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NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB

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2023 CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events

Cool Breeze Galax,
Virginia June 8-11

Hot Springs Resort and
Spa Rally July 13-16

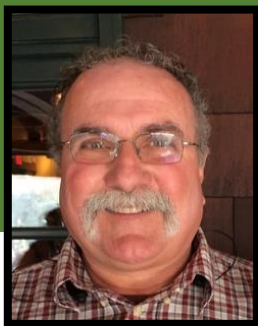
Top of Georgia Rally
August 17-20

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



Hello streamers,

Hello streamers I hope you're all out there traveling and or making plans to travel. It's hard to believe it's mid May already and school will be out soon. That's when the campgrounds will really get busy, like they're not already. I recommend that you make your reservations for 2023 soon if you haven't already. You can make some reservations for 2024 as well, Ocean Lakes in November 2024 for example. Call now and make those reservations while they are still available. I know that seems like very far in advance but it will be here before you know it. HH section is most preferred and close to the rec center, that's where a lot of the activities will be. You have to call and tell them you're with the Airstream Club because sights are reserved and they don't show available online, and you get a discount as well.

Memorial weekend is coming fast as well so I pray you have safe travels if you're traveling.

One bit of sad news I have to share is one of our long time members Ken Dorn is very sick and is losing ground on his long and hard fought battle with cancer.



President's Corner

Ricky Wilcox #5016



If you had the pleasure to get to know Ken you couldn't help but to like him. He's a great guy and im so glad to be able to call him my friend. The world is a better place with him in it. He has a 1975 Arogsy motorhome that he purchased after having to sell his trailer because of health reasons. His son Kenny told me that for financial reasons he was going have to sell it. If it's something you're interested in please give me a call and let me know. I'll put you in touch with him. He's in the VA hospital in Charleston and under hospice care. Please keep Ken and his entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

My wife Joan and I are heading out again June 7th to Galax Virginia to one of our club rallies. I've never been there and I'm looking forward to it. We leave there on the 12th and headed North West to our International Rally in Rock Springs Wyoming. That will be our first time there as well so I'm really excited about this one as well. I'll have plenty more to share next month so stay tuned and I wish you all safe travels.

~ Ricky 021president@wbcci.net

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Vice President's Corner

Steve Thompson #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

Since my last input to our newsletter, we participated in two fantastic urban rallies, Trot into Tryon and Shining in Shelby. The success of these events is directly attributed to our hosts, the community at large and our participating membership. Urban rallies are unique and should be a part of any Airstreamer's "bucket list".

If you want a snippet of these events view the following:

<https://youtu.be/U8ncCIUd1qc> (Tryon) and [Dozens of shiny Airstreams arrive in Shelby \(wbvtv.com\)](https://www.wbvtv.com) (Shelby) . Again, a sincere thanks to Skip & Denny Crowe and Roger & Robin Holland for your hard work, generosity and lasting memories.

Please consider getting involved in our club.

Before closing, I leave you with a simple thought... "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

— Benjamin Franklin

Next on our rally schedule is: Cool Breeze in Galax, Virginia.

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

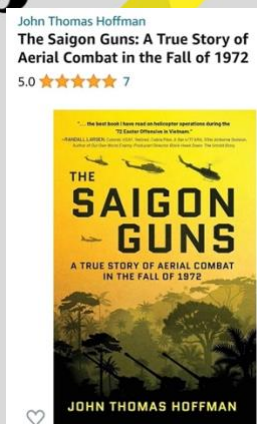
Thanks for your support and safe travels.

~ Steve 1st VP 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

Member Spotlight

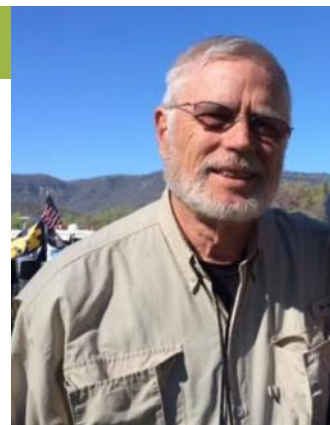


John Hoffman, one of our CAC members, is a published author. His novel "The Saigon Guns" is - about the final year of US combat operations in South Vietnam. In March of 1972, North Vietnam invaded the South they intended to sweep any remaining US military aviation support to South Vietnam from the skies. But the Soviets and their North Vietnamese proteges had miscalculated. This is an untold story of heroism, dedication, and refusal to yield the battlefield despite being largely considered by US political leaders as "expendable."



