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PALMETTO STATE AIRSTREAM CLUB
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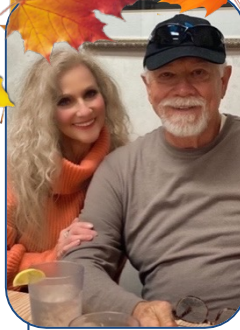
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President’s Message:

by Burt Broadway (BRN 06718)



Let me say it has been a whirlwind year for Gail and me. We are both still rocking from the AlumaLina Rally! It was one of the best! There sure was lots of shiny silver in that field!

We have had several new members and affiliates join our fantastic club with lots more to come! Our club is really growing and it’s all because of YOU!

I am so honored to have served as President of the Palmetto State Airstream Club this year. Special thanks to the First Lady who worked as hard as I did to make each rally so special and to make sure we all had fun rallying together. Thank you all for your support and participation throughout this year. It truly was a pleasure and I’m so proud to have led the best WBCCI Airstream Club of all!

Now, I ask you to give all your trust, support, and confidence in our new President and First Lady, Donnie and Vicki Lee. They have a great 2024 year planned for all of us! I look forward to seeing everyone down the road.

Don’t forget it’s a throwback dress code for this rally as our PSAC forefathers once dressed at their Installation Rally (white shirts, red ties or bows, and blue pants or jeans).

I know we will have a wonderful new slate of officers for next year! Don’t miss this very important meeting as we will induct Donnie as our new President and Eric Graham as our First VP. So come on, it’s not too late to make your reservations at Palmetto Cove!

Let’s have one more big blast of a rally for 2023!



November Birthdays:

Michael Madden – 5
 Lisa Wright – 5
 Burt Broadway – 6
 Debbie Madden – 8
 Karen Eggebrecht – 9
 Gary Prideaux – 12
 Carole Austin – 14
 Allison Love – 15
 Vickie Lee – 19
 Carolyn Barta – 27



December Birthdays:

Carrie Sandstrom – 5
 Eric Graham – 6
 Rick Wright – 7
 Jim Stewart – 21
 Thomas Martini – 28
 Barbara Whitman – 30
 Richard Sandstrom – 31



Happy Anniversary!

November Anniversaries:

Keith & Renee Phillips – 13

December Anniversaries:

Renee & Tom Dodge – 4
 Charlie & Mary Ann Purser – 10
 Jim & Betsy Stewart – 23
 Jake & Diane Butts – 26

If you have any "Cares and Prayers" please let me know! We all need a prayer once in awhile.

Cares and Prayers:

- Prayers for Ann Miller who has cancer.
- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead for healing.
- Healing prayers for Eric Graham.



2023 Rally Schedule

November 3-5, 2023. Installation Rally

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC 29635
 Please call Palmetto Cove directly at **864-836-6221** to make your own reservations. Please do so and let Burt know via email at burt.broadway@gmail.com or text Gail at **(803) 322-7687**. Let them know what site# and how many days you will be there. This information is needed for our hosts to prepare.

Hosts: Mike & Debbie Madden, Brad & Tami Van Thof.

December 8-10, 2023 Christmas Rally

Optional: **Overnight Camping Dec. 8 & 9**
Potluck Christmas Lunch, Dec. 9 from 11-2.
 Bobby and Arlene Puryear's Jasper Farms.
 2912 Holley Ferry Road for the luncheon, 2950 Holly Ferry Road for the rigs, Leesville, SC.

Water, electric, and dump station will be provided.

Donnie Lee needs a head count, on those who plan to camp, and on those who plan to be at the Potluck! Email Donnie at dllakewsc@yahoo.com

I never bother turning my clock back. It's easier to just show up for everything early.



Airstream's Electrical System – Part 6

The new buzz with batteries is lithium batteries.

Why are they being talked about so much? Well, let's dive in and find out.

