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New Year*

THE BELL RINGER

PALMETTO STATE AIRSTREAM CLUB
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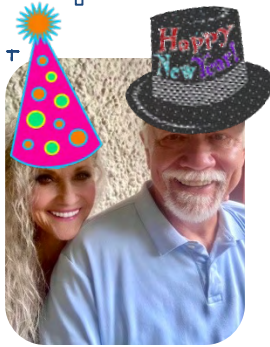
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President's Message: by Burt Broadway (BRN 6718)



I have been hearing Christmas music all day and what a blessing it has been. To be honest, this is the most favorite time of the year for friendships. We build them with each other when we are camping at our rallies and they last a lifetime. We depend on EACH other!

As hosts and members of our club, it takes a team! I am counting on each of you to join us at our rallies this year. Please check the Bell Ringer as it has our full rally schedule, along with the International Rally, and other event rallies. Please send an email to me at Burt.Broadway@gmail.com with your rally schedule attached. This will allow our hosts to know how much food to buy and fix for our event. This does not mean you cannot change your plans if something comes up. You can send your schedule to me by individual months or for a whole year.

Please see Bill and Joyce's example of what I would like from each for 2023.

- February – Valentine's Luncheon - We will miss it! ☹
- March – Ocean Lakes – Arriving March 16, and leaving March 19 – Site #36.
- April – Silver in the City – Arriving April 20th and leaving April 23, parking on the street.
- May – Silver on the Wylie – Arriving May 17 and leaving May 21 – Site #7.

We have one rally scheduled for 2024 because of the location; it will fill up very quickly! This one is Mountain Stream, one of the top RV Parks in the US, with a 5 Star rating. I have personally stayed there and it is a great park with decks built out to the stream. See page 4 for details.

Our February luncheon should be fun for everyone and we will use this one to kick off the new rally season. This luncheon is at the Shore Club in Tega Cay from 11 AM to 2 PM. It's always a fun time with many exciting things planned.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great time we had at Bob and Arlene Puryears' home for our Holiday Luncheon. Great Friends, Great Hosts and all members had a wonderful time.

Until next month, Gail and I are wishing each of you a Healthy and Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you soon!



January Birthdays:

Kathleen Tyminski – 1
 Steve Schnaubelt – 5
 Eric Pollard – 9
 Paul Welch – 16
 Bob Glenn – 19
 Gail Broadway – 20
 Terry Montgomery – 22
 Susan Leake – 24
 Donna Pollard – 26
 Jo Jones – 26
 Bill Welch – 31

February Birthdays:

David Pickell – 2
 Judith Wilson-Snead – 3
 Nancy Suttlemyre – 4
 Joann Wallis – 4
 Charlotte Reeves – 7
 Alfred Sineath – 27

Happy Anniversary!

January Anniversaries:

Joe & Dene Huff – 4

February Anniversaries:

Tom & Nancy Suttlemyre – 19



Cares and Prayers:

- Prayers for Ann Miller who has cancer.
- Continued prayers for Jake & Diane Butts.
- Prayers for Sonny & Linda Meadors and Jeff's family.
- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead for healing.
- Healing prayers for Kathy Welch.
- For all those suffering with illnesses during this Holiday Season.

Nuts & Bolts

Submitted by Terry & Annie Montgomery and Bruce (BRN 3156)

Power Conversion in my Airstream

What exactly does a converter do, you may ask?

The converter takes 120 volt AC power from your shore power connection and turns it into 12 volt DC. This is what keeps your batteries charged and powers 12 volt systems and devices in your Airstream. The system also maintains constant output voltages flowing from your shore power connection or generator.

Airstream uses different converters depending on whether your model has a 30 or a 50 amp power system. Remember that most if not all of the lights in your Airstream are 12 volt. It is also worth noting that the control voltage for your furnace is 12 volt. Older model 2 way refrigerators and water heaters also use 12 volts as their control voltage.

You should familiarize yourself with your converter owner's manual. Not all converters are created equal and it is important to know what the particular converter in your Airstream will do. For example, it would be good to know if your converter is capable of charging lithium batteries before you decide to change over to lithium. Most newer converters produced nowadays have the capability to charge lead acid, AGM and lithium batteries. It is just a matter of changing a setting on your converter to accommodate the type of batteries that you have installed in your unit.

After my brief and simple intro to what a converter does, your next question may be, (How do I know if my converter is working?) If the battery maintains a consistent charge between 12.3 and 12.9 volts, it is working properly. Anything less is a bad sign. Some of the warning signs of an RV converter not working are abnormal flickering or dimming of the lights, and systems that require 12 volt DC do not operate correctly. Just a little test here because I mentioned some of those systems earlier.

