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NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB  
THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CLUB IN WBCCI FORMED IN 1960



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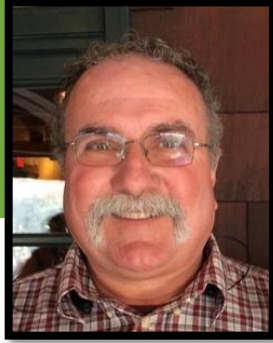
## 2023 CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events

Myrtle Beach Rally at Ocean  
Lakes November 9-12

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## President's Corner Ricky Wilcox

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Hello fellow streamers,

Once again I'm reaching out to you from the road. We're in Hot Springs North Carolina right now and enjoying cooler weather and some pretty fall colors as well.

We enjoyed some hot tub time today here and that was so relaxing. If you've never been here you need to plan that sometime in the future. We're staying in the campground right across the street from the hot tubs. The campground is really nice here.

We leave on Wednesday and head to Marion N.C. for the Alumalina Rally. We've been several times and always enjoy our time there. That's another Rally I highly recommend for you to do and if you haven't then you need to.

If you have then I don't have to tell you and probably will see you there.

We leave there next week and head to Ocean Lakes campground in Myrtle Beach S.C. This is typically our largest club Rally of the year and our final Rally of the 2023 season.

It's also where we induct our new officers for the 2024 calendar year. We have lots of prizes, activities, meals and of course the "world famous" low country boil dinner on Saturday evening. It's at least "world famous" in our world. Lol.

Even as this camping season winds down I hope to see you guys down the road sometime soon. There is so much to see and do in this great country of ours so get the wheels turning and go. You know that's why they're round, right? Anyway enough foolishness I hope you have a blessed day and see you down the road.

~ Ricky [021CACpresident@gmail.com](mailto:021CACpresident@gmail.com)



## Vice President's Corner

### Steve Thompson #19771



Greetings to all CAC Streamers,  
The weather is finally getting a bit cooler as many of us are still trekking across the country enjoying the Fall weather.

We had a good number of club members venturing to Marion, NC to attend Alumalina and John Leake and his crew put on a fantastic rally. We saw many old friends, made new friends, consumed way more calories than we should have and made some wonderful memories. If you missed Alumalina this year be sure to put it on your calendar for next year.

We are certainly looking forward our last rally this year is at Ocean Lakes Family Campground. Included in this newsletter is specific information on the activities we have planned for Ocean Lakes. 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. As always, I leave you with a final thought; If you are too busy for your friends, you're too busy. Safe travels!

~ Steve 1<sup>st</sup> VP [021CACvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:021CACvicepresident@gmail.com)



## Ocean Lakes Rally November 9-12

If you're planning to attend the Ocean Lakes Rally, you will find the list of activities at this [link](#).

This rally is hosted by CAC Board. We will be using the "Whatup" app to communicate with everyone so download the [app](#) and get started.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

### Ray Combs #822



Hello CAC Airstreamers,

So many fun things going on...

As I write this Carol and I are camping in Rodanthe scouting for our fun rally there next September. What a beautiful place!

So very good news, Reggie Johnson and Pamela Roe-Johnson have volunteered to lead our traveling group to International next October. If you are interested in traveling with the club to Sedalia, please contact them at [pam.roejohnson@icloud.com](mailto:pam.roejohnson@icloud.com).

We are really looking forward to seeing many of you at Ocean Lakes next month. We will introduce the 24 rallies in '24 there. Can't wait to be together.

Till Next Time,

Safe Travels!

~Ray [021CACvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:021CACvicepresident@gmail.com)

### 2024 RALLIES (Full hookups except those noted in highlights)

#### March 14-17

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

#### March 21-24

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

#### April 25-28

Trot to Tryon Urban Rally **Boondocking** (Hosts Skip & Denny Crowe)

#### May 2-5

Wake Forest, Holly Point Falls Lake\*\***(EW)** (Book 6 months out [Reserve America](#)) (Hosts David & Denise Lorenz)

#### May 16-19

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

### 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 Engineers \*\***(EW)** (Book 6 weeks out [Recreation.gov](#)) (Hosts Jim Cocke & Deb Wood)

#### April 17-21

Region 3 "Streams and Meadows" Doswell, VA ([Reserve January 22, 2024](#))