There are several chemistries that have been developed over the years, but LiFePO4 (LFP) is the preferred chemistry for off-grid and RV applications. Under most conditions LFP supports more than 3,000 cycles at 50% discharge and are 55% lighter than flooded lead batteries with the same energy capacity. They have a low self-discharge rate of 3% per month compared to 20%, and charge 4x faster than flood batteries. They provide the same amount of power throughout the entire discharge cycle compared to lead batteries that start out strong but dissipate sharply.

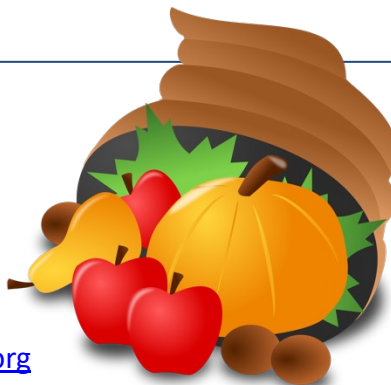


LFP can discharge 95% of its energy compared to lead being limited to 50% discharge. They have a lot of advantages over flooded batteries, but there are disadvantages. LFP charges at a higher voltage and needs a different charging algorithm than lead batteries. Your charger may need to be replaced if you decide to use LFP batteries.

The tow-vehicle provides power through the seven-pin plug. The voltage provided from the tow-vehicle may not be compatible with the LFP batteries, requiring a DC-to-DC charger to provide the correct voltage and charge stages. Batteries in general do not do well at cold temperatures, and LFPs are no different. LFP cannot be charged below 32 degrees without damage and only discharge to 70% when temperature is below 0 degrees.

Most lithium batteries have a built-in battery monitoring system (BMS). The BMS protects the battery from common issues that can damage the battery such as overcharging and shutoff if overheated. Some BMS have wireless Bluetooth connection to monitor the batteries with a smart phone. Some offer heating capabilities to allow charging in cold weather.

The cost of LFP is nearly the same as flooded batteries due to its high charge cycles, but upfront cost is much greater. Several electrical components may need to be replaced to be compatible with LFP, adding additional cost. LFPs are a great upgrade for boondocking, but if you travel from site to site with shore power they may be unnecessary.



Introducing our upcoming President & First Lady (BRN 11798)



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Anyone can donate anything at anytime as a door prize.

Donate whatever you'd like, such as a craft, or something you think would be a nice door prize. It's always fun to give and receive.

Please bring your donation(s) to the next rally that you attend!

At every rally there will be this box to put your donations in, so you can donate at anytime!



PSAC would like to thank Chuck and Diane Hearn for their donation of a set of Rock Guard mud flaps to our club. They were sold at Alumalina for \$200.00 and they deposited the monies in our club funds.

"Time stands still for no one," an old adage that has been around forever, has once again made its presence known. 2023 has been a great year headed by President and First Lady Burt and Gail Broadway. They both secured locations and planned what has been an exciting year. If you missed any of these rallies, you missed some great times and memories.

As 2024 and our November Installation Rally at Palmetto Cove rapidly approaches, it brings about new changes and new plans. Our soon-to-be First Lady and I are excited to fill the shoes of so many that have held these leadership positions in the past. Our promise to you is to offer another memorable year. Our rallies are all scheduled, including the Carolina Mountain Jamboree that has been resurrected and is scheduled for September. In-depth planning is in progress to make this a really special time.

Now a little about your new President and First Lady.

Vickie is from the Denver, NC area and is a retired nurse. I am from Oconee County, SC, and retired from Duke Energy. We met in Charlotte, NC after I was transferred to McGuire nuclear station from Oconee nuclear station in 1973. Vickie was living in Charlotte, working in the medical field and attending Queens College. We have been avid campers starting with backpacking and tent camping in our younger days. We have been happily married since 1979 and have two grown boys. Kyle and Jessica live in Rock Hill, with grandchildren Caleb (almost 8) and Melissa, age 6. Our youngest son Cody and Christina live in our family home in the Lake Wylie area with grandson Ian (almost 8).

We have been Airstream owners for about 5 years. We purchased and restored a 1989 Excella in 2019. We attended Alumalina that year as guests with no camper. We knew at that time we were hooked!

