



# TARHEEL TRAVELER

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



December 2022

## CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2023

[CAC Kick Off James Island Rally March 16-19](#)

[Tanglewood Park NC Rally April 13-16](#)

[Trot In To Tryon April 20-23](#)

[Shining in Shelby "Urban Rally" May 11-14](#)

[Cool Breeze Galax, Virginia June 8-11](#)

[Hot Springs Resort and Spa Rally July 13-16](#)

[Top of Georgia Rally August 17-20](#)

[NC/SC States Rally Palmetto Cove, Cleveland SC](#)

[September 21-24](#)

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

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. We're well underway with 2023 and I'm praying this will be an amazing year for us all. This is my first newsletter as your president, and I'll do my best to do a good job for the club. If there's any issues or concerns anyone thinks that needs my attention, please point them out to me. I can't help with anything that I don't know about.

My wife Joan and I have been preparing our RV for a road trip for weeks. We pulled out and said goodbye to North Carolina on January 9th. We had an RV service appointment in Gaffney on the 10th and headed South that evening. We made it below Atlanta that evening and spent the night OTR (on the road). That's just whatever I can find to park. We went to Pensacola and visited friends for a few days. All the preparing you can do still doesn't mean you will not have trouble. I guess when they lifted the motorhome the windshield pushed out in the top corner. I've had issues with that before, so I bought tools for that sometime back. We went and had lunch and was going to repair the windshield when I returned. We were parked on the street in front of their house. We'll when I returned the driver's side mirror had been hit by something big, a truck or something and was hanging by the wires. I had an emergency on my hands because I can't drive without that mirror. I disassembled the mirror and took the inner frame out. I had to cut the wires to get it apart. I searched for a welding shop that could weld aluminum and there was one in the same neighborhood of my friend Ed.

We went there and got it welded. It was cool enough by the time I got back to the RV to reassemble it. I had all the splice connectors and tools to rewire it, put the chrome cover back on and we were back in business. I then repaired the windshield and got everything back together and tools put up before dark. I hated to have to do all that work and not visit with our friends, but it was a necessity evil. Lol.

We still had a nice visit and hit the road again and said goodbye to our friends and Pensacola. We had four more days OTR headed South. We spend one night in Alabama, one night in Northern Florida, one night in Naples, one night in Homestead Florida. We arrived in Big Pine Key yesterday. It's been a busy couple of days getting all set up. Now we can relax and enjoy. Life always can present you challenges; you just have to navigate through them. It's not always easy but the reward on the other side is so worth it.

Until next month everyone please stay safe out there and I look forward to what's in store for us all in 2023.



~ Ricky

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

Happy New Year! January ushers in many opportunities to start new adventures, re-connect with old travel companions and meeting new friends. Many of us have already been on the road and have plans to attend one or more rally events this year.

Our first rally this year is on James Island South Carolina and the park is full. Don't let the "full" scare you away as frequently people drop out—keep trying. Although some of our events are quickly filling up; you can still sign up on a wait list. Both of our scheduled urban rallies are very popular, and the Shining in Shelby is already full. Highly recommend you plan and make your reservations early. **Please if you make reservations and elect to cancel those reservations let me know before you cancel as someone is always looking to jump in.**

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.

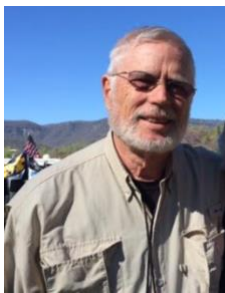
If you have any questions regarding our rallies or hosting, please feel free to reach out to the CAC leadership team. My email is below.

Thanks for your support and safe travels.

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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER & 2024 RALLIES

RAY COMBS #822



Hello Fellow Streamers,

I know we are barely in 2023, but we are hard at work planning an exciting rally season for 2024. It is getting harder and harder to book campgrounds and we need you to be thinking about 2024 as well as you will need to make your plans and reserve your sites earlier than ever, so be thinking and getting those calendars handy.

For 2024 we are looking at campgrounds in the mountains, the beaches, Savannah and all points in between. If you have any ideas of a place that would make a fun rally, please let us know. One new thing we hope to do next year is a Rolling Rally. What is a Rolling Rally you might ask - well, it is a series of two or three rallies held back-to-back. You could go to one, travel together and attend them all or hit just the first and last, whatever worked best for your time and interests.

In searching for good rally spots, we have come across some exceptional campgrounds that we cannot use for a rally for various reasons but thought you might like to check them out

for your own camping. We are calling these Spectacular Rejects. Here are two of them this month - we will have more in the future.