### Rolling Rally #2

#### June 1-3

New Market, VA, Endless Caverns Campground (Call 443-664-3375 ask for Lisa Mannon) (Hosts Steve & Melinda Downie/Bob Knoll & Cindy Gamble-Knoll)

#### June 4-6

Sedalia Center, VA,\*\* **Boondocking** Rally Visit Bedford D-Day Memorial (Register at CAC website only)

#### June 7-8

Galax, Cool Breeze Campground (Call 276-236-0300) (Hosts Rich & Marsha Morgan)

**June 20-23**

**Lake Toxaway Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort/Ham Field Day Rally (Call 518-532-7863)**

**(Hosts Layne & Wanda McMillan, Dave & Sue Schoenecker)**

**July 11-14**

**Blue Ridge Parkway, Rocky Knob Campground **Boondocking** Rally (Book 6 months out [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov))**

**(Hosts Ray & Carol Combs/Bruce & Marcia Thompson)**

**July 23-26**

**Fletcher, NC., Rutledge Lake Campground (Call 828-654-7873)**

**(Hosts Phil & Cathy Drake/Tim & Sandra Almy)**

**August 8-11**

**Mayberry Campground (Call 336-789-6199)**

**(Hosts Jim & Kathleen Plyler/Gary & Sandra Long)**

**August 22-25**

**Boone KOA (Call 828-264-7250)**

**(Hosts Burl & Mimi Hamock/Roger & Robin Holland)**

**September 5-8**

**Outer Banks Cape Hatteras (Call 252-987-2777 ext 105, ask for**

**Jen. Don't call Wednesday and Thursday, she is off)**

**(Hosts Bjorn & Nicole Kasper/Ricky & Joan Wilcox)**

**September 19-22**

**Palmetto Cove Joint Carolinas Rally (Call 864-836-6221 to make reservations)**

**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 Campground **(E)** (Book 6 months out [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov))**

**(Hosts Mike & Georgia Olympio)**

### **Rolling Rally #3**

**November 6-9**

**Ocean Lakes (Call 877-510-1413 Make sure to indicate 2024 Carolinas Airstream Club Rally)**

**(Hosts Officers and Board)**

**November 10-13**

**Asheville, Bear Creek Campground Biltmore Christmas (Call 828-253-0798 Reserve after January 1, 2024)**

**(Hosts John & Renee Hoffman)**





CAC Affiliate Members

## Bob & Ginger Ealy

On the road, Bob and Ginger enjoy exploring new places, taking pictures, and experiencing the culture of each place they visit. Ginger travels with a travel keyboard and a dulcimer, which she is learning as she goes. Bob is a tinkerer and fixer, so the truck and trailer keep him busy. Bob also enjoys wood turning at the wood shop at Land Yacht Harbor during their winter stays there, playing disc golf, bike riding and water activities. At home, the Ealys both enjoy spending time in their yard and garden.

Bob has always been involved with volunteering but promised Ginger that for the first 2 years of retirement he would just enjoy the time. Well, two years and one day passed, and Bob said “yes” to the Region 3 leadership of WBCCI. Currently the 1st Vice President, Bob will assume the duties of President in August 2024.

Their next big challenge? Figuring out how to spend as much time as possible with their first and almost-one-year-old grandson, Finnegan. “Got to make sure he is a future Airstreamer!”

Shortly after retiring in 2019, Bob and Ginger Ealy bought their first Airstream and joined WBCCI. Having previously owned and traveled extensively in a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer, the Ealys choose to buy an Airstream because of its design features, quality, and the very active Airstream owner’s club. The Ealys have found the Airstream family always willing to help with and share information about all things Airstream.

In the four years the Ealys have been Airstreamers, they have been members of the Carolinas and Piedmont clubs as well as affiliates of several others. They have joined in many rallies, a caravan, and designed their own caravan. They have owned two Airstreams, currently traveling with “Allie”, a 30’ Flying Cloud and “Max”, a GMC Duramax truck.

Bob and Ginger’s favorite trip has been the “Epic Western Adventure” they planned. They traveled with two Airstream families they had befriended through club activities. The EWA took them across the USA, covering the Southwest, the Northwest and the Midwest in a journey that took four months and 12,500 miles.



## RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Woohoo! It’s brisk fall weather, Halloween , Pumpkin Spice & everything nice! My favorite time of year!

