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NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB
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September 2023

2023 CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events

Myrtle Beach Rally at Ocean
Lakes November 9-12

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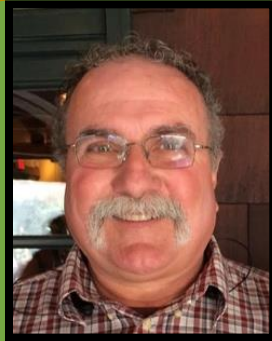
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President's Corner Ricky Wilcox

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Hello streamers,

Hello streamers I'm reaching out once again. I hope you are all doing well and enjoying the last bit of summer, hopefully doing some traveling. Cooler weather is just around the corner as well.

We had an awesome time at our Rally at Top Of Georgia Airstream Park just outside Helen, Georgia. We had an awesome German dinner headed up by our hosts Bjorn and Nicole Kasper. We inducted new members there as well. Thanks to past President Phil Drake for helping out with the ceremony. See the pictures at the end of this newsletter.

We've been home working hard catching up from being gone for almost three months. We crammed in all our appointments and projects trying to get everything done. We pulled out the RV seats and took them to the upholstery shop to be reupholstered as well. Most of all just catching up with friends and family.

Our next Rally coming up is Palmetto Cove and is our first multi club joint rally since I've been in the club. I don't know why we quit having these and I'm looking forward to getting together with the other clubs. Our clubs and past President, Bruce B. are taking the lead this year for planning this Rally.

Our next opportunity to rally will be in Marion N.C. at the Alumalina Rally. This one is always a good Rally and an awesome area to explore. John Leake really does an awesome job with this Rally and we're looking forward to it as well. Hopefully the weather will be a little cooler and we can enjoy some time around the campfire, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Our last Rally of the season will be in Myrtle Beach S.C. at Ocean Lakes campground. If you haven't already registered please do so soon because I'm sure this one will fill up, if it's not already. It will be our season closer rally and one of our largest of the 2023 season. Our rally host for this one is our board members and officers. This is our first year of the board hosting. This is also the first year of the club not charging a rally fee to CAC members. I hope to see you guys there as well.

As you can see we're finishing up the 2023 Rally Season with a bang. It's been so much fun and I have enjoyed this year serving as your club president. There are so many wonderful people in this club. I have made so many life-long friends that I now refer to as my "Airstream Family".

So that being said please join me at one of our "family reunions". We can catch up or get to know each other better. Hopefully we'll meet at a campfire close by really soon. Until next time stay safe out there and safe travels.

~ Ricky 021president@wbcci.net

Vice President's Corner

Steve Thompson #19771

Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

September has given Jan and I another look at the beauty and history our country has to offer while travelling in our Airstream. It took over a year of planning but, we and 4 other airstream couples, ventured to New Hampshire and Vermont looking for good times and this trip did not disappoint. My hopes are that you grasp any opportunity to hit the road. Keep in mind a successful trip requires planning.

Look at our 2024 rally schedule and make plans now to attend these great events. Unfortunately, we were not able to attend the rally in Palmetto Cove, but knowing the hosts, we are certain you had a great time.

As we near the end of our 2023 CAC season, consider our remaining rally events. In October, many of us will attend Alumalina in Marion, NC. In November, we rally together at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC. Your CAC leadership team is very busy planning for the Ocean Lakes rally. Included in this newsletter is specific information on some of the activities we have planned.

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.

I leave you with two take-aways from our recent travels: the value of a good Vermont maple creamee and New Hampshire's motto *Live Free or Die*.

Safe travels!

~ Steve 1st VP 021vicepresident@wbcci.net



Ocean Lakes Rally November 9-12

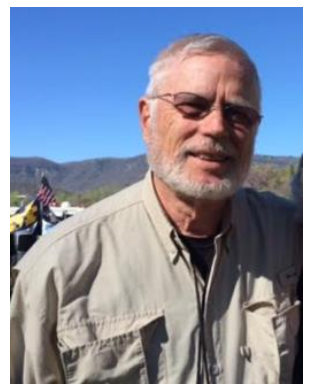
Ocean Lakes Rally Activities

Our committee has been working hard to offer plenty of activities for the rally. We will have a number of interesting and varied seminars on Friday and Saturday, plus the usual Flea Market, Bingo, Trailer Crawl (Open House), and awesome Door Prizes. This is a reminder to bring your items to sell at the Flea Market AND bring any re-gifting white elephant donations for Bingo prizes. See you there!