- Greystone RV Park, greystonervpark.com, 1166 Pilot Knob Park Road, Pinnacle, NC, 336-368-5588. This is a gated campground on top of a mountain with generous sites and a gorgeous view of Pilot Mountain. They have a beautiful bathhouse and laundry facility, very nice owners. Would be a great campground in the summer - was breezy and cold the day we visited.
- Riverwalk Campground, riverwalkrv.com, 315 Riverwalk Trail, Jonesville, NC, 833-788-2229. This campground also has a great owner. This campground was honored to receive the Compendium Campers Choice Award in 2021. There is an on-site brewery plus a lot of other amenities.

Get your 2024 Calendars out, sharpen your pencils and start planning now.

~Ray [021vicepresident@wbcci.net](mailto:021vicepresident@wbcci.net)

## PAST PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE

JIM COCKE

CAC President 2008

#4822



Hello Airstreamers,

I served as president of our local club in 2008. Debbie and I were four-year members of Carolinas Unit of NC (now Carolinas Airstream Club) already and in our first year as full-time Airstreamers. We'd just quit our jobs, sold the house and contents, and moved into the Airstream. We were excited about life away from work, on the road, with each other. We had made the commitment to lead our local Airstream Club with two fantastic vice-presidents, Bob Clark and Linda Fishel.

While I was president of Carolinas, Debbie and I participated in the two-week Fly-Drive Alaska caravan. We returned from AK for the unit rally at Dan Nichols Park in Salisbury, then followed John Carriker out to the 2008 International Rally in Bozeman. Debbie and I, after the Bozeman rally, launched into the National Landmarks West Caravan. The only two local rallies we missed that year, August and September, were while we were still out west. We hustled back to North Carolina just in time for Raccoon Holler rally in October and, of course, for Ocean Lakes in November and the wonderful Christmas luncheon in December. A really busy year!

We followed recommended best practices for local club leadership. Fortunately, this included recruiting strong leadership for numerous committees. Things can run so well when you have great people volunteering to help, and we developed closer bonds with the volunteer leadership. A great team effort resulted in our own local club flag. Rick Rorie volunteered to design this early in the year and by the Christmas luncheon we were selling the flags.

The international club was in turmoil in 2008 because of pressure on several fronts. Foremost among these was the “motorhome issue”. Airstream Inc had announced they would no longer produce Class A motorhomes. This issue wasn’t so much a hot button in our local club, fortunately. Airstream Inc was targeted by many members for their apparent failure to understand the club’s needs. How could the manufacturer not realize the club needed continued production of Airstream motorhomes? Airstream Inc’s patience inevitably wore thin with the strident assaults from membership. The club would need ten years to improve relations again and recover some of the former goodwill with Airstream Inc.

I was young and idealistic in 2008. Debbie and I did a lot of things online, as do many of you. My proposal to offer the monthly Tarheel Traveler newsletter on line was met with a lot of resistance and more than a little scorn. How would members without internet access obtain a copy? What would happen to the archival of the past newsletters? How could we keep it out of the hands of non-members? Our local club, it seems to me, has done a superb job maintaining inclusivity in this and other important facets.

Nowadays I find myself laughing at the differences fifteen years can bring. In 2008 we were pleased to report five or six new members a month. Currently the Carolinas Airstream Club often seems to celebrate five or six new members per week. Inevitably another change from fifteen years ago is the absence of so many friendly faces we knew so well. Some of you know who I mean when I mention, for example, the Ammons, Dixons, Heavners, Littles, Medlins, MacGills, Martins, Mosers, Overcashes, Plaxcos, Tysons, Yosts, and others. These all are very active members from Deb’s and my early days in our local club. They all attended many rallies with us and had a big impact on us. We’re grateful for the great example set by these members and for the relationships we are privileged to enjoy with members today.

*~Jim*





CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883



Happy New Year Airstreamers!

I hope everyone had a safe and fun-filled holiday season and New Year resolutions are under way. The Rally line up looks great for 2023. My fingers are crossed I will find the right rig sooner than later.

Please continue to keep Ken Dorn – BRN#03139 – in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to battle cancer and the tumor in his spine. Pray the tumor will shrink and Ken can back to doing what he loves – Airstreaming!

If you or someone you know has something going on that you would like to be shared with Carolinas Airstream Club, please reach out to me.

“Wherever you go, go with all your heart.” — Confucius

~Cherylanne

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**CARAVAN  
ALERT**

[WWW.AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG/CARAVANS](http://WWW.AIRSTREAMCLUB.ORG/CARAVANS)

Several spots on the Taste of the Blue Ridge  
Caravan have opened!

