



TARHEEL TRAVELER

NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB
THE 21ST CLUB IN WBCCI FORMED IN 1960



March 2023

CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events 2023 & 2024

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

[Trot Into 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](#)

[Battle of Guilford County Courthouse Rally March
14-17, 2024](#)

[James Island, SC Rally March 21-24](#)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

RICKY WILCOX #5016



Hello streamers,

I hope everyone is well and are out traveling or planning on getting out and traveling soon.

We had a wonderful time at James Island County Park in Charleston S. C. for the Carolina's Airstream Club kick off rally of the 2023 season. We had 38 rigs registered to attend with about 70 attendees. That is a pretty good season starter. If you didn't attend James Island don't panic, there are 13

more rallies on the books for the balance of this calendar year. The rallies are filling up fast, so if you have not, be sure to make your reservations soon. If you encounter overbooked campgrounds or rallies with waiting lists, do not panic, be sure to put your name on the waiting list and continue to follow up with the campground and/or rally hosts. Plans change and there are cancellations all the time, it is highly probable with persistence and patience that something will open for you.

Our next Rally on the list is our Region 3 Rally at Ocean Lakes Campground in Myrtle Beach S.C. I have already arrived and am hoping to see you here soon as well. The Region 3 Rally gives you an opportunity to visit with other clubs and meet new friends in the Airstream community and reconnect with those you have not seen in awhile. Ocean Lakes is a really nice campground as well, offering many amenities, including an indoor pool; perfect for the cool spring days we are currently experiencing. The café and creamery have also opened for your patronage. The area offers many experiences to enjoy, including shopping, shows, and many local restaurants to choose from. It's also nice to just relax and walk on the beach or go for a bike ride.

If you didn't know it, we have Rally Cards that list all of the rallies scheduled for 2023. If you don't have a Rally Card, come and see me, and I'll give you one, or contact me and I'll mail you

one. All the information is on the website, but a card is a nice quick reference you can carry with you.

My wife Joan and I have been on the road since early January and should return home by mid-April in time to enjoy the Easter season with family. We've very much enjoyed our travels and I hope to see you guys down the road sometime soon.

~ Ricky

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

STEVE THOMPSON #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

Well, it's that time of year we come out from under a blanket of pollen, wash the Airstreams and hit the road. Jan and I are hosting the first CAC rally of the year at James Island, SC. We look forward to making memories with old friends and new friends. There is no Blarney Stone at James Island, but the area is rumored to have plenty of beer, cheer and perhaps a little jig for everyone.

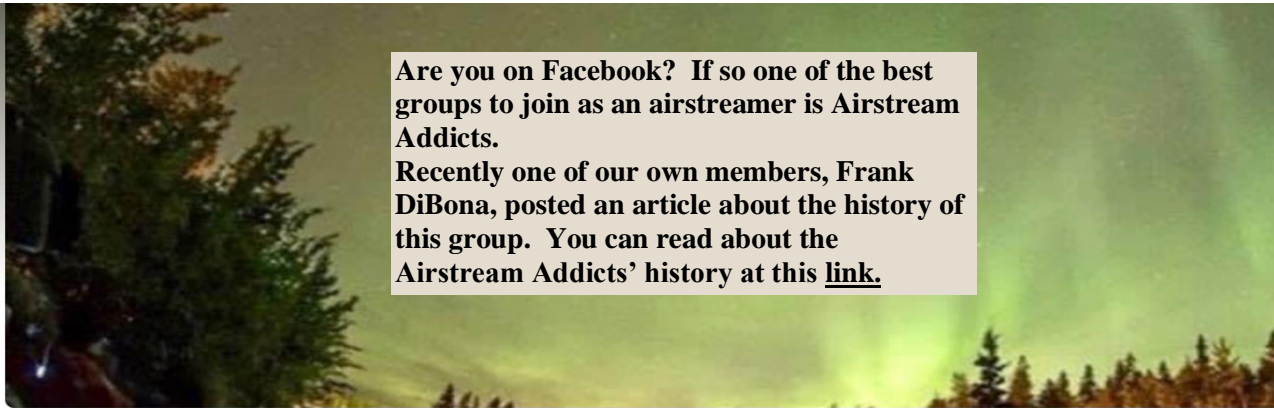
We're excited to say that we have quite a few volunteers to be hosts for the upcoming 2023 rallies. We are still looking for a host for Top of Georgia, Helen GA (17-19 Aug). Don't be shy and jump on this opportunity to improve your club's adventures.

Our next rally will be at [Tanglewood](#) in April. If you want more details look at our website or better yet contact the hosts Kim and Kate Coast. All of our set-aside sites are booked but you may be able to snatch another campsite within the park. Sometimes life gets in the way, and you may need to cancel reservations. Please check with the hosts prior to canceling your reservation as there probably someone looking for a site.

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

Thanks for your support and safe travels.

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



Are you on Facebook? If so one of the best groups to join as an airstreamer is Airstream Addicts.
Recently one of our own members, Frank DiBona, posted an article about the history of this group. You can read about the Airstream Addicts' history at this [link](#).