Finally, if your batteries cannot hold a charge, the problem is either the batteries or the converter most of the time. To test your converter you will first want to test your batteries. To do this you should disconnect from shore power or the generator. With a digital multimeter test each battery. Again you should see a reading between 12.3 and 12.9 volts. Reconnect to shore power and test the output of your converter. This can be done at the battery box with a digital multimeter. Place the red lead of the meter on the positive post of the battery and the black lead on the negative post of the battery. If the converter is working properly you should see a reading between 12.3 and 12.9 volts.

I hope this bit of information is helpful. Just a few simple steps to follow to hopefully troubleshoot and solve a problem. Maybe we could do this as a Nuts and Bolts at a rally sometime. It doesn't take that much time.

As always, safe travels to all and see ya at a rally in the near future.

The Prettiest Little Park This Side Of Heaven

Mountain Stream RV Park - May (2024)

You MUST sign-up for this Rally by January 1, 2023 submitted by Don Lee, 1st VP (BRN 11798)

If we want to get in at this beautiful campground you have to book **NOW** and by January 1, 2023!

This campground has a 5 star rating! ★★★★★

Yes, I realize that's a long ways off, but they have graciously offered to hold our spots until January 1st 2023. As of recent, we only have 5 rigs registered.

This is a great location and you back your rigs up to a small flowing stream and some sites even have decks built out over the water. All sites are shaded with full hookups.

They also offer a nice open pavilion for our use!

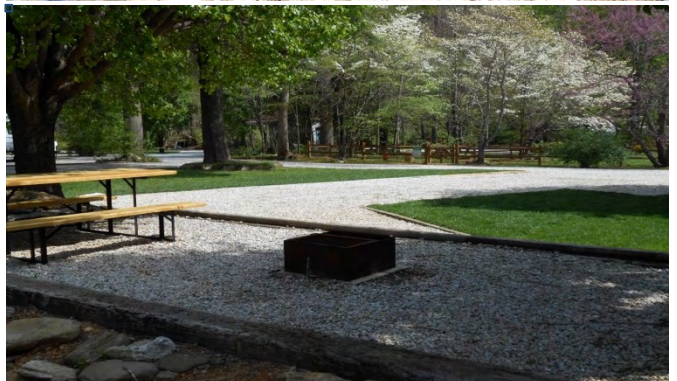
If you haven't made your reservations yet, the office is closed for the season, but you can still contact Shelby at (828-337-1467) and she will take care of your reservation for you. **Be sure to tell her you are with the Palmetto State Airstream Club.**

We have had some great rallies in the past and I look forward to this one being added to that list! Great rallies are made by our club members and I look forward to seeing you at the "prettiest little park this side of heaven," Mountain Stream RV Park.com.

The dates for the rally are **May 17th thru May 19th, that's Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. You can come early or stay later.**

More information to follow in 2024 when the rally schedule comes out.

Remember to reserve your spot by Jan. 1, 2023! (Postponing you take a chance by not getting a site, because they do book up fast and you don't want to miss out!)



2023 Rally Schedule



January 5-8, 2023 Canopener (Not a Palmetto Club Rally)

7525 W. County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, 32459

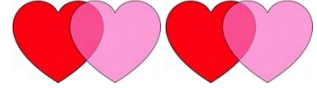
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/CanopenerRally>

February 11, 2023, 11:00AM-2:00PM Valentine Luncheon

Tega Cay Shore Club, 15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC 29708.

We have reservations at the beautiful Shore Club in Tega Cay which is the perfect setting to celebrate Valentine's Day. Please text Gail Broadway at [803-322-7687](tel:803-322-7687) if you plan to attend.

Hosts: Burt & Gail Broadway, Eric & Donna Pollard



March 16-19, 2023 Silver in the Sand Rally

Let's celebrate St. Patty's! Dress in green and decorate to "Do the GREEN thing!"

Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC 29575

We have reserved 25 Sites in the **H Section**. Reserve early to get your favorite spot. Deadline to reserve a site is March 2. All sites have concrete pads and are close to the ocean. Be sure to tell them you are with the Palmetto State Airstream Club. **Call 800-722-1451.**

Hosts: Eric Graham, Bill & Sandee Welch



March 29 – April 2, 2023 Region 3 Rally

Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC 29575. Each person is responsible for obtaining a campsite for their rig.

Call 800-722-1451, as soon as possible, to make your reservation. Make sure you mention that you are with the region 3 Airstream Group and ask to be placed in that area.