Contact Dick & Becky Martin, Caravan Leaders  
[Airstream2753@gmail.com](mailto:Airstream2753@gmail.com)  
Dick (919)-349-1122, Becky (919)-637-6883

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

LEE DUNN #27312



Hello fellow members,

As of Jan 20, 2023, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 248 rigs and 456 members strong!

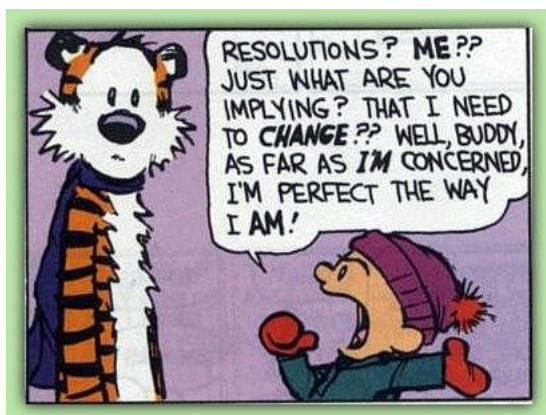
If you have been tracking the numbers this is a decrease of 14 rigs and 27 members from the last newsletter. The best explanation of the lower numbers is that not everyone has renewed for 2023. In fact, since the last newsletter 25 new people along with 13 new rigs have been added to the Carolinas Airstream Club membership. Have you renewed your membership?

Have a membership question? Having problems with Evernote? Drop me an email!

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

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- **Pamela & Clark Ross from Candler, NC., and their 2023 25' Globetrotter**
- **Michael Tassell & Jerri Fowler from Kernersville, NC., and their 2002 22' International**
- **William & Kelly Brickey from Moncure, NC., and their 2023 25' Globetrotter**
- **Norma & Larry Thrower from Swansboro, NC., and their 2019 30' Flying Cloud**
- **John & Susan Sinden from Raleigh, NC., and their 2018 28' International Serenity**
- **Tony & Donna Hawkins from Trenton, NC., and their 2012 20' 20FB**
- **Sara Tipton & Norman Manning from Kittrell, NC., and their 2023 27' Globetrotter**
- **Transfers from Greater St. Louis, Scott & Carla Holste from Jefferson City, MO., and their 2019 22' Sport**
- **Donna and Ron Hoffman from Livingston, TX., and their 2018 33' Classic**
- **Baron and Theresa Berry from Fletcher, NC., and their 2020 22' Bambi**
- **Marcia Stoutjesdyk and John Kennedy from Davidson, NC., and their 2022 19' Bambi**
- **Lorie Beam from Waynesville, NC., and her 2021 28' International**
- **Affiliate Members Daniel and Melinda Molina from Avon Lake, OH., and their 2022 28' Flying Cloud 27 FBQ Hatch**



## Membership Spotlight

# MEET ALICE MARTIN



Alice Martin knows first-hand how the Carolinas Airstream Club (CAC) represents “community.” While Alice was in Fryeburg, Maine, for the international Airstream rally, her puppy, Watson, became seriously ill, and needed to spend 5 nights in veterinary hospital an hour from the rally. The CAC was quick to respond members started a GoFundMe page, raised \$2,700 toward hospital bills, and showered Alice with notes, prayers, and hugs. Instead of feeling alone, 1,000 miles from home, Alice felt surrounded by kindness and love.

“My favorite thing about being a member of CAC is being part of such a happy, welcoming, fun crowd of people who love to do the things I love to do, and who look out for one another!”

Since 2019, Alice has been traveling with her 16’ Basecamp, named Scout, to represent Alice’s love of scouting out new places to visit. On her 5-month cross country trip, her favorite camp spot was boondocking at the Wall in Badlands National Park in South Dakota.

When it comes to her camping accessories, Alice’s favorites include her French press and 22” Blackstone griddle. Alice’s other interests include yoga (Alice is a certified yoga instructor), paddle boarding, photography, hiking and cooking vegan dishes. Alice is also an Ayurveda wellness coach.

Alice is no stranger to adventure. In 2013, she hiked Mount Kilimanjaro with her daughter. Alice’s newest adventure is nannying her young grandson.

Take it from Alice: If you haven’t already done so, join your local Airstream club, the international Airstream club and follow some Airstream Facebook groups.

“I would like to once again thank the CAC members for all the good times so far, and I look forward to many more gatherings, rallies, and shared adventures!”