2nd Vice President

Ray Combs #822



Hello Streamers!

Recently Carol and I drove to Virginia to scout Rocky Knob Campground on the Blue Ridge Parkway. It was a beautiful drive through the Virginia mountains and Rocky Knob surpassed our expectations. It is a National Park campground so that means reserving a site is a bit more complicated (more on that later) and it is boondocking but so very well worth it. And since it's a National Park that means camping is cheap and if you have your senior golden age pass it is doubly cheap. I hope many of you will camp here with us next summer.

On the way home we stopped to scout the Fancy Gap KOA. KOA's are usually our last place to look for camping but this one is one was very impressive. It is too late to schedule a 2024 rally there, but it would make an excellent club rally down the road. If you are in the area it's a lovely campground for a few days' stop.

We hope you are already booked for the remaining 2023 rallies. Here is a list of the campgrounds where you can reserve your 2024 site now and then register on our CAC website.

March 13-17 Oak Hollow CG in High Point, 336-883-3492, Battle of Guilford Courthouse,

March 21-24 James Island. Reserve America

April 11-14 Tanglewood-Maintenance Rally, 336-703-6494

May 16-19 SeaBreeze, Holden Beach, 910-842-2733, Doug Bevell, Janet and Ed O'Neill,

June 1-3 Endless Caverns, Newmarket, VA, 443-664-3377, ask for Sierra

June 4-6 Sedalia, VA , only register at CAC website

June 7-9 Cool Breeze, Galax, VA, 276-236-0300

**Sept 5-8 Outer Banks RV Resort and Campground 252-987-2777 ext 105, ask for Jen
Don't call Wednesday and Thursday, she is off.**

**Nov. 6-10 Ocean Lakes, make sure to indicate 2024 Carolinas Airstream Club Rally.
877-510-1413, Officers and Board, Hosts**

Make sure you tell the campground you are with the Carolinas Airsteam Club.
The whole 2024 Rally Season is on the next page of the newsletter.

Hope to see you soon,

~Ray 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

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

March 13-17

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 Bodenstein)

June 7-8

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

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

Alumalina

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



George and Margie Lamb



“We are not going to join any club, are we, George?”

Margie Lamb asked her husband during their first trip with their first Airstream, when they accompanied friends to an Airstream rally in 2007. Then, at the rally, George got a chance to help cook. Margie met interesting people. They were inducted at the rally and have been members of CAC ever since.

Some people find their Airstream trailers online or at a dealer. George finds them in woods, fields and backyards, or with co-workers, neighbors and fellow CAC members. Margie and George still get a chance to see three of the trailers they rescued, since they are now owned by other CAC members!

The Lambs camp in their Airstream around 6 weeks out of the year as part of a caravan, a rally or on their own. They also travel overseas occasionally. Wherever they travel:

- Margie collects rocks.
- George collects friends.

Margie’s most memorable visit recently was a trip to Plains, Georgia, where she got a chance to talk to people who know Jimmy Carter, a man Margie admires, and would like to meet in person.

Both George and Margie like to spend time with their family and church and enjoy the peace and nature of the lake where they live.

George, a retired environmental engineer, also enjoys amateur radio and sailing.

Margie, a retired nurse, is involved in the Friends of Moravian Prison Ministry supporting the Moravian chaplain at the local prison, and Project Linus, a ministry that collects and distributes volunteer-made blankets to children whose lives have been altered by trauma, illness, and other factors outside their control.

As for the club they didn’t intend to join, the Lambs recommend Airstreamers:

- Join
- Get involved (George is past director and president, and still serves on committees as needed; Marge is recording secretary and has run unopposed since 2018)
- Have a good time!

As Margie says: “Keep your eyes and hearts open and hit the open road!”

RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

I was able to attend Shining in Shelby on Saturday as a day visitor. What an adorable downtown Shelby has! The rally set up around the Earl Scruggs Center was perfect for exploring the rigs & town. A big Thank You!!! to Roger & Robin Holland for organizing this event. I hope to be a part of the caravan into town at a future Urban Rally in Shelby.

And a BIG Thank You!! to my Airstream Tribe for all the hugs & warm welcome 😊

And a note from Keith & Susanne Schneider – BRN#5032 – as they move onto new adventures:

“Well, we have gone over to the dark side.....