Our maiden voyage with the camper was the installation rally at Palmetto Cove, where we had never tried our furnace. Needless to say it was a cold 28 degree weekend!

We look forward to 2024 being a memorable year and hearing your ideas and suggestions.

Please print this itinerary out prior to the rally, so you know the schedule, or save to your "Notes" on your phone or to whatever works.

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Installation Rally Schedule:

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC

Join us for a weekend of fellowship, fun and good food as we acknowledge the hard work and efforts of this past year's officers and introduce and inaugurate the new group of folks who will be leading the Palmetto State Airstream Club through next year's wonderful events and rallies.

Rally Fee \$20.00 * Please bring drinks and set ups to all meals *

THURSDAY, November, 2

Enjoy your friends' company and local attractions at your leisure!!

4:00 PM Social Hour: Bring your favorite beverage and eats to share.

Dinner on your own.

FRIDAY, November, 3

4:00 PM: Social Hour --- Official Start of Rally --- Registration and Social Hour.

Meet up at the outdoor Pavilion for an informal pre-dinner happy hour gathering.

5:00 PM: Dinner on your own or join us at The Rock Restaurant. If you'd like to come along, please email Tami Van Thof by Tuesday, October 31st at rancho92675@gmail.com or give her a call at 949-444-1084.

SATURDAY, November, 4

8:30 AM Breakfast: We will meet at the outdoor Pavilion/Library for a "choose your ingredients" omelet, biscuits and sausage gravy, fruit, coffee and juice.

Lunch and/or other activities on your own.

4:00 PM Social Hour: Bring your own beverage, hors d'oeuvres, or anything of your choice!

6:00 PM Supper: Gather at the indoor hall for a delicious dinner of pork tenderloin, baked potatoes with the fixings, green beans, salad and rolls. There will be cake to celebrate a few birthdays and if you want you can bring a dessert to share!

7:00 PM ** Business meeting to follow Supper ******

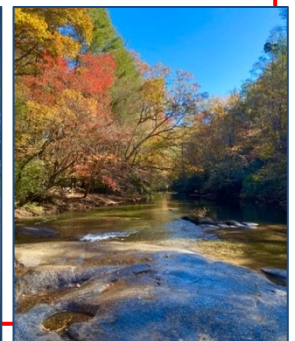
Installation of new officers.

SUNDAY, November, 5

8:30 AM: Coffee, fruit parfait, muffins, homemade breads, and a goodwill message and prayer for the road.

9:00 AM: Devotional, "Word" for the road!

Hosts: Mike & Debbie Madden and Brad & Tami Van Thof



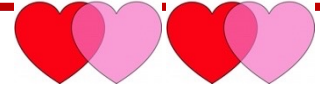
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For **ALL** 2024 rallies, email Donnie Lee at dllakewsc@yahoo.com or text him at **803-984-6748**. Let him know you made your reservation, for what rally and how many days you will be attending. Also, make sure to give him your site number. Always, when making your reservations, let the campground know you are from the Palmetto State Airstream Club.

Ask if they have a senior citizen or South Carolina resident discount.

**** In order to help the hosts for the rallies, it is very important to know how many people will be attending so they know how to prepare. ****

February 10, 2024, 11:00AM-2:00PM Valentine Luncheon



Tega Cay Shore Club, 15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC

We will make reservations at the beautiful Shore Club in Tega Cay again this next year, which has been the perfect setting to celebrate Valentine's Day. **It is imperative that we have an accurate head count**, so let Don Lee know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

Hosts: Burt & Gail Broadway

March 14 – 17, 2024 Silver in the Sand Rally

Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC

Let's celebrate St. Paddy's again this year and dress in green and decorate to "Do the GREEN thing!" You can make your reservations now, the sooner the better to get a good spot by the ocean!