## "LIVE RIVETED" BLOG

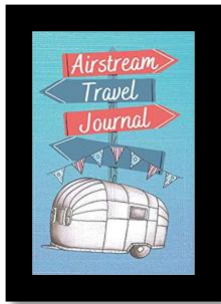
*This part of the newsletter is to share ideas and provide insights to members about making Airstreaming life easier. Please share your ideas at [021newslettereditor@wbcci.net](mailto:021newslettereditor@wbcci.net).*



## Recording Memories

Recording memories of your Airstream travels is a great way to look back on some of the most memorable experiences, especially on a rainy day when you are waiting for your next big trip. Here are some tips on how to record the moments and how to take good pictures to highlight your trip.

Start with a good journal.  
If you prefer to journal by hand, you can order one from Etsy or Amazon



If you're more digitally inclined use some favorite apps such as "[Day One Journal](#)". A daily journal you can do online without having to have any cellular service. You can attach pictures as well as use voice memo. Also just using the Note app can be a quick easy way to journal and add in pictures from your phone.



## Quick Guide for Taking Pictures on iPhone

(from "Living Riveted" Airstream Blog)

### 1. Plan your shots around the best time of the day to shoot pictures, sunrise, or sunset.

Having a travel trailer gives you the opportunity to plan when you arrive at special spots and the proximity to the most scenic sights. Think about how the lighting will affect the scenery and add to the dramatic effects that your photos can capture.

### 2. ABC (Always Be Charging)

Keep your phone charged throughout the day either when in your vehicle or USB ports in the Airstream. Also, investing in a solar powered charger is always a good backup.

**Pro Tip:** If you'll be away from power, use the iPhone's Low Power Mode to conserve power throughout the day. To do this, just ask Siri to "Turn on Low Power mode."

### 3. Talk to the Locals and the Rangers

This is the best way to find out where to take the best photos and also any history that might make your journaling even more colorful.

### 4. Get a Group Photo

Use the delayed photo feature on your phone or consider getting an iWatch. You can take photos by triggering them on your iWatch and you can also view the photo ahead of time.

**Pro Tip:** You could just prop your iPhone on a rock but it's much better to have a small lightweight tripod for your iPhone instead. I love the Ultrapod II + Studio Neat Glif. I've used nearly all the iPhone tripod solutions, and this is by far the best.

## 5. Adjust your Exposure

Sometimes a picture may appear too bright or dark on your iPhone screen. There are a couple of simple ways to make adjustments. Start by tapping the area of the screen that is most important. When you do this, the iPhone will focus and adjust exposure for the area you tapped.

**Pro Tip:** If you still want more control, touch-and-slide your finger up or down. This will brighten/darken your picture, so it looks exactly how you want it.



**Sometimes Life Sends you a Sign!!!!**

# Meet Your Leadership Team

**Ricky Wilcox**  
President



**Steve Thompson**  
Vice President



**Ray Combs**  
2nd Vice President



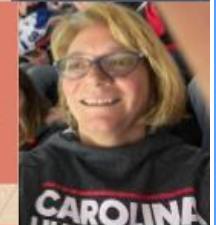
**Elaine Myers**  
Treasurer



**Margie Lamb**  
Recording  
Secretary



**Nancy Kueffer**  
Corresponding  
Secretary, Newsletter,  
email admin



**Lee Dunn**  
Membership  
Chair



**Tim Almy**  
1-Yr Director



**Bob Hoffman**  
1-Yr Director



**Roger Holland**  
2-Yr Director



**Mike Olympio**  
2-Yr Director



**Bruce Bodenstein**  
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President



**Lynn Wilson**  
Facebook  
Coordinator



**Cherylanne  
Weaver**  
"Rally Around the  
Campfire"  
Coordinator



**Wayne Clark**  
Online Store  
Manager  
Assistant  
Webmaster



**Ed Hall**  
Webmaster







“OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!”

MEMBERS’ TRAVELS AND CLUB EVENTS

## “CanOpener” Rally Topsail Hill Preserve State Park January 5-8<sup>th</sup>



Bob Hoffman, Corry Barger, Stacey Daniel, Holly & Chris Gizzi, Steve Cook, Matty Garrett, Susie & Charlie Ellis, Gene & Elaine Santovenia, Gail Gifford, Ernie & Pam Anderson, Wayne Clark

Let us spotlight your travels.  
Send pictures to  
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Steve & Jan Thompson, Wayne Clark, Bob Hoffman, Elaine & Gene Santovenia, Charlie & Susie Ellis



Cornhole tournament -  
Steve Thompson and Peggysue Ford