

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY ♡

# THE BELL RINGER

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## President's Message: by Burt Broadway (BRN 6718)



I hope everyone is ready for a fun year of Airstreaming. Our next event is our Valentine Luncheon Saturday, Feb. 11th at the Tega Cay Shore Club from 11AM to 2 PM. This is our Airstream kickoff at a beautiful venue with a wonderful lunch, games, and photos. I hope to see you there!

If you are planning on camping, there is a KOA about 3 miles away, there is Ebenezer Park about 12 miles away and there is also Carowinds Campground. It is great when we have a lot of members join us for the rallies. If you haven't decided yet, please do and let Gail Broadway know at 803-322-7687 or email me at

[Burt.Broadway@gmail.com](mailto:Burt.Broadway@gmail.com). It is never too late, so come and enjoy the fellowship! We welcome all of our affiliates to join us for all our events; the more the merrier!

I am going to Highlight a position on our board every month so you can think about serving our club as a future officer. Please note this is all voluntary.

### **Highlight Executive positions: Vice President**

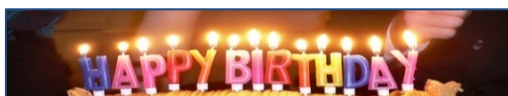
The Vice President's main duty is to choose and set up the rallies for the upcoming year and to stand in for the President, and preside over meetings when the President is not available.

A lot of campgrounds will not book in advance or let you schedule a rally without paying for it at the time of booking. It is imperative we sign up for the rallies in advance so we can justify to the campground that we are going to bring enough members to make it worthwhile for them. Some of our rallies have a cutoff date to hold the campsites, but after the date, it is open to anyone who wants to camp. So please update your Rally Schedule and text it to Gail at 803-322-7687.

Visit [airstreamclub.org](http://airstreamclub.org) which has a lot of information and is a very helpful tool. I would like everyone to put their picture by their name in that directory. Please visit this website and you may be amazed at how much information you can gain, such as caravans of different regions and courtesy parking. All the region news is there and it also has all the clubs, different newsletters, just like our Bell Ringer. So, if you are camping you could identify others who might be Airstreamers as well.

Our March Rally is at Ocean Lakes Campground, March 16-19, 2023, which is a St. Paddy's Day celebration, "Doing the Green Thing!" We have 15 rigs signed up. We are really looking forward to this rally, so come join us and book your reservation ASAP.

We are collecting items for donations for door prizes. We will have a donation box at each rally for you to put your donations in. Also, see page 11 for additional details.



### February Birthdays:

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

### March Birthdays:

Mark Weaver – 9  
James T Schaal – 13  
Cheryl Smithson – 14  
Jan Wilson – 14  
Lisa Holden – 20  
Julie Gray – 21  
Rob Eggebrecht – 27  
Sam Galt – 28

*Happy Anniversary!*

### February Anniversaries:

Tom & Nancy Suttlemyre – 19

### March Anniversaries:

Donnie & Vickie Lee - 25



### Cares and Prayers:

- Prayers for Ann Miller who has cancer.
- Continued prayers for Jake & Diane Butts.
- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead for healing.
- For all those suffering with loss, illnesses and injuries.

## Nuts & Bolts

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

### **Maintenance Items and Schedule:**

- A.** Every 1,000 miles or 60 days, the following should be done;
1. Check the operation of the escape window.
  2. For lead acid batteries check the water level.
  3. Smoke alarm and CO detector, check the battery and replace as needed.
  4. Check tire pressure by following mfg. specifications.
- B.** Every 5,000 miles or 90 days, the following should be done;
1. Lubricate the main door latch with dry graphite or silicone.
  2. Spray the exterior door locks and lubricate with a product like Houdini.
  3. Lubricate the LPG hold-down with a light household oil.
  4. Check the bottom vent on LPG regulator for obstructions.
  5. Torque wheel lug nuts: Aluminum wheels to 110 ft. lbs., steel wheels to 100 ft. lbs.
  6. Lubricate break-a-way switch pin with household oil.
  7. Spray 7 way pin with contact cleaner.
  8. Lubricate hitch ball with wheel bearing grease.
  9. Lubricate and inspect the doorstep.
- C.** Every 10,000 miles or 6 months the following should be inspected: (some of these items are a little more involved and you may choose to have a technician to perform);
1. Inspection of the brake system (technician).
  2. NEV-R-LUBE visual inspection of the wheel bearings (technician).
  3. Windows and door seals clean and coat with silicone after cleaning.
  4. Wax the exterior of your trailer.

This list is by no means intended to be all-inclusive. You may or may not want to attempt any of these items yourself. Just something to think about and perhaps you will decide to perform some of the tasks yourself. Every little bit that you can do helps and it also makes the financial burden on your wallet a little less. I hope you find this nuts and bolts article helpful.