Be sure to ask for section H, held for Palmetto State Airstream Club. Be sure to make your reservations now, cutoff date for holding our spots is February 16th. Be sure to ask about the \$2 discount for PSAC. We currently have 13 rigs signed up. **Call 800-722-1451**

Hosts Needed:

April 11 – 14, 2024 Silver in the City Rally

Downtown York, SC

An urban rally hosted by Palmetto State Airstream Club #22. Please let Terry Montgomery know if you are planning to attend by emailing him at terrymontgomery31@gmail.com.

Hosts: John & Susan Leake, Terry & Annie Montgomery and PSAC members

April 17 – 21, 2024 Region 3 Rally

Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia.

May 16 – 19, 2024 Mountain Stream Rally

Mountain Stream RV Park, 6954 Buck Creek Road, Marion, NC

Twenty-three Airstreams have signed up, and 2 spots remaining. Call Shelby **828-724-9013** or Mountainstreamrvpark.com to make your reservations.

Hosts: Burt & Gail Broadway and Bill & Joyce Butucel

June 6 – 9, 2024 Lake Hartwell State Park Rally

19138 S Hwy 11, Fair Play, SC

Sites 32 thru 59 are being held for this rally. We currently have 22 rigs signed up, and have 1 spot remaining. **864-972-3352** or go to www.SouthCarolinaParks.com. Other nearby sites are available as well. Let's make this peninsula shine with "silver!"

Hosts Needed:

We need HOSTS for the 2024 Rally Schedule. Please review next year's schedule and let Donnie Lee know what rally you want to host.

2024 Rally Schedule

July 19 – 21, 2024 Creekwood Farm RV Park

4696 Jonathon Creek Road, Waynesville, NC

At Creekwood Farm you will see all well-maintained spacious sites. Make your reservation early to get your prime Creekwood spot! Call now to book your site at **(828) 926-7977**. It's not too late to make your reservations for a site of your choice.

Hosts Needed:

August 22 – 25, 2024 Allison Creek County Park

2499 Viesta Road, York, SC

We have sites 1-26 reserved, except for site #4, which is the camp host spot!

You can call **(803) 323-2035** or go by the park to reserve your site.

NOTE: You are not able to make your reservations on line.

If you plan to attend, please let Donnie Lee know.

Hosts Needed:



September 18 – 22, 2024 Carolina Mountain Jamboree/Joint Rally

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC

Donnie Lee is in need of host committee members for planning; if interested, please let him know. Reservations may be made after April 2024. Put this on your calendars!

Hosts: Palmetto State Airstream Club. Let Donnie Lee know if you are willing to serve on our planning committee.

October 5 – 10, 2024 International Rally – Sedalia, MO.

See the Blue Beret for details.

October 24 - 27, 2024 Alumalina Buddy Rally

Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 Hwy 70 West, Marion, NC

A Carolina Airstream gathering. Four days of food, fun, fellowship, seminars, craft fair/flea market, beer swaps, bourbon trails, walking, talking, biking, hiking, paddling, picking, grinning, campfires, miles of aluminum, and lots of paroozing. Details to come on airforums.com.



November 1 – 3, 2024 Installation Rally

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC

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Hosts Needed:



SOME OF OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 1

- All Saints Day



November 2

- Men Make Dinner Day

November 5

- Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 10

- US Marine Corp Birthday



November 11

- Veterans Day



November 15

- Clean out your Refrigerator Day

November 23

- Thanksgiving



November 30

- Personal Space Day



Welcome New Members

Guy Chapman grcchapman@gmail.com

Ann Chapman aechapman@gmail.com

BRN 05923 (2017 Flying Cloud 27')

Travelers Rest, SC

Bradley Driver Thirteenadventures@gmail.com

Blair Driver blairdriver19@gmail.com

BRN 11330 (2023 International 27')

Livingston, TX

Welcome New Transfer Members

Alan Rabb lnls39@gmail.com

Jill Rabb ajtravel19@gmail.com

BRN 02376 (2020 Classic 30')

Greensboro, GA

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Tom "Buddy" Efrid Trbud@ctc.net

Michelle Efrid mefird@vnet.net

BRN 05286 (1973 Overlander 27')

Albemarle, NC

Ronald Sims colrsims@gmail.com

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Lew & Ty Walker baggywrinkle@outlook.com

BRN 02027 (2019 Flying Cloud 25')

Myrtle Beach, SC

Deb Sullivan sullyd123@gmail.com

BRN 02286 (2020 Classic 33')

Sarasota, FL

Alumalina Buddy Rally



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Buddy Rally
October 19-22**



Air Bar



Alumalina Buddy Rally



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BREAKFAST



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*Sunday Morning
Worship* †



And he
didn't
spill a
drop!

