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NEWSLETTER OF THE CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB
THE 21ST CLUB IN WBCCI FORMED IN 1960



November 2023

2024 CAC Upcoming Rallies & Events

[March 14-17 High Point,
NC, Oak Hollow
Campground Battle of
Guildford Courthouse](#)

[March 21-24 Charleston,
SC., James Island Park](#)

ROLLING RALLY 1

[April 11-14 Clemmons, NC,
Tanglewood Park](#)

[April 14-17 North Bend Kerr
Lake, VA.](#)

[April 17-21 Doswell, VA
Region 3 Rally "Streams
and Meadows"](#)

[April 25-28 Trot into Tryon,
NC. Urban Rally](#)

[May 2-5 Wake Forest, NC.
Holly Point Falls Lake](#)

[May 16-19 Holden Beach,
NC., Sea Breeze Campground](#)

Rolling Rally 2

[June 1-4 New Market, VA,
Endless Canyons
Campground](#)

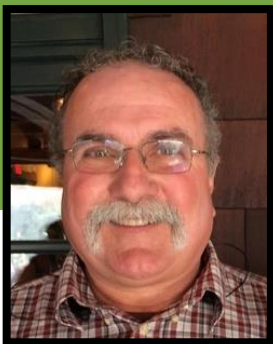
[June 4-7 Sedalia, VA. Sedalia
Center-National D-day
Memorial](#)

[June 7-9 Galax, VA. Cool
Breeze Campground](#)

[June 20-23 Lake
Toxaway, NC Waterfalls
Galore](#)

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



Vice President's Corner

2024 CAC Upcoming
Rallies & Events
(Continued)

[July 11-14 Rocky Knob
Campground on the Blue
Ridge Parkway in VA-
Boondocking Rally](#)

[July 23-26 Fletcher, NC,
Rutledge Lake Campground](#)

[August 8-11 Mt. Airy, NC,
Mayberry Campground](#)

[August 22-25 Boone, NC,
Boone KOA](#)

[September 5-8 Rodanthe, NC,
Camp Hatteras Campground](#)

[September 19-22 Cleveland,
SC, Palmetto Cove
Campground \(Multiclub
Rally\)](#)

[Mills River, NC, Mills River
Brewery Wagon Wheel Rally](#)

[October 5-12 Sedalia, MO,
WBCCI International Rally](#)

[October 10-13 Uwharrie
National Forest, NC,
Arrowhead Campground](#)

[October 24-27 Marion, NC,
Alumalina](#)

Rolling Rally #3

[November 6-10 Myrtle Beach,
SC, Ocean Lakes
Campground](#)

[November 10-13 Asheville,
NC, Bear Creek Campground
"Christmas at Biltmore"](#)

Steve Thompson #19771

Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

What a tremendous Ocean Lakes Rally
we had this year to end our season.

Thanks to all the Board members and
others who assisted with the Ocean Lakes
rally planning and its execution. We had plenty of sunshine early on and liquid
sunshine on our last day, but our spirits remained high.

A special thanks to all our 2023 hosts who made each rally this year memorable.
Our club's growth is a testimony to all your hard work. All our 2024 rally hosts are
excited about giving our club some great memories.

A special thanks to Ricky and Joan and all the officers and directors for their
leadership this year. Absolutely nothing happens in this club without volunteers.
Elaine Myers, Bob Hoffman, Tim Almy, Mike Olympio, Margie Lamb, Nancy
Kueffer, Bruce Bodenstein, Roger Holland, Ed Hall, Wayne Clark and Lee Dunn
thanks for a job well done.

We installed next year's officers early with the assistance of our own club member
and Past International President Jim Cocke. Thanks Jim. However, the "Old
Crew" are not off the hook until 1 January 2024.

Jan and I wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday season.

As always, I leave you with a final thought, but this time you need to finish the
story in 2024, Once upon a time.....

Safe travels!

~ Steve 1st VP 021CACvicepresident@gmail.com



Are you planning
to travel
with our club
to
the 2024 International Rally
in Missouri?