*Please, if there is a topic you want me to research, just let me know. I need some ideas for the March newsletter. Also, if you have a nuts and bolts topic that you would like to share with the group please feel free to do so. Safe travels and see ya at a rally somewhere in this great big, beautiful country of ours!*



## Valentine Luncheon

**February 11, 2023 (11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)**

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.



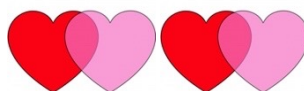
Please text Gail Broadway at [803-322-7687](tel:803-322-7687) if you plan to attend.

**Hosts:** Burt & Gail Broadway,  
Eric & Donna Pollard

We trust you all had a wonderful and blessed holiday season! Now, we are ready to make some great Airstream memories again this New Year! Let's start off with a fabulous **Valentine Luncheon** at the Shore Club in Tega Cay on Saturday, February 11th, from 11:00-2:00.

The Shore Club offers breathtaking views and outstanding service! The menu provides a variety of dishes ranging from seafood, steaks and sushi to sandwiches, burgers and salads.

Please RSVP on our Palmetto Facebook event page or text Gail Broadway at [803-322-7687](tel:803-322-7687).

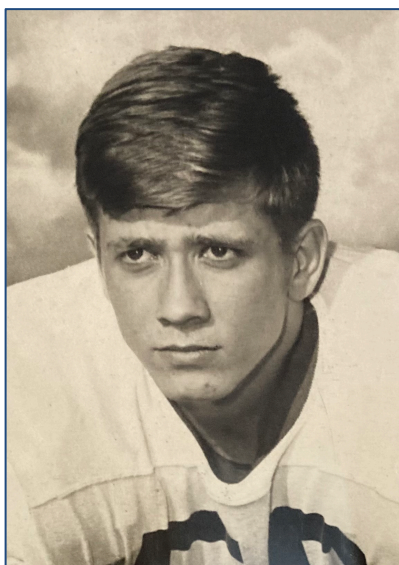


We're looking for a good turnout to have lots of fun, love, and club support and fellowship! Don't miss it!





Try to guess  
who this little  
cutie is???  
The answer will  
be in the next  
month's  
newsletter.



# 2023 Rally Schedule



**March 16-19, 2023**

**St. Paddy's Rally**

**Let's celebrate St. Paddy'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; Silver on the Sands.**

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](mailto: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](http://www.airstreamclub.org/Rally2023)

or go online, or see your Blue Beret for more details. Also, see page 10 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](mailto: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 & 9 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:burt.broadway@gmail.com) or text Gail Broadway at (803) 322-7687. Give them your name, which rally, the dates, and site #.

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

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

### Co-Hosts - Carolinas Airstream Club

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Lee and Dawn Dunn  
[ladinncc@outlook.com](mailto:ladinncc@outlook.com)

The event website:

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

Link to register for the rally:

<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, Ceasar'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)

**FOR CAMPGROUND RESERVATIONS: Please do NOT contact Palmetto Cove RV Park directly for this rally. We have co-hosts, listed above, 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.**



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

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

Reach out to our co-hosts listed on the previous page **NOW**, to make your reservations!

... See the start of our “tentative” FUN agenda listed below...



Tentative agenda below:

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### Thursday, Sept 21 - Tentative

- 4:00 PM - Happy Hour - "Meet and Greet "
- 6:00 PM Dinner - Meal provided
- 7:00 PM and later - Fellowship and "sippin" with old and new friends in front of the fireplace or possibly around a bonfire

### Friday, Sept 22 – Tentative

- 8:30 AM – Pancake Breakfast - Provided by the Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club
- Free time for most of the day
  - Biking?, Hiking?, possible Seminars
- 4:00 PM – Happy Hour - more "Meet and Greet"
- 6:00 PM – Hot dog "Wiener Roast"
  - Hot Dogs, buns, and all the fixins provided
  - Palmetto State Airstream Club and Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club - Please bring salads
  - Carolinas Airstream Club and South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - Please bring desserts
- Another bonfire later?

### Saturday, Sept 23 – Tentative

- 8:30 AM – Continental breakfast - Provided
- 2:00 PM – Ice cream social - compliments of the Carolinas Airstream Club
- 4:00 PM – Wine crawl and Open House (optional)
- 6:00 PM – Dinner - Meal provided
- 7:00 PM and late into the evening - Deep conversations with your newest friends, making plans for future journeys together and maybe a final bonfire later.

### Sunday, Sept 24 – Tentative

- 8:30 AM - Coffee at the minimum and some final goodbyes.
  - Head for home
- Start the planning for next year!

Sign up!  
Register!  
Sign up!



