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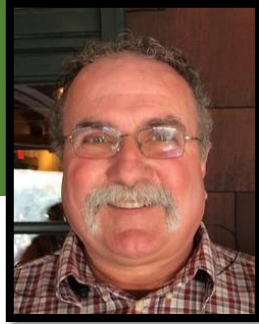
2023 CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events

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

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AIRSTREAM
RALLIES look on
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President's Corner Ricky Wilcox #5016



Hello streamers,

It's hard to believe it's July already and over half the year is already gone. Time is really flying by so get out there and do some traveling any time you can. You'll never regret traveling, exploring and making memories, but you might regret it if you don't

Unfortunately Joan and I missed the Hot Springs, NC. rally because we're still out West, currently in Yellowstone. Steve Thompson represented me well in my absence. Thank you Steve for covering for me.

We're planning on attending the next Rally at Top Of Georgia campground just outside of Hellen Georgia. It's a really nice campground and we're looking forward to seeing you guys there.

We attended our International Rally in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and it was an awesome Rally. The wind out there was pretty brutal so you couldn't put any awnings out or sit chairs around. Pretty much anything you put out could potentially be blown away.

We had a Regon 3 breakfast one morning that was so nice seeing all those in our Region.

We had a CAC Happy Hour one afternoon as well and it was really nice seeing everyone there as well.

The amount of planning that went into making the international rally a huge success was astonishing. Thank you to all that made it happen. I got to spend some time with our club members and meet many others from various clubs all over the US and Canada.

We hit the road on Thursday July 6th and headed West to the Grand Tetons for 6 nights. Absolutely amazing views and so much to see and do as well.

We hit the road again on Tuesday July 18th and headed to Yellowstone where we stayed just outside the west entrance. We tried to see as much as we could during our 6 days in Yellowstone We saw a lot but it's impossible to see everything in that time frame.

We're heading out to Cody, Wyoming. It's amazing covering some of the same ground that the settlers and adventures covered so many years ago and that it was preserved for all of us future generations to enjoy. I feel so blessed to live in this country and that I'm blessed to be able to enjoy it. Until we talk again have a safe and blessed day.

~ Ricky 021president@wbcci.net



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Vice President's Corner

Steve Thompson #19771

Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

Our recent rally reminded me of an old Jerry Reed song, "When you're hot, you're hot." You guessed it – Hot Springs, NC. We experienced heat both above and below ground however, relief was within a short walking distance to the French Broad River or a quick shower.

The local lure, music, mineral baths, and the natural beauty of the area was only overshadowed by the camaraderie and vittles we shared. Several "old timers" commented on the number of new people attending the rally and all I can say is our CAC family continues to grow.



A sincere shout out to Cherylanne (CA) Weaver for hosting the event. CA's advance liaison efforts with local community business owners proved advantageous to our group. A special gift (Knat Killing Kit) from Gentry's Hardware was very much appreciated. 😊

Our next rally is at the Top of Georgia (17-20 August). Bjorn and Nicole Kasper (hosts) are working hard to make this rally a memorable event for all of us. Currently, we have 36 rigs signed up and there is plenty more room but, please book as soon as you can. No need to call the campground just sign-up on our website. If you need a German translator while in Helen, GA, reach out to Bjorn.

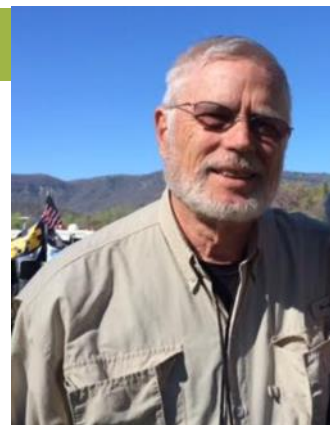
Please consider getting involved in our club. Our club is a volunteer organization, and we are always in need of rally hosts/co-hosts and officers. If you have any questions, contact any of our club officers. Famous German proverb, "Experience is the mother of wisdom."

Safe travels!

~ Steve 1st VP 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

2nd Vice President

Ray Combs #822



Hello Streamers!

Carol and I have recently returned from the International Rally in Wyoming.

It was very well laid out and organized, a fun, excellent rally. Next year's will be in October, right after the Mills River rally, in Sedalia, Missouri, much closer for most of us. You should receive a link from WBCCI to register on August 1. Hope that many of us will be able to go.

While at the rally we learned that the KOA in New Bern is no longer hosting rallies in the summer. Thanks to some fast work from Dave and Sue Schoenecker, we have been able to secure another location for that June rally. The new campground is one we attempted to book earlier this year, but were turned down. Fortunately it now has new owners who are very excited about welcoming us. Please make your reservations with Melissa at Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort 774-526-4328, and then register with the club as soon as the rally is posted. This is a small campground, only 16 spots, so register as soon as you can.

We hope to see you at The Top of Georgia, Palmetto Cove and Ocean Lakes rallies.

