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NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB

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August 2023

2023 CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events

NC/SC States Rally Palmetto
Cove, Cleveland SC
September 21-24

Myrtle Beach Rally at Ocean
Lakes November 9-12

**TENATIVE 2024
AIRSTREAM RALLIES
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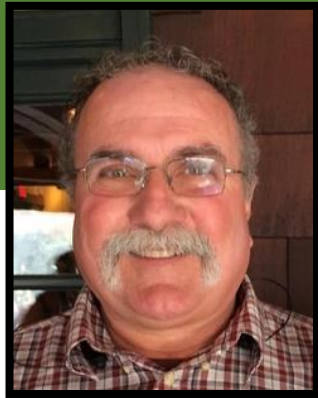
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President's Corner Ricky Wilcox #5016



Hello streamers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well. My wife Joan and I have been on the road since June 7th and just arrived at Top Of Georgia Airstream Park today.

We're looking forward to our club rally this coming weekend. Our Rally host are Bjorn and Nicole Kasper and this is their first time hosting. They are fairly new to the club so come out and support them. I have no doubt they will be awesome as host.

It's really hot here and that sounds funny with us just coming from out West, but it was cooler out there. We were in Cody Wyoming July 18th through 24th and Rapid City South Dakota from July 24th through August 7th. I feel like we just spent time visiting the places we read about in our history books.

We meandered our way across the country heading East and South and eventually stopped in Tennessee for a couple nights. Went through the tip of N.C. for the first time since we left home and into Georgia today.

If I'm boring you with the details I'm sorry, but I hope I'm sparking your interest to get out there and see this beautiful country we live in. There is so much to explore and it's absolutely amazing.

We'll head home from Top of Georgia the first of the week to hopefully rest and recharge for our next adventure.

Next up for our clubs rally is our Five Club Rally in Palmetto Cove S.C. in September. I think that one is really shaping up to be one for the history books as well. There hasn't been a multi-club rally since I've joined the club in 2014.

Anyways I hope to see you at one of our Rallies or on the road somewhere in the future. Take care and safe travels until we talk again.

~ Ricky 021president@wbcci.net



Vice President's Corner

Steve Thompson #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

A good number of us enjoyed the mid-August rally at the Top of Georgia(ToG), Airstream Park. Bjorn and Nicole Kasper and a cast of volunteers made this a memorable event.

As we near the end of our 2023 CAC season, keep in mind the remaining rally events.

In May, your elected CAC officers and the Board of Directors voted to implement a new rally cancellation policy. Effective immediately, anyone registered for a CAC rally who needs/desires to cancel their reservation has up until (2) weeks before the start date to get a refund.

The only remaining rally in 2023 which this new policy impacts is the Palmetto Cove rally since our November rally (Member Appreciation /End of Year Rally) at Ocean Lakes is free to our CAC members. Later in this newsletter I've addressed the Ocean Lakes rally so please be sure to read it.

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.

Little known fact: Georgia is known as the Peach State. Our timing to visit ToG during August coincides with the National Peach Month.

Safe travels!

~ Steve 1st VP 021vicepresident@wbcci.net



Ocean Lakes Rally

November 9-12th

This venue is shaping up to be a great rally. If you are in search of fun, knowledge, good eats, and friends, Ocean Lakes is the place to go.

The rally fees for CAC members are waived for this event so come and enjoy yourself. You will receive a brief of our 2024 rally schedule and an opportunity to meet up with many of our volunteer hosts. Wink-wink- a great opportunity to learn about hosting. Additionally, the rally serves as our annual meeting and the installation of our 2024 officers.

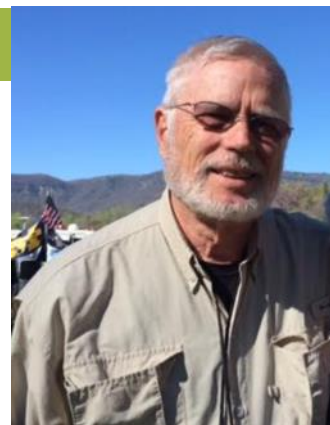
If you haven't made reservations at Ocean Lakes please do so immediately. Don't make reservations online. Call (1-877-510-1413 and be sure to tell them you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club as we have a block of sites (Section HH) set aside for us. If HH is full, then get a site as close as possible as the campground is quite large.