Pam Roe-Johnson and Reggie Johnson
will be leading this traveling group. Please
fill out this survey interest form below so that
Pam & Reggie can have some idea of how
many folks are interested, stops to make on
the journey, etc....

"Survey-2024 CAC Traveling Group to
Missouri Interest Form"

<https://form.jotform.com/233134260463145>

2nd Vice President

Ray Combs #822



Hello CAC Airstreamers,

Wow - our final rally at Ocean Lakes was fabulous. If you were there you know. If you weren't we missed you - so everyone, make it happen next year. Register for the rally at Ocean Lakes by calling the campground at 843-238-5636 right now - there are a couple of spots left in HH and a few in H. The rally dates are Wednesday 11/6 - Sunday 11/10. Tell the campground you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club - those are the magic words to get you in the sections they are holding for us.

Our first rally next year is Guilford Courthouse. Did you know the Revolutionary War was essentially won right there? Come learn about it and the nearby Alamance battle. Your hosts, the Hacketts and the Mullinexes have exciting things planned for you. There are loads of places to eat and shop in the Greensboro/High Point area and there is a great brewery near the Alamance battlefield.

We have great hosts scheduled for all of the rallies, but the D-Day Memorial rally and the Falls Lake rally would really appreciate a co-host - let me know if you are able to help.

The campgrounds are filling up for the rallies next year, so check your calendar and make your plans. As soon as you have your campsite, don't forget to go to the CAC website and register for the rally - your hosts need that information to plan for you.

Happy winterizing everyone

--Ray 021CACvicepresident@gmail.com

2023 CAC BOARD

President-RICKY WILCOX

1st Vice President-STEVE THOMPSON

2nd Vice Pres.-RAY COMBS

Immediate Past President-BRUCE BODENSTEIN

1yr Director-BOB HOFFMAN

1yr Director-TIM ALMY

2nd yr Director-MIKE OLYMPIO

2nd yr Director-ROGER HOLLAND

Treasurer-ELAINE MYERS

Membership-LEE DUNN

Recording Secretary-MARGIE LAMB

Corresponding Secretary/email admin./newsletter-NANCY KUEFFER

Rally 'Round Campfire-CHERYLANNE WEAVER

Webmaster-ED HALL

Assistant webmaster/online store-WAYNE CLARK

Facebook Coordinator-LYNNE WILSON

2023 Board Members who are leaving the Board

Tim Almy
(2yrs)
Bob Hoffman
(2yrs)
Margie Lamb
(6 years recording
secretary)
Elaine Myers
(1yr director 2 yrs
Treasurer)
Ed Hall
(6yrs as
webmaster)

**Thank You For
Your Service**

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Membership Spotlight

Arnold & Gloria Flowers

Honey Bunny. That's what Arnold and Gloria Flowers affectionately call each other. It is also what they call their sweet 2019 25' Flying Cloud Airstream.

Gloria and Arnold are associated with flowers and honey in other ways besides their names.

- Gloria is a NC State University Master Gardener for Wayne County.
- Arnold maintains a small vineyard of a family heirloom vine that produces the Flowers grape. Each year, the wine Arnold produces from the harvest is named after a significant family event of that year.
- Arnold grows sunflowers and maintains 12 hives of honeybees on the 75-acre family farm.

In addition to their hobbies above:

- Both Gloria and Arnold are active in their local First Baptist Church where Arnold plays the guitar in the early worship service.
- Gloria calls Bingo at the assisted living facility where her mom lives, plays golf, and enjoys a weekly game of canasta and lunch with longtime friends.

The Flowers have a long history of involvement with Wayne County, where they have lived their entire lives.

- Gloria, a past board member of the Carolinas Airstream Club, is retired from Mt. Olive Family Medicine,
- Arnold, an NC State registered forester, ran the family business, Flowers Timber Company. After his retirement, Arnold turned over the reins to his youngest son, who has grown the company into an international, award-winning business.
- Arnold held public office in Wayne County, including commissioner and school board member.
"The only time we relax is when we are traveling! We have met so many people and made such good friends through the Airstream club. Usually, we rally because we feel safer not traveling alone," says Gloria.

