pursue my dream of finding an older Airstream to restore. In 2004, my search ended. I found a 1972 International Overlander parked behind a barn near Winston Salem. After several months, I bought the Airstream, towed it to Greensboro and have been working on it to this day. I still have several new projects on the drawing board.

Some may wonder how I ended up in the club. After making the Airstream roadworthy, I decided to try Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach. Arriving late, I found my site, set up and went to bed. Next morning there was a knock on the door, Duane Carter invited me next door to a wonderful breakfast, explaining that the Carolinas Unit of NC and the Eastern NC Club were having a joint rally. He and his wife Pat were wonderful hosts and told me all about the club with an invitation to join. After I joined, someone knocked on the door. The Eastern NC Club President asked Duane if he had seen the owner of the Airstream with no big red numbers parked beside Duane. Duane said he is right here and you are too late, he has already joined our club.

Since joining the club in 2004, eighteen years have gone by quickly and I have enjoyed each rally and other functions of the club. I have tried to attend as many rallies as possible.

International rallies attended included:

2005 Springfield, Missouri	2006 Salem, Oregon
2007 Perry, Georgia	2009 Madison, Wisconsin
2016 Lewisburg, West Virginia	2022 Fryeburg, Maine

You will not find a more caring and honest group of folks. Every club member in the past and present I have met was willing to do what needed to be done to make the club function as a well-oiled machine. During my time as President, I had a very easy and fun filled year because everyone was willing to pitch in and help. I have made many friends over the years and hope to make many more in the future. I chose not to mention names because I am afraid, I will omit someone.

Take care, be safe and Happy Camping!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS with many goodies!!!!

Bob Clark



CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

2022 is coming to a close and with that I have no news to report. I hope that means everyone is doing well and moving towards the holidays.

I'm looking forward to next year and the many adventures that await Carolinas Airstream Club members – club rallies and personal trips.

If you'd like the club to know about something going on in your life, please send me a note and I'll make sure it gets into the newsletter.

Ring in the 2023 with cheer and be safe!

“All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware.”

Martin Buber~cherylanne!

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

LEE DUNN #27312



Hello Streamers,

As of December 13, 2022, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 262 rigs and 483 members strong!

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

See you down the road in 2023.

If you have a membership or Evernote questions drop me an email.

~Lee, Membership Chair 021membershipchair@wbcci.net

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- **Nathan & Melly Quinones from Waxhaw, NC., and their 2019 25' Flying Cloud**
- **Walter & Deb Hawkins from Cascade, VA., and their 2017 28' Flying Cloud**
- **Bill & Helen Bailey from Mt. Pleasant, SC., and their 2021 27' International**
- **Affiliate members Jill & Alan Rabb from Greensboro, GA., and their 2020 30' Classic**
- **Affiliate members Mary & Hank Shore from Columbia, SC., and their 2020 16' Caravel**
- **Robert & Ginger Ealy from Morganton, NC. and their 2020 30' Flying Cloud**
- **Kate and Kim Coast from St. Augustine, Fl. and their 2016 26' Flying Cloud**
- **Robert Rottschafer from Newnan, GA. and his 2019 30' Classic**

Membership Spotlight



WAYNE CLARK AND BOB HOFFMAN

Have you ever seen a Chang Tin Pony? You have if you've seen Wayne Clark's and Bob Hoffman's 2020 27' Airstream Globetrotter, named after the couple's love of travel, beer, and wine. Add to that list of loves is the Carolina Airstream Club (CAC) and the camaraderie Wayne and Bob feel among club members.

As two of the most active travelers and members of the CAC, Wayne and Bob live the advice they offer to those new to Airstreaming and CAC:

- Use your Airstream as much as you can
- Find your community
- Get involved
- Host a rally.

When Wayne and Bob travel with Chang Tin Pony, bringing their friends and family is not unusual. Jekyll Island Campground is one of their favorite destinations; their Soundbot Bluetooth speaker and electric griddle are two of their favorite camping accessories; cooking a full Thanksgiving dinner outdoors is one of their memorable moments.

On the rare occasions when Wayne and Bob are home, they enjoy checking out the local craft brewery scene in Charlotte, sipping wine or bourbon, or enjoying fireplace evenings with friends and family.

Now you know what a Chang Tin Pony is, and a little more about the couple who exemplify the meaning behind the name.

“LIVE RIVETED” BLOG

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.

Winter Camping vs. Winterization

Many Airstreamers love [winter camping](#). Although Airstream recreational vehicles are not built for four-season travel, with extra equipment, a few procedural changes, and a healthy amount of gumption, winter camping can be fun and fruitful.

While your Airstream is built for taking all the comforts of home along for adventures during the warmer months, camping in freezing temperatures can result in major headaches and maintenance issues – even when all recommendations are heeded, and procedures are conducted perfectly. Just a few drops of water in your Airstream’s plumbing, inside the water heater or water pump, or sloshing in one of your holding tanks can cause damage when temperatures drop below zero – damage that could require costly repairs.

That being said, if you’re one of the adventurous ones who want to try your hand at winter camping, your best bet is to familiarize yourself with the procedures and techniques that have worked for others. From blogs to videos to tips and tricks, we’ve got plenty of resources to help you get started:

- [How to Take a Winter Camping Trip](#): Eight tips and tricks for making the most of snowy camping.
- [Ask an Airstreamer: Winter Camping 101](#): One of the most popular episodes of our Ask an Airstreamer webinar series.
- [The Airstream Guide to Winter Camping Adventures](#): A free, downloadable guide to hitting the road in winter.
- [A First-Hand Account of Airstreaming in the Winter](#): Our friends Danielle and Ryan hit the road in a four-part winter camping blog series
- [Best Winter Camping 2021](#): Great campgrounds, advice, and more
- [Staying Safe and Cozy During Winter Travel](#): Tips and advice to help your winter camping trip go off without a hitch.

Let us spotlight your travels.
Send pictures to
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Highland Haven has set April 1 as the date guests can set up reservations thru [Reserve America](#).

So, if any members want to reserve a sight, you will need to be on Reserve America at 12:01 AM on April 1.