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NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB
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2023 CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events

Shining in Shelby
“Urban Rally” May 11-14

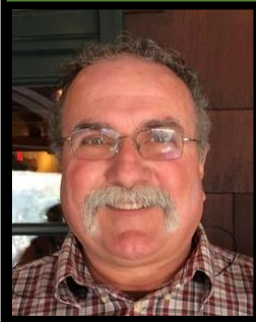
Cool Breeze Galax,
Virginia June 8-11

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 streamers,
I know a number of you are out there camping and attending Rallies this season, because I've meet you out there. The bond I've formed with my Airstream family is amazing. I never imagined all the friends I would make on my Airstream journey. I feel very blessed to be a part of this organization and serve this year as your CAC President.

We very much enjoyed our Region 3 Rally at Ocean Lakes this year. Thanks so much to all the officers and workers that planned the rally and helped make it a huge success.

We returned home for 8 days and headed back out on Wednesday the 12th for our clubs' Tanglewood Rally in Clemmons N.C. Thanks to Kate and Kim Coast for hosting at their first CAC Rally. Being fairly new to our club, they just jumped in and made it a huge success. Thanks to everyone else that helped as well. A big shout out to *Airstream of Greensboro*, formally *Out of Doors Mart*, for providing door prizes and an awesome dinner Friday night. I can't thank them enough for that and bringing a new trailer and Atlas Airstream for us to tour. I have gotten a lot of positive feedback. We formally inducted eight new members which included a couple who were at their first rally



We're home for 3 days and then back out for our first Urban Rally of 2023 Trot Into Tryon. If you've never been to an Urban Rally I highly recommend you attend one. It's a Boondocking Rally where you camp in the middle of town with no hook ups. Lots of fun as well. The town rolls out the red carpet to make us welcome. The businesses usually open for extended hours while we're there as well. Thanks to Skip & Denny Crowe for being the host at that Rally.

Afterwards, I head home for 2 days and then we're back on the road Wednesday 26th for 10 days. We return on May 7th, home for 3 days and head out to Shining in Shelby our second Urban Rally of 2023. Wow, I didn't realize how busy I was until I wrote it all down. It's all good and I'm looking so forward to it. Thanks to Roger & Robin Holland for hosting this one as well. This is supposed to be a newsletter article, not a novel so I'll stop here. When your time and circumstances allow you to get your Airstream out, there is so much to explore out there. Hope to see you down the road!

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Vice President's Corner

Steve Thompson #19771



Hello Fellow CAC Members,

We have had a great start to this year's camping season!

Having been to James Island and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and now having completed our Tanglewood Rally, we are moving into our urban rally segment of our schedule.

I extend a sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of these events and those of you who have stepped up to the plate as hosts for our future rallies. All of our 2023 rallies now have hosts. Jan and I have made many new friends and reacquainted with long-time streamers. It's amazing what you can learn around the dinner table or a campfire. 😊 We are looking forward to the Tryon and Shelby rallies this coming month.

Before closing I leave you with a simple thought... "Wherever you go, go with all your heart."- Confucius

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

Oh, no! Bubbles Flamingo was arrested by the Police Chief of York during Silver in the City!



TENATIVE 2024 AIRSTREAM RALLIES (Full hookups except those **)

March 14-17

High Point, Oak Hollow CG Battle of Guilford Courthouse Reenactment (Hosts Steven & Brenda Mllinix/Dennis& Barbara Hackett)

March 21-24

James Island (Hosts Randy&Shari Hord/John&Sharon Carriker)

Rolling Rally #1

April 11-14

Tanglewood/Maintenance Rally Led by Jim Cocke (Hosts Doug & Mary Miller/Larry&Linda Troxler)

April 14-17

North Bend Lake Corp of Engineers (Book 6 weeks out)**(EW) (Hosts Jim Cocke & Deb Wood)

April 17-21

Region 3 Doswell, VA

April 25

Trot to Tryon (Hosts Skip&Denny Crowe)

May 2-5

Wake Forest, Holly Point Falls Lake**(EW)(book 11 months out) NEED HOST

May 16-19

Holden Beach Sea Breeze Campground (Hosts Doug Bevell/Ed&Janet O'Neill)

Rolling Rally #2

June 1-2

New Market, VA, Endless Caverns Campground (Hosts Steve&Melinda Downie/Bob Knoll&Cindy Gamble-Knoll)