The Rally season is coming to an end and I hope everyone has had great trips and made new friends along the way. I’m looking forward to SoStinkin’Cutes!’s maiden voyage to Ocean Lakes. I’ll be parked in H-48 arriving on Wednesday 8 November. Come by to see the command center brain of this old gal. She’s state of the art!! Now to learn how to use everything! Next up – her interior facelift.

I haven’t had any news from the grapevine this past month – NO news is good news right? I hope this is true for all our Airstreamers as we head into the Holiday season – Christmas is only 2 months away- yikes!

Please reach out if you know of any news – good & otherwise – so I can reach out on behalf of CAC. We are a family – let’s take care with each other.

I look forward to seeing everyone in a few weeks. Safe travels

**Blessed are the curious for they shall have adventures – Lovell Drachman**

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## Our newest members

(Details in Evernote)

- **Affiliate Member Sharon Moffat** from Lexington, SC, and her 2017 16' Basecamp
- **Affiliate Members Michael & Marsah Klevickis** from Snellville, GA, and their 2021 24' Tommy Bahama Interstate 24 GT
- **Transfers from Mississippi John & Shannon Roberts** from Brevard, NC, and their 2014 31' Classic
- **Maria & Tom Greene** from Banner Elk, NC, and their 2023 28' International 27fb
- **Malissa & Aaron Gantz** from Wilmington, NC, and their 1977 31' Sovereign
- **Scott & Anabelle Ardid Parry** from Tyrone, GA, and their 2023 27' Globetrotter

*New Carolina Airstream  
Club email*

[Club021@airstreamclub.org](mailto:Club021@airstreamclub.org)

## Membership Chair

Lee Dunn #27312



Hello fellow Members,

The club now has 299 rigs and 556 members.

We are continuing to have problems getting new members access to Evernote. Seems those who already had an account with Evernote are able to view the Carolinas Airstream Club notebook but those who are new to Evernote cannot. When a solution is found I will communicate it to the new members.

~Lee, [021membershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:021membershipchair@gmail.com)

## Interesting Historical Facts about Airstreams

### The Ultimate Tow Vehicle

In 1947 Airstream founder Wally Byam garnered interest in the new post-war Airstream Liner by inviting the famous French cyclist Alfred Letourneur to visit the factory and tow the travel trailer with a bike to demonstrate its lightweight nature. The picture, captured by Wally himself, became the famous Airstream logo.



## Cleaning Black Water Tanks

(taken from the ["RV Blogger"](#))

### How to Clean and Flush Your RV Black Water Tank

Flushing an RV tank is a pretty simple task. That said, it is also one of the most intimidating and unpleasant for those unfamiliar with it. After you've flushed your tanks a few times, it will become nothing more than a basic routine.

#### 1. Drain The Tank

Connect your RV sewer hose to the dumping hole and the other end to the tank valve. Open the tank valve and allow the contents to flow into the sewer/septic.

It's highly recommended to dump the black tank first, followed by the gray. The thought process is that the gray water helps to flush away some of the less than desirable black water debris and residue.

Keep in mind to dump your black tank when it's at least halfway full (if not  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the way full). This allows waste and other solids to float and the liquids to drain properly. If you go to flush the tanks when the black tank is less than half full, be sure to add some extra water first.

#### 2. Remove Debris/Buildup From Tank(s)

As lovely as it would be to merely dump your tanks and drive away, it isn't quite that simple. When you flush your tanks, you need to perform some basic maintenance as well, including removing any debris or buildup that's formed in the tanks.

**You can use a [maserator](#)**

A macerator uses high-velocity water pressure to shoot jets that clean the inside of the tanks and hoses to remove debris and buildup. The macerator basically liquifies any waste or build-up and allows it to be drained out of the tank like water.

**You can use a [flush valve](#)**

Another great tool for taking care of your tank is a flush valve. These valves connect a flush valve barrel to utility or garden hoses and allow you to choose from "hose" or "tank" settings. Backflow prevention is built-in to flush valves so that your clean water hose/source is never at risk of being contaminated.

**You can use a [tank rinser](#)**

Tank rinsers come in two versions, one that can be set into your tank each time you flush it, and one that can be installed into your tank permanently. Permanent rinsers rotate in 360 degrees, shooting water at high pressures, while others come in wand-style hand-operated devices that connect to garden and utility hoses.