Safe Travels!

TENATIVE 2024 AIRSTREAM RALLIES (Full hookups except those noted in highlights)

March 14-17

High Point, Oak Hollow CG Battle of Guilford Courthouse Reenactment Reserve now 336-883-3492
(Hosts Steven & Brenda Millinix/Dennis & Barbara Hackett)

March 21-24

James Island Reserve through [Reserve America](#)
(Hosts Randy & Shari Hord/John & Sharon Carriker)

Rolling Rally #1

April 11-14

Tanglewood/Maintenance Rally Led by Jim Cocke call to reserve 336-703-6494
(Hosts Doug & Mary Miller/ Larry & Linda Troxler)

April 14-17

North Bend Lake Kerr Corp of Engineer s (Book 6 weeks out)**([EW](#)) (Hosts Jim Cocke & Deb Wood)

April 17-21

Region 3 Doswell, VA

April 25-28

Trot to Tryon (Hosts Skip & Denny Crowe) Urban [Boondocking](#)

May 2-5

Wake Forest, Holly Point Falls Lake**([EW](#))(book 6 months out)
(Hosts David & Denise Lrenze, Mary Shaw & Paul Ordronneau)

May 16-19

Holden Beach Sea Breeze Campground Call now 910-842-2733 (Hosts Doug Bevell/Ed & Janet O'Neill)

Rolling Rally #2

June 1-3

New Market, VA, Endless Caverns Campground 443-664-3377, ask for Sierra (Hosts Steve & Melinda Downie/Bob Knoll & Cindy Gamble-Knoll)

June 4-6

Sedalia Center, VA,** **Boondocking** Rally Visit Bedford D-Day Memorial only register at CAC website (Hosts Bruce & Claire Bodenstein)

June 7-8

Galax, Cool Breeze Call 276-236-0300CG for Saturday Night Music Center (Hosts Rich & Marsha Morgan)

June 20-23

Lake toxaway Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort/Ham Field Day Rally (Hosts Layne & Wanda McMillan, Dave & Sue Schoenecker)

July 11-14

Blue Ridge Parkway, Rocky Knob CG **Boondocking** Rally (book 6 months out) (Hosts Ray & Carol Combs, Bruce & Marcia Thompson)

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) (Hosts Burl & Mimi Hamock)

September 5-8

Outer Banks Cape Hatteras 252-987-2777 ext 105, ask for Jen
Don't call Wednesday and Thursday, she is off.
(Hosts Bjorn & Nicole Kasper)

September 26-28

Brewery Rally Mills River Brewery **Boondocking** Rally (Hosts Scott & Carol Browne)

October 5-12

International Rally

October 10-12

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

October 24-27

Alumalina

Rolling Rally #3

November 6-9

Ocean Lakes make sure to indicate 2024 Carolinas Airstream Club Rally. 877-510-1413
(Hosts Officers and Board)

November 10-13

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

Membership Spotlight



Steve and Jan Thompson

The Thompsons travel to make new friends and, in the words of Star Trek, “to seek out new life.” During Steve’s 31-year career in the Marine Corps, he and Jan traveled throughout Europe and Asia. The Thompsons are now enjoying traveling throughout and experiencing the USA.

“Our favorite trip so far has been our 3-month journey from North Carolina to Idaho, stopping along the way to visit several national parks. We will always recall the “amber waves of grain” and the town of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.”

When on the road, Steve and Jan try to avoid the interstates and, instead, travel the backroads to really see America. Steve was philosophical about getting in a jam: “If it happens, it happens.”

During their travels, Steve and Jan enjoy audiobooks, hiking, and their new e-bikes.

When not traveling, the Thompsons enjoy time with their young grandsons. Jan likes to sew and craft, specializing in her “Grammy Jammies” for the grandsons, and interior decorating for the Airstream.

Steve is an active Rotarian and is a member of the local Military Affairs Committee, providing linkages between the civilian and military communities. Steve has also held offices in the CAC and will be club president in 2024.

The Thompson’s message to fellow Airstreamers? “Get your Airstream out of storage and onto the road!”



RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hi Streamers!

Please keep the following Streamers in your thoughts & prayers:

Carol Combs (Ray) – BRN822 – recently had knee replacement surgery. Keep her in mind as she is recovering and doing PT to learn how to work the new knee.

Ann Hall (Jerry) – BRN2693 – recently had foot surgery and is recovering well.

Marcia Thompson (Bruce) – BRN5027 – had oral surgery recently and is on the mend as well.