June 4-6

Sedalia Center, VA, Boondocking Rally Visit Bedford D-Day Memorial (Hosts Bruce&Claire Bodenstern)

June 7-8

Galax, Cool Breeze CG for Saturday Night Music Center (Hosts Rich& Marsha Morgan)

2nd Vice President

Ray Combs #822

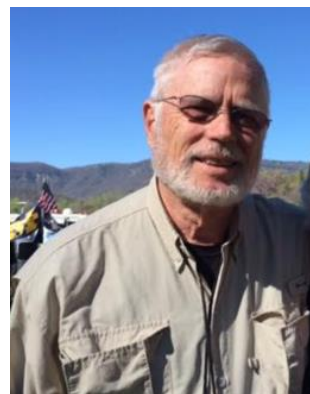
Hello Airstreamers,

We have had 3 rallies now and what a great start to our 2023 camping season. James Island was wonderful, as always, Region 3 was awesome (be sure to go next year!) and Tanglewood was great. Please begin making your plans and booking your sites for the rest of this year's rallies and the ones in 2024. The rallies are listed to the left. Disregard any former lists.

In April of 2024 we will have 3 rallies as a part of our rolling rallies series. First stop will be Tanglewood where we will do all the wonderful things we always do there AND Jim Cocke and his band of helpers will conduct a Maintenance Rally. There will be handouts, demonstrations, you name it. Can't wait to learn more about maintaining our rig. From there we will roll up I-40 and I-85 to North Bend Kerr Lake on the NC/VA line. This is a Corp of Engineers campground which generally means large sites for economical prices. We will relax at the lake, fish, swim, boat, hike or just sit back and enjoy being with each other. Make your reservations for Tanglewood now. Lastly we will roll to our last stop, Doswell and the Region 3 Rally. Look on the website to read more about each of these rallies. Register for each of these rallies individually, directions are on the club website. Register for one, two or all three! Contact me if you have questions, want to volunteer such as hosting.

~Ray 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

PS The month's *fabulous reject* is Mountain River Family CG in Newland, NC. They sadly can't handle a rally but most of the sites are on the river.



June 27-30

New Bern KOA/Ham Field Day Rally (book 1 year out) (Hosts Layne&Wanda McMillan/Dave&Sue Schoenecker)

July 11-14

Blue Ridge Parkway, Rocky Knob CG **Boondocking Rally (book 6 months out) NEED HOSTS

July 23-26

Fletcher, NC., rutledge Lake CG (Book 1 year out) (Hosts Phil&Cathy Drake/Sandra Almy)

August 8-11

Mayberry CG Fiddler's Convention (book 1 year out) (Hosts Jim&Kathleen Plyler/Gary&Sandra Long)

August 22-25

Boone Koa (book 1 year out) NEED HOSTS

September 5-8

Outer Banks Cape Hatteras (Hosts Bjorn&Nicole Kasper)

October 5-12

International Rally

October 10-12

Uwharrie National Forest, Arrowhead CG**€ (book 6 months out) (Hosts Mike&Georgia Olympio)

October 14-19

Carolina Balloon Fest

October 24-27

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Rolling Rally #3

November 6-9

Ocean Lakes (book 18 months out) (Hosts Officers and Board)

November 10-13

Asheville, Bear Creek CG Biltmore Christmas (Hosts John&Renee Hoffman)

Membership Spotlight



Jim Cocks and Debbie Wood, and Chris and Holly Gizzi are two CAC couples who sold their household goods and went on the road full time in their Airstreams.

How did it happen that you sold everything to live full-time out of your Airstreams?

In 2005, Jim and Debbie met a couple at the Virginia Highland Haven Airstream Park who had been full-timing for 18 years. That encounter planted a seed for something that Jim and Debbie thought they might do 'one day'. When opportunities began to drop into their laps — a larger Airstream, an unsolicited buyer for their house, and some number-crunching that showed early retirement was feasible 'one day' arrived within a few years. After a nine-week 'shakedown' trip from North Carolina to Vancouver BC to visit their first grandchild, Jim and Debbie decided they could survive living out of 188 square feet. In 2007, Jim and Debbie quit their jobs, sold their belongings, and went on the road full time for the next 12 years in their 2005 25' International CCD.