We have purchased a small motor home.....

I know — Holy Cow, Batman!!!!

But we (ok, one of us) thought we want to keep wandering

but let’s make it easier on ourselves — no hitching up, no

backing up something that bends in the middle, &

something that I could do everything if Keith was sick.

So I found us a nice 2021 Leisure Travel Van Wonder

Front Twin Bed.

As with anything, there will always be compromises but

we’ll still enjoy!! (I already miss our ducted a/c!!!!)

But I don’t intend to miss you!!!!!!

I will find you — I don’t give up on friends!!!!!!”

LIVE YOUR LIFE BY A COMPASS, NOT A CLOCK. – ERICA JONG
cherylanne!

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Our newest members

(Details in Evernote)

- Val O'Brien & Josh Thompson from Winston-Salem, NC., and their 2021 20' Basecamp
- David & Kiane Munnikhuysen from Wilmington, NC., and their 2020 27' Globetrotter
- Valerie & Keith Cooke from Dobson, NC., and their 2022 20' Basecamp20X
- Andrew & Shannon Semple from New Bern, NC., and their 2023 27' International Serenity FBT
- Rick & Lisa Dunn from Mooresville, NC., and their 2019 27' Flying Cloud
- David Warde & Mindy YouseWarde from Waynesville, NC., and their 2021 30' Classic
- David & Christine Miller from Jacksonville, NC., and their 2023 27' Flying Cloud
- Jim & Amy Williams from Matthews, NC., and their 2023 30' Globetrotter
- Lenny & Jean Jordan from Franklin, NC., and their 2023 27' Flying Cloud
- Annie Daughtridge from Rocky Mount, NC., and her 2023 24.75' Atlas



Membership Chair Lee Dunn #27312

Hello fellow Members,

As of May 15, 2023 the Carolinas Airstream Club is 272 rigs and 504 members strong!

New Airstream Club International Video

A couple of months ago Airstream Club International released a new video and published it on their YouTube channel. It is called: "Welcome to Airstream Club International: We Rally Together!" If you have not seen it click [here](#) to view. You might see someone in it you know.

~Lee, 021membershipchair@wbcci.net

LOOKING TO BUY AN AIRSTREAM



Bob Saltzman is selling his 2014 27' International Signature Onyx Limited Edition Airstream. If you are interested, contact Bob at 704-682-3320 or bobsaltz@gmail.com
Click on this ad to learn more.

News from the Past President

Hello and I'm enjoying my retirement (as immediate Past President). However, I'm not totally retired because as Past President, I have one additional obligation to fulfill before my term as a Board Member is finished; that is, to head up the Nominations Committee for the next years new officers. Therefore, fellow Nominations Committee members Jan Thompson and Ray Combs join me in this low-key plea for assistance from you all, our fellow club members



We know who many of our board members will be in 2024 as our vice presidents and directors typically move up the chain over their 2 and 3 year terms. There are other positions though, because of resignations, and term expirations, that need to be filled year to year. As I see it for 2024, these are the slots my committee needs to fill:

2nd VP - Need to install one each year. This individual will eventually become club president (in their third year on the board).

Club Treasurer – Elaine Myers has served for two years (thanks Elaine for staying a second year) and is leaving the position in great shape. This person writes a few checks a month, balances the checkbook, manages our recently implemented, simple and easy to use budget spreadsheet, provides advance copies of the current Treasurer's Report and gives a short verbal report at a board meeting once a month. Because of Elaine's dedication and attention to detail, our treasury is in fantastic shape so there's virtually no pressure here for someone who's comfortable with numbers.

Recording Secretary – Margie Lamb has done this for a half a dozen years plus, so she thinks it's time to pick up her pencil and pad and leave. We get it but we'll miss her. I'm not going to minimize this job, but it is pretty easy. Sit in on our board meetings (he/she is a voting member), take the roll and keep a record of what happens. Then send out brief minutes for review and you're done. Margie is a great listener, and the new person must be as well. Our meetings are not complicated. Basic Roberts Rules is about it. A typical meeting is less than an hour once per month and are usually remote video chats.

Corresponding Secretary – This person's main job is managing the club email account, welcoming new members, sending out email blasts as necessary from the officers, and updating the contact list.

Newsletter Editor – If you've done a club or HOA newsletter for example, this is a good outlet for a somewhat creative oriented individual. Many of our officers do a short article for the newsletter each month so our editor's task each month is to quickly review them for possible needed tweaks then assemble the articles in a creative manner. In no way would we stand in the way of a new and improved look for our newsletter as well. There are lots of cool examples out there.