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Our Journey to Airstreaming by Keith & Renee Phillips (BRN 03143)



Our journey to Airstreaming started with Renee exclaiming over every Airstream we passed on the highway. So, in June 2020, we found our 1979, 25' Land Yacht Tradewind in Virginia. We named her Daisy. The body and frame were in great shape; however, the interior needed a little TLC.

In 1979 everything on the interior was built from plastic and thin particleboard.

We spent the first week gutting the interior to get a start fresh. Then we installed new fresh, black and gray water tanks.

The bathroom was built first, since it's in the back, and the shower was the hardest part. After that we worked our way to the front. We had to construct everything from scratch since nothing commercially made fits the curved walls. Even the curvature of the walls changed over the length of the body, so one wall is not the same as the next.

We worked diligently on this project every night after work until 9pm, only stopping to have a delicious dinner made by Renee. Many hours were spent researching the best way to do something and sometimes research was all that I would get done in an evening.

We decided to leave the original layout the same to avoid moving vents in the roof. We kept the beds in the middle with a split bed

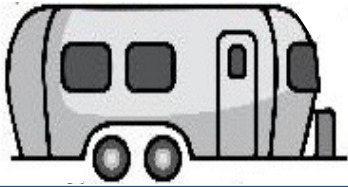
design with plenty of storage space under the beds for clothes and other fun camping items. In the front of the camper, we decided to forgo the usual bench seats with a table and installed two recliners instead. These are perfect for afternoon naps and are cozy during bad weather.

We now call Daisy a 79-21 model since she's from 1979 but rebuilt with 2021 luxuries. Everything in our Land Yacht is new except for the A/C which works as originally intended.

After one year of working on Daisy, on June 28, 2021, we finally launched her on her first trip to Roan Mountain in Tennessee for a week of hiking, fishing and outdoor fun!



A Little Something About Us by Joyce Svensen (BRN 08891)



Hello &
welcome



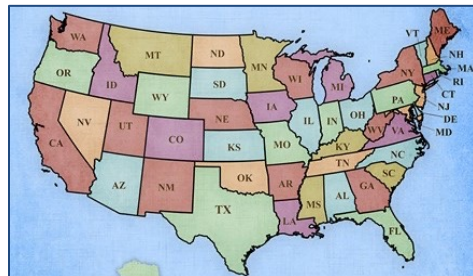
This is a picture of Leif and me in our 25' Flying Cloud.

We are both recently retired and new to camping. We purchased "Dolly" in May. I am retired from higher education where I worked in the Registrar's office.

Leif worked as a Mechanical Engineer in power plant performance at Santee Cooper.

Together we raised two daughters and nowadays we can be seen traveling with our four year old mini golden-doodle, Mazie.

We look forward to meeting many of you.



“Cadillac” Queso

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. white American cheese, cubed
- ½ cup milk (more if needed)
- 1-tbsp. butter
- 2 (4-oz.) cans chopped chilies
- 2 tsp. ground cumin
- 2 tsp. garlic powder
- 2 tsp. onion powder
- Dash of cayenne pepper



Directions:

1. Place cheese, milk and butter in a medium saucepan over low heat. Stir until cheese is melted.
2. Add green chilies, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder and cayenne pepper; stir until smooth. Thin with milk if queso is too thick.
3. Cook until heated through, about 2 minutes.
4. Serve warm with nacho chips.



To make red queso, add 4 oz. of salsa instead of chopped green chilies.