April 20-23, 2023 Silver in the City Rally – York, SC

An urban rally hosted by Palmetto State Airstream Club #22. Please let Terry Montgomery know if you are planning to attend by emailing him at terrymontgomery31@gmail.com.

Hosts: Leakes, Montgomerys and PSAC

May 18-21, 2023 Silver on Wylie Rally

Ebenezer Park, 4490 Boatshore Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Call 803-366-6620 and make your reservations as soon as possible, and mention Palmetto State Airstream Club when making reservations. Sites 1-30 are being

held for our club. There are also overflow sites across the road, which are Sites 34, 35, 37, 38, if needed. The block to reserve these sites for PSAC will expire on April 30, 2023.

Hosts: Donnie & Vickie Lee



June 24-30, 2023 66th International Airstream Rally

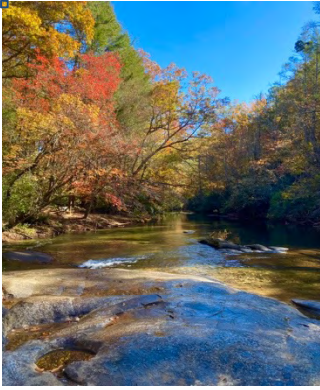
Sweetwater Event Center, 3320 Yellowstone Road, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901 at Sweetwater Events Complex. You can now sign up for the International Rally.

Register: www.airstreamclub.org/Rally2023

or go online, or see your Blue Beret for more details. Also, see page 9 for further information.



2023 Rally Schedule



July 20-23, 2023 Cool'n & Chill'n Cove Rally

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC 29635

To make reservations, email burt.broadway@gmail.com or text him at 980-257-9621 if you are planning on attending. Please provide your day of arrival and departure day. We will send Palmetto Cove a list of everyone attending. They will then contact you to confirm your reservation. You can pay at that time or when you arrive.

Hosts: Need HOSTS!



August 17-20, 2023 Lazy, Hazy Dayz Rally

Lake Greenwood State Park, 302 State Park Road, Ninety Six, SC 29666

Call 864-543-3535 and ask for Campground #1. **Please book early so we can get the sites closest to the recreation building to have a great rally!** Most sites have full hookups.

Be sure to tell them you're with the Palmetto State Airstream Club!

Hosts: Tom & Nancy Suttlemyre, Bill & Joyce Butucel.



September 21-24, 2023 NC/SC State Rally

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Rd.,
Cleveland, SC 29635

See page 8 for details.

Hosts: The Carolinas Club – Don't forget to RSVP the Hosts!



October 19-22, 2023 Alumalina Buddy Rally

Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 Hwy 70 West, Marion, NC
A Carolina Airstream gathering. Four days of food, fun, fellowship, seminars, craft fair/flea market, beer swaps, Bourbon Trails, walking, talking, biking, hiking, paddling, picking, grinning, campfires, miles of Aluminum, and lots of paroozing. Details to come on airforums.com.



November 3-5, 2023 Installation Rally

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC. To make reservations, email burt.broadway@gmail.com or text him at 980-257-9621 if you are planning on attending. Please provide your day of arrival and departure day. We will send Palmetto Cove a list of everyone attending. They will then contact you to confirm your reservation. You can pay at that time or when you arrive.

Hosts: Mike & Debbie Madden, Brad & Tami Van Thof

December TBD, 2023 Christmas Rally

PSAC **Potluck Christmas Lunch**. More details to follow....

NOTE:

We encourage you to make ALL your reservations as soon as possible, except for Palmetto Cove. Please email Burt at burt.broadway@gmail.com or text Gail Broadway at (803) 322-7687. Give her your name, which rally, the dates, and site #.

North & South Carolina – Joint State Rally EVENT | SEP 21 - 24, 2023

521 Table Rock Road Palmetto Cove RV Park, Cleveland, SC

Event Contact: Bruce Bodenstein,
Carolinas Club Past President
brucebodenstein@gmail.com
[704-277-2018](tel:704-277-2018)

Event info site:

<https://airstreamclub.org/021cac-2023-nc-sc-states-rally>

Rally registration link:

<https://form.jotform.com/223056464213146>

Abbreviated synopsis from Past Region 3 President, John Leake:

For many years all of the Airstream Clubs in the Carolinas came together to hold an annual rally called the "Carolinas State Rally." It was held at the Palmetto Cove RV Park and hosting rotated among the then 6 local Airstream Clubs. This joint rally was discontinued somewhere around 2010, with the last gathering having had 50 rigs present, including me. It was fantastic!



Here we go again, but let's set our sights higher and attract a hundred plus rigs this time around with this joint rally amongst the now 4 local Airstream Clubs in NC and SC: Carolinas Airstream Club; Palmetto State Airstream Club; Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club; South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club.