Directors – We need to nominate two Directors for 2024. These are 2-year positions on the Board. A Director serves with no actual defined job other than to contribute to the club via the Board of Directors, their wisdom and experience. A Directorship seems to be a great way to dip your toes in the water for future leadership roles in our club.

The Committee is looking for names for the above slots. We have some already and the committee is starting to reach out to these individuals. If this sparks a deep seated interest you may have in any of these roles, get back to me at (704) 277-2018 (text or voice) or email brucebodenstein@gmail.com.

Requirements? A breathing member of the Carolinas Airstream Club. If you are relatively new members, raise your hand and don't be shy. We love new blood. Diversity is always good. We would be thrilled to fill one or more of these leadership positions with women members of our club. The Carolinas Airstream Club is one of the oldest and largest clubs in the entire organization and we are growing month by month. We matter because we are heavily involved in Region 3 and International leadership. Thank you for being a part of CAC and considering a local club leadership role

2023 Rally News from the
Bodenstein's and Dunn's (hosts)

The all-Carolinas units rally, officially known as the **"NC/SC States Joint Rally"** scheduled for September 21-24 at Palmetto Cove in Cleveland SC is still open for reservations. This is the first time since around a dozen years ago when our clubs have scheduled these joint rallies. At this time, we have around 35 units signed up and we can handle up to one hundred trailers. Hey, that's 25 units per club so if you haven't signed on, now's the time to do it before it's too late. There will be a cutoff from the park as we get closer to the date. We've got some meals and lots of other activities planned to foster lots of interclub "back and forth" plus Palmetto Cove is a great venue for this kind of rally. Palmetto Cove is a former all Airstream park and they know how to do a rally right with full hookups and lots of shelter if we need it.

Here's how to jump on board. Go [here](#) and sign up for the rally on the Carolinas Airstream Club website. Once you are registered, call this number to reach Palmetto Cove and make your camping reservation; (864) 836-6221. Just tell them you are coming in for the NC/SC States Joint Airstream Rally and they will fix you up. Do this now and you won't regret it. What a great way to rally and get to meet many of our Carolinas Airstreaming neighbors at the same time. Call or text me at (704) 277-2018 if you have any questions.

Bruce Bodenstein, Carolinas
Airstream Club

"Live Riveted"

Courtesy Parking



This is one of the least known and used benefits of being an ACI member. Did you know that nearly 500 of your fellow members offer overnight parking at their homes? Exclusive to ACI, this is a great way to spend a night, meet new friends and take a break from public RV camping. Just go online to our [Courtesy Parking Directory](#) (login required), zoom in on the map, click on a location, then contact the host to see if they have availability.



Technology to Give You Piece of Mind

[\(Camper Report 4/14/23\)](#)

There has been a lot of talk lately about RV theft, as the numbers have been rising. Although the theft of RVs is still pretty uncommon, there is a greater chance of having your RV broken into. Various current technology is available to help protect your rig.

[GE Personal Security Alarm System](#)

For a super low price, you get an easy-to-install audible alarm that will scare off any would-be thieves. No drilling is required, and there are no wires to run with the GE unit. It simply adheres to windows and doors using a two-sided adhesive. They are available in 2, 6, or 10 packs, so you can secure as many points as you need.

[REOLINK Wifi Security Camera](#)

This is a wireless system that can easily be mounted anywhere needed. Add the optional solar panel and you never have to worry about recharging or replacing batteries. A 2.4 GHz WiFi connection means that you can have updates sent directly to your phone.

[SimpliSafe 12 Piece Wireless](#)

At \$300, this is one of the more expensive kits you'll see; however, it comes from one of the most trusted names in home security. There are many different kits available. You get two motion sensors that detect motion from 30 feet away and have a 90-degree field of vision. This makes them perfect for full-range coverage when placed in a corner.

The security camera lets you see what's happening in your RV anytime from your phone, tablet, or computer. Everything is wirelessly connected to the base station and is operational right out of the box.



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Trot Into Tryon





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Deb Gooch, Steve Zoufaly, Jim and Kathleen Plyler attended the East Tennessee Club's Rally for the National Cornbread Festival in S. Pittsburg, TN. April 29, 2023.
Lots of cornbread was consumed by all.