Here are a few of Gloria's and Arnold's Airstream 'favorites':

- Accessory: Collapsible orange cones
- Trip: Caravan to Maine in 2022
- Moorchdocking location: At their son's place in Morehead City, with an electric hookup and young grandsons
- Piece of advice: Chock all tires before taking the trailer off the ball.
- Evening: Sitting around a campfire and drinking a glass of wine while Arnold plays guitars and sings. You might also catch Gloria crocheting, too.

When you meet Gloria and Arnold Flowers — the Honey Bunnies — you will see that they personify their pretty, sweet names.



RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Hello Streamers,

Our rally season has come to an end with a great turnout at Ocean Lakes. We had good weather and not so good weather, but all the festivities went well.

SoStinkin'Cute! Made her maiden voyage and all worked in top notch order. All systems were tested due to the weather shifting. She is super toasty when the heat is on!! I'm making plans for rally attendance in 2024 as I hope you are all doing the same.

I believe I have been at the Rally 'Round the Campfire position for the past 2 years . If someone would like to be a part of serving the club in this capacity let the board know. I am happy to continue doing this if you don't mind my sharing my journey with SoStinkin'Cute! ☺ Just don't want to keep someone else from participating if they feel the call.

Enjoy Thanksgiving with family & friends and eat lots of turkey – gobble gobble! Or Faux turkey if that's your preference.

Please keep Mary Shaw – BRN4132 – and Paul Ordronneau in your thoughts & prayers. Mary's mother passed unexpectedly due to a fall. She was 94 and Mary says she was a pistol!

I look forward to seeing everyone in 2024

"Jobs fill your pocket, but adventures fill your soul." – Author Unknown

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Our newest members

(Details in Evernote)

- Transfers from Tennessee AC, James & Janice Robbins from Spring Hill, TN, and their 2023 33' Classic
- Affiliate Eddie & Sandi Lee from Orangeburg, SC, and their 2011 19' Victorinox
- Brian & Brittan Harbison from Chapin, SC, and their 2019 23' Flying Cloud CB
- Transfers from East Tennessee AC, Wayne & Leona Hamilton from Weaverville, NC, and their 2021 25' Globetrotter FBQ
- Affiliate members Ronald & Denise Sims from Athens, GA, and their 1962 19' Globetrotter
- Affiliate members Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe from Raleigh, NC, and their 2013 27' Flying Cloud
- Affiliate members Jim & Karin Dickson from Mooresville, NC, and their 2018 27' Globetrotter
- Pamela & Dominic Shea from Hendersonville, NC, and their 2020 22' Caravel
- Mike and Laura Baur from Simpsonville, SC, and their 2023 27' Globetrotter
- Mark and Dayna Foy from Kings Mountain, NC, and their 2023 28' International
- Andreas Schulz from Mount Pleasant, SC, and his 2023 28' Pottery Barn
- Affiliate Members Lee and Lesa Parker from Woodstock, GA, and their 2023 25' Globetrotter
- Transfers Roger and Trudy Gambrel from Aiken, SC, and their 2023 25' Flying Cloud

Membership Chair

Lee Dunn #27312



Hello fellow Members,

The club now has 304 rigs and 566 members.

~Lee, 021membershipchair@gmail.com

Interesting Historical Facts about Airstreams

"Caravan 500"

In the winter of 1955, Wally Byam led a Caravan of 487 trailers 3000 miles from Nogales, Arizona to Acapulco, Mexico.

Nicknamed the "Caravan 500", the trip was featured in the February 21, 1955 issue of Life Magazine.



"Live Riveted"



Winter Camping vs. Winterization

Many Airstreamers love [winter camping](#). Although Airstream recreational vehicles are not built for four-season travel, with extra equipment, a few procedural changes, and a healthy amount of gumption, winter camping can be fun and fruitful.

While your Airstream is built for taking all the comforts of home along for adventures during the warmer months, camping in freezing temperatures can result in major headaches and maintenance issues – even when all recommendations are heeded, and procedures are followed perfectly. Just a few drops of water in your Airstream's plumbing, inside the water heater or water pump, or sloshing in one of your holding tanks can cause damage when temperatures drop below zero – damage that could require costly repairs.