Come join us in September 2023 for a first "quad club" rally in many years at the Palmetto Cove RV Park!



Carolinas Airstream Club is so excited about hosting a joint "NC/SC State Rally" at Palmetto Cove RV Park in September 2023! This park is nestled at the edge of the Blue Ridge Escarpment, just two miles off the Foothills Scenic Highway. Palmetto Cove RV Park was previously home to the annual Alumalina Rally and was originally founded as an

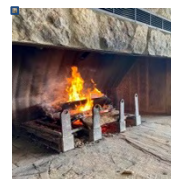
Airstream campground designed for rallies.

This rally is a refresh and renewal of a historical joint rally amongst the local Airstream clubs in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Carolinas Airstream Club will be taking the lead hosting duties for the 2023 event, but we hope to continue this rally annually and rotate the hosting duties through all four local clubs.

In addition to its beautiful views and accommodations, Palmetto Cove RV Park offers plenty of [nearby attractions and outdoor activities](#), including Table Rock Mountain, Caesar's Head State Park, Jones Gap State Park, Victoria Valley Vineyards, Table Rock Tea Company and Dupont Forest.

The park offers [148 full hookup sites \(30 & 50 amps\)](#) with easy parking. Also, there is a lounge and dining hall for rally events.



- Carolinas Airstream Club (#021)
- Palmetto State Airstream Club (#022)
- Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club (#161)
- South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club (#150)

We hope you can join us!

Stay tuned for additional details from the hosts of the Carolinas Airstream Club:

Claire & Bruce Bodenstein and Dawn & Lee Dunn

FOR CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS: Please do NOT contact Palmetto Cove RV Park directly for this rally. We will have a "wagonmaster" who will serve as the point of contact between us and the park. Once we have specific details regarding the campground and campsite registration process we will share those details with rally registrants and update the information on the websites listed above.

Again, at this time do NOT contact Palmetto Cove RV Park directly.

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3320 Yellowstone Road
ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING 82901



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You can now sign up for the International Rally.
Register Online www.airstreamclub.org/Rally2023
or by Mail ♦ Phone 937-596-5211
or see your Blue Beret for more details.



Welcome New Members

Barry Barta Barryb9460@aol.com

Carolyn Barta carol86414@aol.com

BRN 07571 (2023 Globetrotter FBT 25')
York, SC

We are brand new campers/Airstreamers. My husband retired a few years ago, and I just retired this past November. We both worked for Piedmont Medical Center. He was a Respiratory Therapist, and I was a Unit Secretary, so when I retired we decided to get our Airstream. We ordered our rig back in February, the Globetrotter 25ft FBT.

We decided on the Airstream for a couple of reasons. The Silver in the City rally was our first introduction to the Airstream, and we were

impressed! The second reason was we like to go to cat shows, and show Siamese. We were tired of trying to find decent hotels that accept pets.

The other problem was the prices have gotten so expensive, paying extra for pets on top of hotel prices.

We are looking forward to meeting fellow club members!

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Ron Akridge ron.akridge@icloud.com

Leslie Akridge leslie.akridge@icloud.com

BRN 11311 (2018 Flying Cloud 23')
Huntsville, AL

Joey Fairey joe@faireychevrolet.com

Becky Fairey bbfairey@gmail.com

BRN 29135 (2011 International Serenity 27')
St. Matthews, SC

Ben & Beth Richey

richeybenjamin2@yahoo.com

BRN 18808 (2020 Flying Cloud 25')
Fort Mill, SC



Anyone can donate anything as a door prize.

Please contact Pam Devine, our new **Director and Door Prize**

Donation Coordinator,

at (704) 300-3364 or email her at

[pjdstreamer@gmail](mailto:pjdstreamer@gmail.com)

and let her know what you'd like to donate. Donate whatever you'd like, such as a craft, or something you think would be a nice door prize. It's always fun to give and receive.



Christmas at the Puryears'



**Boon-dock
Christmas Rally
Dec. 9-11**



Our December potluck lunch was a huge success! Submitted by Vickie Lee (BRN 11798)

The Puryears were very gracious and accommodating hosts. Don and I were fortunate enough to be able to stay Friday night in the Airstream on their property less than 50 feet from their back door! I was anticipating boon-docking but we had water, power, WFI, a level site and friendly neighbors on all sides.