Once you have your reservation and site #, register on the [CAC website](#). If you are a CAC member and already paid a rally fee you will be reimbursed.

2nd Vice President

Hello Streamers!

Ray Combs #822



Top of Georgia sure was a great rally. Bjorn and Nicole, you did a super job, many thanks!

Finding a spot to camp is getting more and more difficult and more and more expensive, so it is very important to plan ahead. Our rally at Blue Ridge Falls next year has only 5 spots left and in just one week's time 600 units have already signed up for the International Rally next October. Please take a close look at the schedule for rallies next year and get booking!

Speaking of International, if you are interested in traveling with a CAC group to Sedalia please let me know as plans are in the works. And in case Missouri is not in your plans for next October, Mike and Georgia Olympio are planning a great rally at the same time in Uwharrie National Forest.

Carol and I are looking forward to seeing you in Palmetto Cove next month. This is the joint rally for the 5 clubs in NC and SC and our club is the host, so please come meet members of our fellow clubs and help host and welcome everyone. Safe Travels!

~Ray 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

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)**([E,W](#)) (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

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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



“For the first 20 years of our marriage, all we saw when we traveled was water,” noted Shari Hord, as she described Randy’s and her years of racing sailboats up and down the eastern seaboard. “But the United States is an amazing land with so many amazing places to see, and we want to see it all!” So Randy and Shari set out to trade waters for roads.

“It’s my sister Libbi’s fault that we sought out an Airstream,” said Randy. “About 10 years ago, when Shari and I started to look for a camper, Libbi found The History of the Land Yacht in a thrift store and sent it to us. Once we read about Wally Byam and his passion for travel, we were hooked, and bought our first Airstream, a 1975 Argosy.”

Today, the Hords are back to traveling with a yacht ... a 1977 Airstream Land Yacht.

Whether sailing or trailering, Randy and Shari say their travels are about meeting people and exploring new places.

Randy and Shari Hord

Randy and Shari offer the following advice to Airstreamers:

- Boondock or dry camp! Leave behind the full hookups and concrete pads for state parks, Corp of Engineer campsites and dispersed camping locations that offer unique opportunities and experiences.
- Get to know your trailer well; participate in learning seminars at rallies and talk to fellow Airstreamers.

When they are traveling, Shari sometimes brings along her watercolors, wood carving supplies and, recently, her ukulele. Both the Hords enjoy reading.

When they are home, Randy and Shari keep honeybees, harvest honey, and are learning how to make mead.

Randy has retired from his work renovating, repairing and adding solar systems to Airstreams in order that he and Shari might travel more, but there are two Airstreams and a sailboat sitting on his property that need his attention! An avid sailor, Randy makes time to sail occasionally with some friends.

“I miss sailing, but you can only do one thing at a time!” People who know the Hords might doubt that statement.



RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hi Streamers!

I hope everyone is well and having fun at the rallies. I am looking forward to some – hopefully – cooler weather as we near the end of Summer.

Progress is being made on SoStinkin’Cute to make her road and boondocking worthy. Can’t wait to get back on the road and see everyone’s smiling faces!

1998 Past President Howard Little passed on 29 July 2023. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please reach out to me if you’d like to share news for our club newsletter.