Tim Almy, Margie Lamb, Elaine Myers

2nd Vice President

Ray Combs #822



Hello CAC Airstreamers,
Lots of things going on...

As I write this Carol and I are camping in North Bend Kerr Lake, scouting for our rally here next April. This is a beautiful Corp of Engineer's park on a huge lake. If you plan on attending this rally you need to make your reservations on or soon after October 14, as the best lake front sites book up fast. We have looked at all 249 sites and think our best options are sites 78-103 which are in Loop B. Please call me for instructions (336-558-5532) as to how to register.

If you wish to travel with the Carolinas Airstream Club to International, please email me (raycombs100@gmail.com) ASAP as it is time to start making reservations. We are also looking for a leader, any volunteers?

Bjorn and Nicole Kasper are hosting the Outer Banks Rally next September and need a co-host. Please contact me if you can help with this rally.

Rolling Rally: As you know, we will have 3 rolling rallies next year. What is a rolling rally? Well it is a little like a short caravan in that we will move from one rally to the next, but you must sign up for each rally separately. You can attend all three, just one or any two, whatever best fits your schedule and interests.

Sharri Duncan, one of our newest members, has organized a Basecamp Rally for November 3-5 at Creekwood Farm RV Park in Waynesville. This looks like a fabulous rally - thank you Sharri! For more information contact Sharri. You can find her contact information on Evernote.

Our campground owners are telling us that they are hearing from you about booking for next year - way to go! We are glad to hear the spots are filling up, but please be sure to go to the CAC website after you book your site so the hosts can plan activities with you in mind.

Till Next Time,
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 Carrike)

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)

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)**

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)

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



Jim and Kathleen Plyler have been traveling with their Airstream only since the spring of 2021, but it seems they have already mastered the art of trip planning, which includes joining rallies from Airstream clubs far and wide.

Consider a single trip the Plylers took last spring: first, Kathleen and Jim camped with some fellow CAC members in Western NC, caravanned to the Cornbread Rally in South Pittsburg, TN, sponsored by the Eastern TN Airstream Club, took a side trip to Paducah, KY, to visit the National Quilt Museum, visited Airstream civil war rally in Ft. Donaldson, TN, sponsored by the Music City Airstream Club, and ended this adventure at Cherokee Lake, TN.

In August, the Plylers also attended the Seneca Lake Wine Trail Airstream rally sponsored by the Metropolitan NY Airstream Club, before heading to Niagara Falls.

“Other clubs are so happy for us join their rallies,” says Kathleen. “All you have to do is sign up for the rally to participate ... no need to join the club as an affiliate member.”

The Plyler's connection to rallies will expand next year as they are excited to lead the CAC Mayberry Rally near Mt. Airy, NC. “See you down the road” is an Airstream slogan Jim and Kathleen have already experienced when they saw some people at the Music City Club Rally whom they meet on the Smidge of the Ridge caravan.

Jim & Kathleen Plyler

Since joining Airstream Club International, the Plylers have learned lots just by listening to other Airstreamers, whether it is about how to fix a hot water heater, or places to visit. Jim and Kathleen observed that joining rallies from a variety of Airstream clubs offers a mix of perspectives and a valuable broad exposure to multiple club cultures.

When on the road, Jim takes his kayak and gravel bike. Kathleen takes Lexie, her miniature Aussie, and her knitting. (“I think it is time to get your knitting” is Jim's way of telling Kathleen that she needs a distraction while on a busy freeway.)

At home, Jim brews ales, various pale ales and special ales for various holidays. He is also a season ticket holder for NC State Wolfpack football games, which might have something to do with Jim and Kathleen's fall travel plans.