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# 66<sup>th</sup> AIRSTREAM CLUB INTERNATIONAL RALLY



**JUNE 24-30, 2023**  
**SWEETWATER EVENTS COMPLEX**  
3320 Yellowstone Road  
**ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING 82901**



Seminars ♦ Exhibits ♦ Socials ♦ Entertainment

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



## Welcome New Members

Timothy DeMars [tdemars55@gmail.com](mailto:tdemars55@gmail.com)  
Amy Eckhardt [amy.eckhardt@gmail.com](mailto:amy.eckhardt@gmail.com)  
BRN 07581 (2020 Bambi 20')  
Greenville, SC



WE BOUGHT ONE OF THESE UNITS SO WE COULD GET AWAY FROM IT ALL !



"Can you drive for awhile?  
My wrist hurts."

## Welcome New Affiliate Members

Michael Presley  
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Sue Presley [mep4324@gmail.com](mailto:mep4324@gmail.com)  
BRN 03420 (2019 Bambi Sport 22')  
Mint Hill, NC

Dave Fisher [ddscfisher@aol.com](mailto:ddscfisher@aol.com)  
Stacy Fisher [skscfisher@aol.com](mailto:skscfisher@aol.com)  
BRN 08702 (2017 Flying Cloud 28')  
Greer, 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.com](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.

***At every rally there will be a box to put your donations in, so you can donate at anytime.***



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Pamela Parrish [likes\\_green@me.com](mailto:likes_green@me.com)  
BRN 07747 (2011 25FB 25')  
Greenville, SC





# Memories

Submitted by Bob & Jan Wilson (BRN 20673)

A few years ago, before my wife Jan and I knew anything about Airstreams or the WBCCI, we saw an invitation in the Greenville News to an open house at Palmetto Cove Campground, where we could view the iconic campers and meet their owners.

We met Pam DeVine and toured her 16 foot Bambi named Sweet Pea. She was a wealth of information about both the club and the brand. We went on to meet many other Airstreamers and admired their rigs before we left the campground. Needless to say we were bitten by the bug! So we started looking for our first Airstream.

We found a 1976 Airstream Argosy in our price range and it looked great! So we bought it, and towed it home from Hartwell, Ga. I was impressed at how well it towed and we were excited to go camping in it soon. Our three grandsons slept in it soon after we brought it home and they were excited too. Things looked great! But then I started reading all the blogs about potential problems with old Airstreams. I started poking around with an ice pick, (as I had just read in the blogs), and you can guess the rest... So after about a year of major surgery on the old girl, Jan asked when I thought we could take her camping? So I said uh, well...



Argosy



Bambi

So she found a nice 2021 Bambi 19' Airstream and we bought it. We camped in it for a while, but the corner bed was a challenge for two people taking turns getting up in the night. And then the bathroom door wouldn't close if I was seated... it would hit my knee. And the dog took up too much space.

Meanwhile, I was still working on the Argosy.

So we sold the Bambi and bought a very nice 2009 Safari 25' Airstream with a front bed. I did some upgrading to the dinette area and it suited us pretty well.



Safari



# Memories

Submitted by Bob & Jan Wilson (BRN 20673)

But the east-west bed orientation also created a challenge like the Bambi did. I could, however, close the bathroom door! Then, we discovered that our pickup truck had insufficient power to pull this trailer up the mountain to Grayson Highlands State Park. You guessed it... new truck. Still not quite satisfied, we started looking for a bigger Airstream. We found it in Wichita, KS. It is a 2010 Flying Cloud 30' Airstream and we love it! It has a north-south oriented bed, two swivel recliners and room for both dogs and an occasional grandkid.



So back to the Argosy that started this odyssey. (BTW we considered naming the old girl "Argosy Odyssey" since it had taken me most of 6 years working on her, to finish her).

I had done a shell off restoration and completely remodeled her inside and out. We took her to two International Rallies and entered her in the Concord de Elegance competition at both. She won Platinum at one and Gold at the other. But, alas, we didn't need two Airstreams so we sold her to a nice couple in Tennessee.



Argosy

I can honestly say that I know a lot more about Airstreams now than I did 10 years ago and the journey so far has been a lot of fun. We love this club! We love the people and we love the brand! If you're thinking about a camper, look no further. But the club is what makes it great!

Happy Trails!



# Slow Cooker Breakfast Casserole

## Ingredients:

26 oz. hash browns, thawed  
16 oz. breakfast sausage  
12 eggs  
1 cup milk  
2 cups cheese, grated  
1 green bell pepper, chopped  
1 green onion, chopped (for garnish)  
cooking spray



## Directions:

Start by spraying your slow cooker with nonstick oil. Or you can use slow cooker liners, which completely eliminate any cleanup mess.

Place the thawed hash brown potatoes at the bottom of the slow cooker. Cook and drain your breakfast sausage and layer it on top of the potatoes. Place the chopped green pepper and cheese on top next.

Finally, whisk together all dozen eggs with one cup of milk and salt and pepper to taste. Pour the egg mixture over everything. Place the lid on your slow cooker, and cook on low for 8 hours. When the casserole is finished cooking, turn slow cooker to "warm" mode and keep it warm for a number of hours. I like to serve mine with extra shredded cheese, chopped green onions and hot sauce!