2ND VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER & 2024 RALLIES

RAY COMBS #822



Hello Fellow Streamers,

We are at James Island and excited to be on our first rally of the season. James Island is beautiful as always and it is wonderful to be together again. But it is time, yes already, to make your plans for next year. Our first two rallies of 2024 are posted on the website and are ready for you to reserve. As we all know, James Island fills up fast, so please make your reservations ASAP. The 2024 James Island Rally is scheduled for March 21-24, 2024. Reservations must be made via ReserveAmerica.com one year out at 12:01 AM to have the best chance of getting the site you want. Once you make your reservation, go to the club website to register.

The rally before St. James is at Oak Hollow Campground (336-883-3492), March 14-17. This rally includes visit to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Make sure you tell the campground you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club. And as always as soon as you reserve your campsite be sure and register for the rally as well on the CAC website.

Our spectacular rejects this month are Red Gate in Savannah and Salem Breeze in Winston Salem. Red Gate was a wonderful place for our rally last year, but sadly have decided not to host any more rallies. It is a super place for individuals to camp though. Salem Breeze is not large enough for a rally right now, but the owner, Robert Sells, is rapidly expanding this campground and thinks he will be ready to host a rally next year. He is ready right now to welcome individual campers. Robert is the owner of Cool Breeze in Galax so he knows how to make camping great for us Airstreamers.

I can't wait to see you at a rally soon!

~Ray 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

Goodbye Winter?





CHERYLANNE WEAVER

#9883



Hi Streamers! Great news!

I HAVE AN AIRSTREAM again!! And she's so stinking cute! A 1973 23' Land Yacht Safari.

Like all old gals she's going to need some work...but did I mention how cute she is! 😊

Rally season is off and running in 2023, and we're gearing up for 2024 James Island Rally in Charleston SC.

Ann Hall (Jerry) – BRN02693 - recently had oral surgery but is recovering well according to her most recent Dr. visit. Keep it up Ann!

Continue to keep Ken Dorn – BRN03139 - in your thoughts & prayers. He has completed radiation and does not need chemo for a while. His weight is down so if you are close to him in Myrtle Beach send some fattening foods his way! He is planning to attend Region 3 Rally in Ocean Lakes.

Eddie Conrad's' (Kathy) – BRN03058 - Dad just had his 101st Birthday! A big shout out to Austin – HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Condolences to Debbie Wood (Jim Cocke) – BRN04822 - on the recent passing of her father.

“A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles.” – Tim Cahill

~Cherylanne

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

LEE DUNN #27312



Hello fellow members,

As of March 19, 2023, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 261 rigs and 482 members strong!

New Entry in Evernote

I have added a new entry in Evernote. Just under the 2023 Officers note is a new note titled “2023 Rally Photo Directories”. (Be sure your “shortcuts” tab is open). In this note are two photo directories for each rally that you can download and open on your device. One is for large screen viewing on computer monitors and tablets. The other is for viewing on a smartphone. I am using the pictures already in Evernote. So, if you don't have a photo in Evernote and want to be

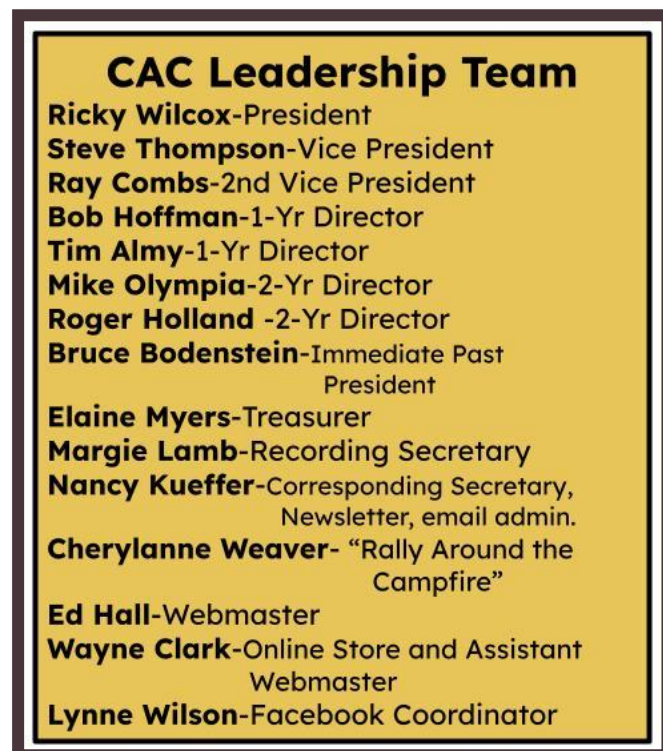
published in the rally photo directories, please send me a photo. Check it out and let me know what you think.