Kathleen sews, quilts and volunteers, and is always on the lookout for unique yarn or quilting stores.

When they are not traveling, or at a Wolfpack game, Jim and Kathleen might be found at their nearly 200-year old house (always under renovation) in Southport NC or hiking around Falls Lake in north Wake County.

The Plyler's 23' Flying Cloud is named Ava, a reference to adventure and to a famous North Carolina native, Ava Gardner. Maybe a rally in Hollywood or Grabtown, NC, is in the Plyler's future?



RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hi Streamers!

I hope everyone is enjoying this bit of cooler weather. I know I am! Favorite time of year – campfires, Fall but not so much the leaves!! ☺

Top of Georgia looked like a great rally although there were a few cancellations due to illness and accidents. I always request permission to list anyone's name but I'm behind the eight ball this month – my apologies! Please keep our fellow members in your thoughts and prayers as they recover.

I had the chance to check out the progress on SoStinkin'Cute! last week. Just wow!!! She has state of the art systems installed and will be ready for anything! There was more floor rot & rust in the bathroom than realized and took more time to repair but she's in great shape now! I am so excited about all the work being done on her but I can't wait to get my hands on transforming her interior. I've got the color scheme picked and fabric bought. Itching for this phase of the transformation!

Her maiden voyage will be Ocean Lakes – can't wait to get her out and test all the new systems and gadgets. Come by for a peek. Looking forward to hitting the road again!

“The gladdest moment in human life, methinks, is a departure into unknown lands.” – Sir Richard Burton

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Membership Chair

Lee Dunn #27312



Hello fellow Members,

Currently have 296 rigs and 551 members in CAC.

~Lee, 021membershipchair@wbcci.net

Our newest members

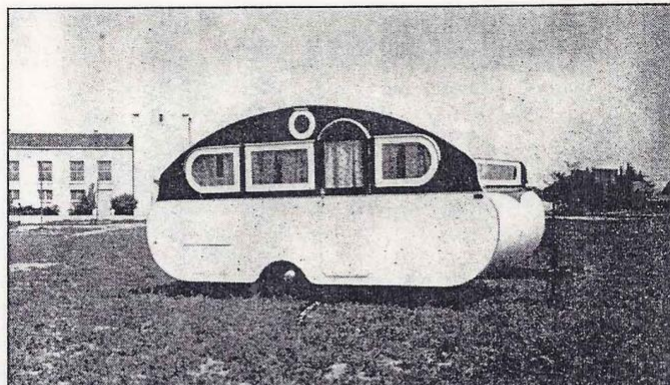
(Details in Evernote)

- **Affiliate Members Charles & Diane Leeper from Damascus, VA., and their 2023 25' Globetrotter**
- **Bob & Janet Swanson from Holly Springs, NC., and their 2019 25' Flying Cloud**
- **Duane & Nannette Martin from Ocean Isle Beach, NC., and their 2023 23' Flying Cloud 23FB Twin**
- **Joyce & Leif Svensen from Goose Creek, SC., and their 2019 25' Flying Cloud**
- **Tabb & Ruth Adams from Gatlinburg, TN, and their 2018 33' Classic 33FB Twin who are transferring to our club**
- **Charles Pickeral & Cory Barger from Clermont, GA, and their 2004 39.5' Land Yacht 396XL who are transferring from Southeastern Camping**
- **Charissa Wyatt from Livingston, TX, and her 2018 27' Flying Cloud who is an affiliate member.**
- **Stephen & Lynne Piotrowski from Madison, WI, and their 2007 23' Safari are new affiliate members.**
- **Maria & Tom Greene from Banner Elk, NC, and their 2023 28' International 27fb.**

Interesting Historical Facts about Airstreams

Hollywood Ties

From the very beginning, Airstream has been a popular choice among celebrities. In the 1930s, owners included film stars such as Tom Mix and Barbara Stanwyck. Today, celebrity owners include Mark Harmon, Matthew McConaughey, Sean Penn, Miranda Lambert, Patrick Dempsey, HGTV's Ben and Erin Napier, and more.