#### 3. Add Enough Water to Cover the Bottom of Your Tanks

Tank flushing ends once you've dumped it, removed any debris or build-up, and filled up the bottom with water. This will help to keep your system functioning properly and avoid any damage.

Typically, four or five quarts of water will do the trick. Depending on the shape and size of your tanks, you may need to add more or less.







# "Oh, the Places You Will Go!"

## *Members Travel and Club Events*

New members Tabb and Ruth Adams #5561 are full time RVers. Tabb, who has written for newsletters in the past, has offered to share an article about their travels for those of us who are looking for unique spots to visit in our travels.

### From The Road

*By Tabb Adams*


This country is full of beautiful places to travel to and there are always the popular spots to visit including Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Grand Canyon, Yellow Stone to name a few. and many more on the list. However, on our travels we have found many spectacular places that fly under the radar to most people. This summer we visited a few of these places. First on our list is the upper Mississippi River on the Illinois side. We stayed in the Thompson Recreational Area at the Potters North Campground. This part of the Mississippi is one of the widest spots on the on the river, at 3 miles it's huge! The campground is very nice with 50 amp and water connections with a large dump station for emptying your tanks.

We just happened to be there during two of Mother Nature's spectacular events, Mayfly hatch and the blooming of the White-Water Lily (*Nymphaea odorata*). If you haven't witnessed these events you are missing out. The Mayfly hatch is massive numbering in the billions. With only 24 hours to live, using most of that to reproduce, they aren't around long, but they feed a massive number of animals during that time. The Red Wing Blackbirds have a feast during the hatch. We saw swarms of them feeding on the Mayflies every day. Most of the RV's that were in the campsites near the river were covered with Mayflies, but not much you could do about it.

The White-Water Lilies were spectacular. As an avid canoer, paddling among these beautiful flowers is a sight to see. Paddling in this area is easy as there isn't much current and it's not very deep. The campground has a nice boat ramp for easy access to the river. Thomson Recreation Area is maintained by the Army Corps of Engineers, and the campground has nice bathhouses that were cleaned every day. The small town of Thomson, IL, has a gas station, laundromat, and a few small restaurants. The larger town of Savanna is just north of Thomson and has a grocery store and a better selection of restaurants. If you are ever in Northwestern Illinois, don't miss out on this area!







# "Oh, the Places You Will Go!"

## *Members Travel and Club Events*

Let us spotlight your travels.  
Send pictures to  
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## *NC/SC States Rally, Palmetto Cove RV Park*



As the hosts of the first All NC and SC Clubs Rally in a dozen years, Claire and I happily report that all units are safely at their next destination and rally bills are paid.

Our team worked hard, and it amazed me what we did with our budget including turning over a small check with surplus funds, to the next club doing the 2024 Clubs Rally (the Palmetto Airstream Club).

Incidentally, the Sweet Potato Pie Kids, our musical group on Friday evening, took home more than \$600 with their fee and the generous donations from you in the audience towards POSAM (Preserving our Southern Appalachian Music) and their work with these youth groups. Many of you were there, and I heard lots of positive feedback from you and others. One person stated that "it was the best rally he had ever attended.

"Wow! Give me a moment to settle back to earth so I can give credit where credit is due. Our tremendous co-hosts, John and Betty-Ann Sutton, stepped up when I needed them the most. They were reasonably local to the park and could put boots on the ground doing much of their research for our planned schedule. This included catered meals, our entertainment and doing most of the grocery shopping, which really made my job easier. We met up with the Suttons at the Cove some weeks before the rally to do last minute planning and it was a pleasure to really get to know them.

Fellow Marines Jack and Linda Grimes rounded out our planning team and the rally wouldn't have been the one you experienced without them. Semper Fi Jack and thank you, Linda, for assisting Elaine Myers with the excellent and beautiful Quilt Show on Saturday morning. Also we can't forget Wayne Clark who did a masterful job as MC for the entire weekend. Thanks to John Leake of the Palmetto Airstream Club for his maintenance seminar on Friday as well.

For me personally, this rally epitomized the concepts of teamwork and what our Airstream clubs are all about. I felt that we (the Carolinas AS Club) set the right tone for this first joint rally in many years, and I can't wait to see what the next club comes up with. It will be better, I know it; so stay tuned.

Thank you for your support.  
Bruce and Claire Bodenstein







# “Oh, the Places You Will Go! *Members Travel and Club Events*”