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

~Lee, Membership Chair 021membershipchair@wbcci.net

Our newest members (details in Evernote)

- **Nikita Allen** from Charlotte, NC., and her 2021 20' Caravel
- **Kelly Glynn** from Greenville, SC., and her 2020 16' Basecamp 16X
- **James & Eileen DelPiano** from Salisbury, NC., and their 2023 25' Flying Cloud
- **Louise Weston Rainey & Robert McElwee Raney** from Anderson, SC., and their 2022 27' Globetrotter
- **Pamela Roe-Johnson & Reginald Johnson** from Boynton Beach, FL., and their 2023 30' Globetrotter
- **Max & Amy Fiffick** from Apex, NC., and their 2017 16' Sport
- **Steve & Danette Mountcastle** from Boone, NC., and their 2023 27' Globetrotter
- **Andrew Strickland & Jennifer Cox** from Smithfield, NC., and their 2023 20' Basecamp
- **Chris & Ellen Becker** from Mint Hill, NC., and their 1977 27' Overlander
- **Chris & Kristin Neuman** from Charlotte, NC., and their 2023 28' Pottery Barn Airstream
- **Ken & Kim Sutherland** from Louisburg, NC., and their 2009 25' Classic Limited



AIRSTREAM NATIONAL EVENT RALLIES

National Event Rallies are opportunities to 'stream outside of your local club or region across the country. It's a chance for members, and several with non-members, to get together and do what Airstreamers do best - friends, fun, and adventure. From urban rallies, to live music, to pets and parades, there's something for everyone and every age. Before booking a trip, take some time to research your destination.



**VISIT
AIRSTREAM
INTERNATIONAL
WEBSITE**

<https://airstreamclub.org/nationalevents>



CanOpener Jan 4-7 2024

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park
Santa Rosa Beach, FL
Lindsay Shropshire, Host
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**THESE ARE A
FEW YOU MIGHT
ENJOY!**

National Storytelling Festival October 4-8, 2023

Jonesborough, Tennessee
Harry Herrmann, Host
harry22222@gmail.com

Sun Valley Jazz and Music Oct. 10 - 15, 2023

Festival Sun Valley, Idaho
Bob and Darlene Caldwell, Hosts
airstream267@gmail.com



Membership Spotlight



DAVE AND JUDY ADAMS

BRN 8349

Even before they joined Airstream Club International (ACI) and the Carolinas Airstream Club (CAC) just one year ago, veteran campers Dave and Judy Adams knew there was something special about being part of the world of Airstream owners: unique trailers, unique people, and camaraderie.

Choosing CAC was an easy decision for the Adams: they live in North Carolina, are impressed with the legacy and size of the club, and like the idea that the CAC is so active.

Even after participating in 2 rallies, Dave and Judy have experienced benefits of being CAC members especially helpful to Airstream newbies. They have:

- Learned about places to visit
- Tapped the vast experience and expertise resident in the group
- Seen gadgets and trinkets they never knew they 'needed' but cannot do without
- Felt welcomed in a group where relationships are rooted in common interests — Airstreams, camping and a love of adventure — but which grow from there.

Judy quilts and likes to knit and crochet items which she donates to charities. Dave has completed projects in in woodworking, industrial sewing, and metal working, and also enjoys scuba diving, fishing, hunting and boating.

After a couple of unfortunate experiences as a rookie, Dave has learned some lessons about tightening connections: tighten the end cap to the tube that houses the 'stinky slinky' (I felt sorry for the people driving behind us when we returned home to find our hose missing) and tighten all of the connections before emptying the black water tank (I will never make that mistake again!).

If you 'see them down the road' with your Airstream, the Adams are sure to wave and flash their lights to celebrate their fellow Airstreamers: unique people, with unique trailers.

"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.



IKEA Shoe Storage Bins

One of the major problems most people seem to have is finding the right place or accessory for shoe storage in an RV. These shoe bins from Ikea may be the answer. The bins only stick out 7 inches and a **two-pack is \$39 at Ikea!** It also comes in a black color. It can hold tennis shoes even at size 13. The top is like a shelf and a catch-all for keys and sunglasses right at the front door. The shoe rack is very lightweight, so you don't have to worry about adding extra weight to the RV, but it is sturdy enough to not move around on our travel days. Also, could be used as towel storage in the bathroom or clothes storage in the bedroom.



Adhesive Shoe Racks from Amazon

If the IKEA bins are adequate, you can try these adhesive racks that can fit on the airstream bed base or on the walls. A queen bed can easily fit up to six pairs of shoes, even those size 13s.



Under table Drawers from Amazon

A great RV storage hack is utilizing under the table drawers to discreetly add more storage. If you still have the original table that comes in most RVs this is a great place to add the drawers. Also, most RVs don't come with a dedicated "junk drawer" and these will be a great way to add one. Basically, wherever you have counter space and nothing under it, I would think about installing one of these hidden drawers.





“OH, THE PLACES YOU WILL GO!”
MEMBERS’ TRAVELS AND CLUB EVENTS

James Island Rally March 16-19 Charleston, SC

Bangers and Mash Meal

John & Julie Cooke; Mark &
Nicole DeVita





Pres. Ricky Wilcox,
our fearless leader



Bruce and Marcia Thompson minding the BBQ



Charleston Tea Garden Visit

(Left to Right)
Robin & Roger Holland, Steve &
Jan Thompson, Bill & Helen
Bailey, Dave & Mary Grider,
John & Julie Cooke, Doyle &
Janice Overcash
(Not pictured but attended Marsha & Rick
Morgan)