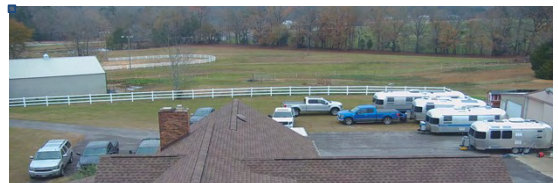
After visiting and everyone getting settled in we went out to the local eatery called Shealys' and had a buffet that couldn't be beat! After being stuffed full of BBQ, chicken, vegetables and more, plus a variety of desserts including peppermint ice cream, we returned to our 'campsite' and settled in at the local theater - the Puryears' upstairs theater room. We enjoyed a good 'chick flick' and a good Christmas comedy. So fun, cozy and relaxing. The perfect activity!

We were treated to a fine continental breakfast Saturday morning and just enjoyed the time spent together until the rest of the Airstreamers arrived for our potluck lunch.

Don and I had to leave Saturday afternoon after the potluck luncheon, due to other obligations, but we were so glad we had this little getaway.

This past year has been the first ever that we pulled the camper at least one time every month except January. Short trips or long we consider ourselves fortunate,

blessed and ready to see the rest of you "Down the Road in 2023".

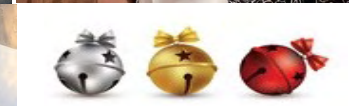


Christmas at the Puryears'



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**Boon-dock
Christmas Rally
Dec. 9-11**



Ho Ho Ho

Submitted by Donnie and Vickie Lee (BRN 11798)

We ran into Santa in downtown York, he was spreading good will and joy to everyone.

Of course, he had to ask if we had been naughty or nice!

This was an admirable example of one of our very own Palmetto Airstream Club members.

Thank you John Leake for your support of the town of York.



So....were Vickie and Donnie naughty or nice this year?



Memories

Submitted by Henry & Fran Herlong (BRN 112304)

It must have been genetic! These are photos from around 1980 showing my parent' Airstream Excella, and two of our children.



The youngest in the photo is our son Michael, who has two teenage children. They have an Airstream FC25 and enjoy camping. They joined us for the kids' weekend at Palmetto Cove, 2021.

Calling ALL Newbies! Submitted by Tami Van Thof (BRN 29651)

If you just bought your Airstream, and haven't traveled that much with it, or still just not sure about getting together with our Palmetto State Airstream Club #22 (PSAC) group, let me share my husband Brad and my experiences so you will feel better.

We came to our very first "rally" last year. Yup, didn't even know what the gathering was even called! I said yes to coming, but thought about backing out 100x. The thought of backing into a spot and potentially looking ridiculous was definitely on both our minds. So we decided we would show up a day early, and early in the day, just to be safe.

We did not understand what was happening at the event, how to prepare, what to wear, food, blah blah blah. It was daunting to say the least but this is what I learned!

First, you usually have to make your own reservation at the campground. Sometimes you may have to pay a deposit, sometimes just tell them your name and who you are coming with, and sometimes you pay the whole amount when you arrive. There is also something called a "Rally fee." This you pay to the club upon arrival. They don't have a credit card machine so bring a little cash or a check. What is this for you ask? Good question! It is the bargain of the year! You pay \$15 or so per person and that covers a dinner or two plus 2 breakfasts. These meals are always a great way to meet people. There will usually be a happy hour (Group Therapy), where people bring something to share and their own beverage. Oh yes, and every one brings their own set up. Yup, had to ask what that was as well! That means you bring your own plate, utensils and napkins to each meal, but it's not a big deal!

Going Antiquing!



Beyond the meals, they usually have a list of fun things to do. Saturdays are time for everyone to explore, play games, visit or relax. The campgrounds they choose always have so many unusual ways to spend your time. We have tubed down a river, gone to a museum, listened to music, I looked at antiques, participated in wine tastings, hiked and so much more.

My purpose is to hopefully get each of you to make a reservation for one of our 2023 rallies right now! We will buddy up with you to make sure you don't feel apprehensive but have as great a time as we do. You will surely gain some of the best friendships that likely will last a life time. Hope to see you down the road soon!



Lunch & wine!

P.S. The newsletter that comes out once a month tells you what is going on and a schedule for that month's rally, so come join the FUN!

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Rumkugeln (Rumballs)



Ingredients:

2-1/4 cups (500 grams)

powdered sugar

3 + shot glasses Captain

Morgan's Spiced Rum

(depending on how much you like)

or you can substitute for

Rum Flavoring (not a fan)

1 cup (250 grams) butter, softened

½ cup (100) grams) cocoa powder

Toppings:

Chocolate sprinkles, chopped nuts or unsweetened coconut flakes.

Directions:

Mix all ingredients together, (it will be sticky), until well combined. Then make small balls with the dough. Roll each ball into the sprinkles or coconut flakes.

Place the rumballs into small cupcake/candy holders.