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BUT FOR LIFE NOT TO ESCAPE US.
– ANONYMOUS

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Our newest members

(Details in Evernote)

- Kristen & Tim Hoyle from Raleigh, NC, and their 2023 27' Flying Cloud
- Robert Maluso & Bonnie Schervone from Horse Shoe, NC, and their 2023 25' International
- Richard & Laura Schnabel from Waynesville, NC, and their 2015 27' International Serenity
- Elizabeth Huddleston & Wendy Wieber from Fletcher, NC, and their 2023 25' Atlas
- Affiliate Members Sabrina & James Lee from Lawrenceville, GA, and their 2018 22' FR22 Sport



Membership Chair Lee Dunn #27312

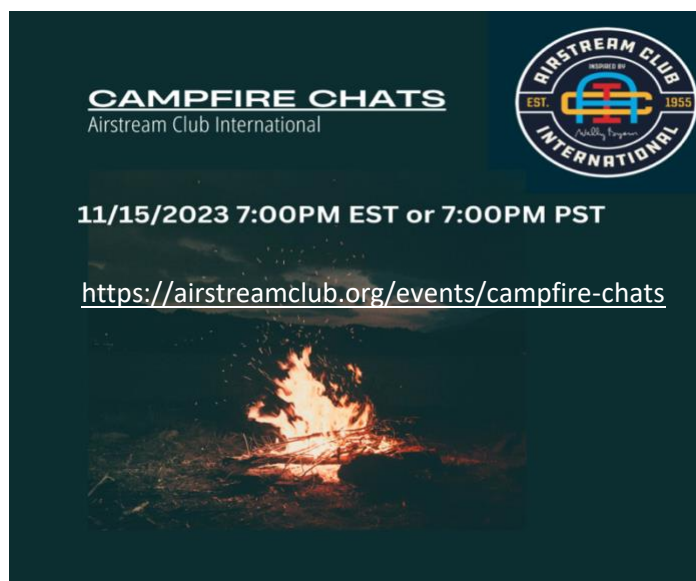
Hello fellow Members,

The club now has 287 rigs and 534 members.

We are experiencing problems getting new members access to Evernote. Please stand by and when the problem is resolved I will contact those members and get them access.

Thank you for your understanding.

~Lee, 021membershipchair@wbcci.net



Reminder about the NC/SC States Palmetto Rally

You have till September 1st to call the Palmetto Cove RV Park at (864) 836-6221 and make and pay for your camping reservation, informing them that you are part of the NC/SC States Rally. DO NOT make your reservation on the Palmetto Cove website as you WILL NOT be parked with the rally. Next: Go to the Host Club website at this link: <https://airstreamclub.org/021cac-2023-nc-sc-states-rally> and Register for the rally while paying your Rally Fee.

Your Hosts are "pumped" and excited for the opportunity to be involved in this first "All Carolinas" joint rally in a dozen or so years.

Please join us and if you have any questions contact any of us. Bruce and Claire Bodenstein, (704) 277-2018, brucebodenstein@gmail.com Betty-Ann and John Sutton, jdbasutton@gmail.com Jack and Linda Grimes, jackmgrimes@gmail.com

1st Annual Holden Beach Rally

May 16 – May 19, 2024

C'mon over to Seabreeze RV Park in Holden Beach, NC, and get the 2024 summer off to a great start! We have lots of fun planned, and the park is only minutes from the beach. The Seabreeze RV Park is in Holden Beach, NC, and is a brand-new park with all the amenities you would expect! We have spaces reserved! The park uses "Campspot" which enables you to pick a specific site, but please phone the office at (910) 842-2733 for the special rally rate of \$67.50 per night, and there is no lock fee required to guarantee you get the site you selected.

<https://www.seabreezenc.com>



Rally Hosts:

Doug Bevell at dougbevell@gmail.com
Ed & Janet O'Neil at edoneil60@gmail.com

Anyone interested in traveling to International Rally in 2024 as a group please let me know asap so that plans can be made.
raycombs100@gmail.com.

For those who do not plan to go to International we have a rally planned during the same time at Uharrie National Park.



Common Mistakes Upon Your Airstream Travels

(taken from the "Live Riveted" Blog)

While we know that inevitably life will happen and not everything will go smoothly. While challenges and obstacles make for good stories, they make pretty lousy experiences in the moment. But with a little foresight, knowledge, and the expertise of the thousands of Airstreamers who've hit the road before you, it's easy to avoid some of the most common headaches.