“You don’t have to be rich to travel well.” – Eugene Fodor

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Our newest members

(Details in Evernote)

- Kevin Boggs from Bryson City, NC, and his 2023 30' Globetrotter
- Susan & Gary Murdock from Southport, NC, and their 2023 25' Flying Cloud
- Leslie Croland & Sandra Tart from Biltmore Lake, NC, and their 2023 25' Flying Cloud
- Jeff Freeman from Monroe, NC., and his 19' 2022 Caravel
- Robert & Melissa Newman from Wilmington, NC., and their 30' 2023 Classic
- Robert Reinhold from Brevard, NC., and his 22' 2023 Caravel
- Hobart & Sandy Hostler from Concord, NC., and their 24.70' 2018 Interstate 24GT
- Transfers from San Diego, Zach & Ashley Hooker from Coronado, CA, and their 2023 20' Basecamp 20x
- Chad & Laura Watson from Winston-Salem, NC, and their 2020 25' Flying Cloud
- Janet Sastre from Greenville, SC, and her 2020 16' Caravel
- Sally Johnson & Derek Fox from Mills River, NC, and their 2019 16' Sports Bambi
- James & Kristina Thompson from Hickory, NC, and their 2023 22' Caravel



Membership Chair Lee Dunn #27312

Hello fellow Members,

As of July 19th, 2023, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 286 rigs and 530 members strong! We continue to grow.

~Lee, 021membershipchair@wbcci.net

LOOKING TO BUY AN AIRSTREAM



Bob Saltzman is selling his 2014 27' International Signature Onyx Limited Edition Airstream. \$74,500 If you are interested, contact Bob at 704-682-3320 or bobsaltz@gmail.com Click on this ad to learn more.



"Live Riveted"



Shade and RV Life

(taken from the "Live Riveted" Blog)

Using awnings outside your RV can extend your space and extend the time you can spend enjoying the outdoors.

“For more than 50 years, Airstream awnings have been custom built by Zip Dee in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, where they use high quality fabrics, stainless steel hardware, and aluminum support struts to create an awning unlike any other in the industry. A Zip Dee awning on an Airstream will last for years, providing an excellent shield from the sun (and the occasional light rain shower) and creating an outdoor experience ideal for escaping the elements while still enjoying the outdoors. The vertical seams in the fabric give it more stability and prevent sag, while the woven material allows the awning fabric to breathe.

A Zip Dee awning dries quickly with only air exposure and won't drip on you when the weather is humid. The fabric is treated with a fluorocarbon finish that makes it water-resistant and needs no upkeep other than normal washing. Where some vinyl awnings on other RVs require frequent cleanings and waterproofing treatments, Zip Dee awnings have been known to last for decades with nothing more than a simple wash now and again.

Beyond the fabric that provides shade, Zip Dee manufactures awnings with high quality structural components. Rust-free stainless steel bolts, nuts, and washers combine with extruded aluminum arms to create a long-lasting system for providing shade from the elements. The springs inside the arms are four times stronger than springs you'll find used by other brands, keeping your awning taut when open and snug against the side of your Airstream while closed. And the exclusive Z-Lock system easily and securely fastens the awning while the Airstream is towed down the highway.”

To see how exactly to extend and retract your awning go to this [link](#) for a good video. Be mindful that when you leave your Airstream to go on a hike or drive into town, you should retract your awning so that you can avoid wind related incidents while you're far from home.

Consider adding on to your Zip Dee awning by either purchasing a [Solar Shade](#) or [Tropical Room](#) to help control the temperature within your outdoor space.





"Oh, the Places You Will Go!"

Members Travel and Club Events

Let us spotlight your travels.
Send pictures to
nancykueffer@gmail.com

A Message from the Hot Springs Rally Host

Cherylanne Weaver

The First Hot Springs Rally was this past weekend. We were 24 rigs strong and kicked off the festivities on Thursday with happy hour and a raffle. The heat was a little daunting, but I think we all fared well. We enjoyed the generosity of several local merchants and came home with a Gnat Killer Kit thanks to Gentry Hardware. Big Pillow Brewing was a hit Friday night with live music and street fare Mexican food. If you've never been to Hot Springs I recommend a visit.

It's known for: "Where Mayberry meets the Twilight Zone!"



Hot Springs Rally

CAC Members enjoying an evening out at Big Pillow Brewing—from left, Claire Bodenstein, Shari Hord, Jennifer Landers, Cherylanne Weaver, Pam Brodsky, Larry Brodsky, Rocky Johnson, Randy Hord, Bruce Bodenstein



Above from left to right..Elaine Santovenia, John & Renee Hoffman, Eugenio Santovenia and Sandy & Mike Jackson

To the right our Club Newlyweds Jim and Barbara Stephens





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International Rally

Rock Springs

Wyoming



**Above our very own Pres.
Ricky Wilcox**

**Ricky Wilcox, Corey
Barger, Joan Wilcox,
Wayne Clark, Bob
Hoffman, Deb Wood, Jim
Cocke**



**Our own CAC members
Wayne Clark and Bob
Hoffman along with**

**Jenny Schnettler (new ACI
Executive Council
member).**

**LaVerne McHenry (ACI
international First Lady).**

**Amanda Hughes (ACI staff
member).**

**Toby Schaal (member of
Palmetto State club).**