After fewer than three years of traveling in two increasingly large Airstreams, Chris suggested to Holly that they sell everything, buy an even larger Airstream, and travel full time. Chris offered that it was a sound economic decision! Holly thought it was out of the question. That is, until life presented twists and turns that challenged Holly to her legacy: what would people remember about Holly and her life? In 2023, Chris and Holly sold their house to begin full-time travel in their 2020 30' Classic.

How do you decide your destinations?

While both couples plan as they go, and are open to last-minute detours, their overall strategies differ.

Whether as full-timers or now as most-timers "Chasing 75" is Jim's and Debbie's motto: with Airstream International Rallies as their lynchpin, Jim and Debbie plan their stays so that they are in 75-degree climates.

With only a few months of full-time travel under their belts, Chris and Holly do not yet have a strategy, except to get back to places to take care of outstanding loose ends, meet with friends, and be around for the birth of their first grandchild.

What were your former careers and current hobbies?

Jim — Various roles in hospital maintenance. Ham radio, tennis, and serving in various Airstream Club roles at international, regional and local levels.

Debbie — IT project manager. Ham radio, sewing and crafts.

Chris — Policeman, detective and volunteer fire chief. Fishing.

Holly — School secretary. Crocheting.

RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hi Streamers!

I hope everyone is enjoying the Spring weather. I know I am!

So Stinkin' Cute (at least that's her name until my maiden voyage to see if this sticks) is off for inspections and determination of what's to be done to make her roadworthy and mine. I've missed my Airstream tribe and the rallies. Can't wait to be on the road again.

Rocky Johnson's (Susan) — BRN732 — tumor is shrinking! Fantastic news!!

Let me know if you have news to share.

"To travel is to live" — Hans Christian Anderson

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Membership Chair

Lee Dunn #27312



Our newest members

(Details in Evernote)

- Ron Souther & Jaqueline Holladay from Lake Lure, NC., and their 2022 22' Carabel
- Jeffrey Mendenhall & Francesca Caretto from Leland, NC., and their 2018 30' Classic
- Mark Kolanach from Raleigh, NC., and his 2020 25' Flying Cloud
- Melanie & James Clayton from Biltmore Forest, NC., and their 2023 23' International
- Affiliate Members Jeff & Jan Harwig from Franklin, WI. and their 2022 25' Flying Cloud
- Though not new members, Mary and Hank Shore from Columbia, SC. have moved their membership from affiliates to club members.

Hello fellow Members,

As of April 16, 2023 the Carolinas Airstream Club is 266 rigs and 492 members strong!

Navigating the Airstream Club International Website

Having problems using the Airstream Club International (ACI) website? Wish you knew a little bit more about how to use the website? Here is some help. The ACI staff has put together a couple of slideshows and held two online seminars on how to navigate and use the ACI website. If you were unable to attend below are links:

- Navigating the ACI Website - Part One: [Slideshow](#) and [Webinar Recording](#)
- Navigating the ACI Website - Part Two: [Slideshow](#) and [Webinar Recording](#)

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

~Lee, 021membershipchair@wbcci.net

LOOKING TO BUY AN AIRSTREAM



Suzanne & Keith Schneider are selling their 2017 25' Serenity International. If you are interested contact Suzanne at susanneappraiser@hotmail.com or call 919-906-9014. Click this ad to learn more about this awesome rig.

"Live Riveted"



Most of the information in this “Live Riveted” article references an email that recently came from International.

• WhatsApp

Hello all rally HOSTS!! Have you thought about the best way to communicate with your rally attendees. This free app can be useful. Rallies are using the application so their attendees can have conversations, share photos and ask questions. It’s really fun. The example image on the left shows how the chats appear. Want to learn more? Go to the link at the start of this paragraph or contact the [Information Technology Committee](#) at National that can help you with setup.

- **Have you ever wonder about the History behind our Big Red Numbers?** Do you have questions about how (and when) to display your Big Red Numbers. Please visit a relatively new webpage that National has posted (airstreamclub.org/BRN) for history on those iconic red numbers, ideas on how/where to place, some examples of alternative placements, how to re-order, etc.
- **New to the club or just to Airstreaming?** International’s [resources pages](#) has “Airstream Academy”, “The Airstreamers Beginner Guide”, guides with “Interior and Exterior Essentials”

Upcoming International Rallies

- **Rally2023** in Rock Springs, WY (June 2023)
- **Rally2024** in Sedalia, MO (October 2024)
- **Rally2025** in York, PA (August 2025)



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Let us spotlight your travels.
Send pictures to
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Region 5 Rally at Ocean Lakes





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