Mistake #1: Neglecting Routine Maintenance

Ensuring your Airstream is properly cared for all-year-round will avoid unexpected parts breakage and erratic operation. Review and abide by the recommended maintenance schedule and always do a tire pressure check and tighten lug nuts before you take off.

Mistake #2: Overpacking

Only take what you need and leave the rest at home. Taking too much with you causes a variety of problems. For example, it clutters your living space. When you can't locate what you need because it's buried, it can put a damper on your adventure.

Mistake #3: Unevenly Distributing the Weight in Your Airstream

Overpacking can cause uneven distribution, but so can putting your gear in the wrong place. If you store all of your outdoor gear (bikes, skis, etc) all on the left side of your Airstream, the weight distribution is skewed to one side, which can cause dangerous conditions while on the road. Be mindful when you stow your gear and spread the weight out.

Mistake #4: Leaving in a Rush and Skipping a Walkaround

The sooner you get going the sooner you get to your destination, but that is no excuse to skip a walkaround. Make sure you have done everything you need to do before hitting the open road. You can avoid shattered shower doors, broken closet or cabinet doors, cracked windows, dislodged bumper, and other damage to your Airstream, tow vehicle, or to the campground by doing a quick walkaround.

Mistake #5: Embarking on Your Journey Without Full Propane

If cold temperatures are expected, having full propane is a must to stay warm. But even in warm temperatures, propane is a necessity – it fuels the water heater, the stove and oven, and may be your fuel source for an external grill or cooking system. In reality, you should always have a full propane tank before a new trip. You never know when your plans to stop and fill up will unexpectedly change.

Mistake #6: Waiting Until You Leave to Turn on the Refrigerator

Even though those travel trailer refrigerators are small, they can take a while to cool down. Turn it on a day before you leave so you can stock it with your favorite foods without fear of it spoiling.





Common Mistakes Upon Your Airstream Travels (Con't.)

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Mistake #7: Not Securing Your Belongings Before You Leave

You will be traveling down the road at 65 miles per hour. Your Airstream – and all your belongings stored inside – will be rattling as if going through an earthquake. With that in mind, be sure to securely fasten all of your belongings to avoid broken possessions and damage to your Airstream.

Mistake #8: Forgetting to Check Your Route for Height, Width, and Ground Clearance Restrictions

Not all travel trailers can fit under bridges, through tunnels, and in fast food drive-thru lanes. Before you set out on your journey, check the technical specifications of your Airstream and then use a tool like RV LIFE Trip Wizard or RV LIFE App to check for clearance hazards. A good tip is to record your rig's height and width on a paper you can store in your glove box.

Mistake #9: Forgetting to Chock the Wheels Before You Unhitch

It's a simple task that takes seconds, but forgetting to do it can be catastrophic. Always chock your wheels before unhitching your travel trailer from your tow vehicle so that your beloved Airstream doesn't roll away.

Mistake #10: Not Using an Electrical Management System at a Campground

While mistake #1 may seem obvious, this one isn't. Always pack an [Electric Management System](#) (available at Airstream Supply Company for [30amp](#) or [50amp](#) systems) to avoid electric surges at your campsite. Unfortunately, campsite electric hookups are sometimes wired incorrectly and can cause power surges that can damage equipment.

Mistake #11: Ignoring or Not Understanding How to Take Care of Your Tanks

Review your Airstream's manual and familiarize yourself with the tanks' location, restrictions, and maintenance instructions. This will avoid an overflowing or clogged tank, as well as a costly repair bill.

Mistake #12: Forgetting to Check the Weather

Last but not least, always know what weather to expect before you leave for your adventure. You may need to delay or re-route your trip if snow is expected along the mountain pass you're taking, or if the beach you plan to visit as your mid-way point is experiencing a red tide. It will also help you know what to pack!

Avoiding these common camping mistakes will eliminate unnecessary expense, a bad headache, and unwanted plot twists in your next Airstream adventure. As you become more comfortable, these checklists and tasks will become second nature and you'll be an Airstream pro in no time.



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