Anyone interested in traveling to International Rally in 2024 as a group please let Ray Combs or Steve Thompson know asap so that plans can be made. raycombs100@gmail.com or 021vicepresident@wbcci.net

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





Staying Connected

(taken from the "Live Riveted" Blog)

WiFi Connectivity in Your Airstream

WiFi is the cheapest option, which can be utilized for free or very low cost at most campgrounds and cafes, but is often unreliable. If you choose to connect using this option, do your homework ahead of time to determine if the WiFi at your next location will provide what you need. The [Airstream Connected Kit](#) makes setting up WiFi even easier.

Cellular Connection While Working in Your Airstream

A cellular connection is most popular, as it's generally reliable and is an affordable, flexible option. You can choose to connect via a hotspot from your phone, buy a plug-n-play mobile hotspot that gets a boost from an exterior antenna, use a cellular embedded router, or a cellular booster. Many Airstreamers use their current mobile service provider to explore cellular connection options.

Satellite Connectivity in an Airstream

Connecting via satellite is a great option for those camping in more remote places, as it provides service wherever you can get a clear view of the sky. This option is most expensive and usually offers a low bandwidth, but is reliable. Starlink is a popular satellite option.

Watch the Ask an Airstreamer episode for more details and set up recommendations on each option.

Best Travel Apps for Connectivity



Wi-Fi Map

Whether you're working on the road or just want to stream some Netflix, this app notifies you of free nearby wifi (globally!). The details — shared by users — provide the name of the source, the strength of the network, and any passwords required. Get points toward upgraded services by adding sites to the map. The Pro membership allows you access to offline maps (helpful if you're without wifi to search for wifi!) and secured VPN; you can also purchase a data package with eSIM. Free; the Pro Version is \$34.99 per year. Available on iOS and Android



OpenSignal

Knowing where you might lose a cell signal lets you prepare; even better is knowing where your particular carrier might be lackluster. OpenSignal's ability to search by location (your surroundings or your destination) as well as your cell phone carrier is an extra bonus. Also handy if you want to go off the grid for a bit! Free. Available on iOS and Android. And while it's not an app, we'd be remiss in not mentioning RV Life Trip Wizard for plotting and planning adventures. It's comprehensive, and its mapping features are, well, off the charts. If you know, you know!



"Oh, the Places You Will Go!"

Members Travel and Club Events

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

Hello fellow Carolina Airstream family. Apprehension quickly turned to excitement as we welcomed over 50 rigs and 100 fun warm bodies to the first rally we have ever hosted at Top of Georgia in August. I was raised in Germany, so this area, home to Oktoberfest in Helen, GA., has held a special place in my heart for over 20 years. Nicole and I spent 12 hours humbly begging local business owners for free stuff, which led to every attendee going home with a special local door prize. Along with teaching everyone to yodel and do the chicken dance, the highlight of weekend, at least for us, was taking my love for cooking German food to a level I couldn't even imagine. Peeling 40 cucumbers and 60 pounds of red potatoes and grilling over 100 bratwurst led to a full plate for many happy rally attendees. Along with sauerkraut and red cabbage, bellies were full by the end of the meal. We also hosted a German beer tasting that introduced folks to the German purity laws resulting in consistently good brews. We also hosted a trip to our favorite local vineyard down the road, Yonah Mountain, who's owner, Bill came and shared their history with our group as we enjoyed their charcuterie plates and wonderful wines. Friday and Saturday morning we also hosted a Yoga session, which led by Miss Jessica, got every participant stretched and centered and ready to conquer the world feeling wonderful about themselves and all around them. When all was said and done, the rally in the mountains was a huge success and all rally attendees young and old, new and veteran, left with new friends and memories to last a lifetime. On behalf of my wife Nicole and I, we want to thank every attendee for actively participating and all of the volunteers that stepped up to help us with the many tasks we required, glory to God for this opportunity and for each and every one of you. Until see meet again down the road. Host-Bjorn and Nicole Kasper





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