That being said, if you're one of the adventurous ones who want to try your hand at winter camping, your best bet is to familiarize yourself with the procedures and techniques that have worked for others. From blogs to videos to tips and tricks, we've got plenty of resources to help you get started:

- [How to Take a Winter Camping Trip](#): Eight tips and tricks for making the most of snowy camping.
- [Ask an Airstreamer: Winter Camping 101](#): One of the most popular episodes of our Ask an Airstreamer webinar series.
- [The Airstream Guide to Winter Camping Adventures](#): A free, downloadable guide to hitting the road in winter.
- [A First-Hand Account of Airstreaming in the Winter](#): Our friends Danielle and Ryan hit the road in a four-part winter camping blog series
- [Best Winter Camping 2021](#): Great campgrounds, advice, and more
- [Staying Safe and Cozy During Winter Travel](#): Tips and advice to help your winter camping trip go off without a hitch.



"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 newsletters in the past, has written an article below sharing their experiences as "full timers".

From The Road

By Tabb Adams

In 2022 , we sold everything including our 50-acre farm, home, and most of our belongings that we had accumulated over 25 years, bought an Airstream and tow vehicle and hit the road. I had romanced the lifestyle in my head that this was going to be great! For the most part it has been a great adventure. After living in the same place for so long you get comfortable with all your friends being around, knowing where all the "things" are i.e. grocery, medical care, beauty, and barbershops. Fulltime travel can be an adventure if you choose to make it that by traveling from place to place seeing all this beautiful country has to offer.

There are difficult times in any adventure, and in the year and a half we have been traveling we've experienced a few. Loneliness is the one that sticks out the most. You leave all the friends and family behind that you were accustomed to seeing frequently. Always in unfamiliar places where you don't know a soul. This is one area where we have struggled the most, keeping in touch with all the lifelong friends and family. Social Media is great way to keep in touch, but it doesn't replace the one-on-one contact with friends. However, we have made great friends on our travels. We spent last winter in Rockport, TX, where we met Don and Sharon Schilling. They had also sold it all and started traveling. We hit it off instantaneously and have become lifelong friends, meeting up on our travels regularly.

Airstreamers, however, have been the best! Whether it's the wave, headlight flash, or horn honk or if you meet them in a campground, they are always very friendly and ready to chat all things Airstream. Airstreamers have been our saving grace on the road.

We've also made great friends through volunteering on committees through the Airstream International Club. Dendy Jarrett who is a member of the Music City Airstream Club and have generated a great friendship, as we met on a committee. Rallies and caravans are another great way to make new friends. We attended our first caravan this year, Smidge of the Blue Ridge. We made many friends on the caravan and have decided to co-lead it in 2024 and lead it in 2025!

We've found that its easier to shake off the loneliness when you find your tribe! In a world so divided full-time travel and exploration is a great way to make new and lifelong friends!

Sharri Duncan's Basecamp rally at Creekwood Farm RV Park with at least 10 Airstream Basecamps.





"Oh, the Places You Will Go!"

Members Travel and Club Events

Let us spotlight your travels.
Send pictures to
club021@airstreamclub.org

Myrtle Beach

Ocean Lakes End of Season Rally

Ocean Lakes Rally this November 8-12th was hosted by the club's current board.

The three days were chocked full of activities and fun. Starting Thursday night with a well attended Happy Hour for both the rally hosts for 2024 and the rally participants that went well into the night. It was great meeting new folks and the spread of appetizers made it easy to skip dinner that night.

Friday began with a hosted pancake breakfast and a full day of seminars that ranged from "Everything" Airstream to a humorous presentation about all of the 2024 Rallies. Happy hours were once again offered throughout the campground. The day ended with a Bingo Night with terrific prizes.

Saturday was a little rainy, but it started off with our usual flea market and some holiday fun where club members could make their own ornaments. It was a little too rainy for the trailer crawl after lunch but the Ice Cream Social hosted by our president was a real treat. Later that evening a hosted dinner included a Southern "Low Country Boil" followed by our business meeting where new board members were voted in and we thanked Ricky and Joan Wilcox for their service as President and First Lady. Afterwards some lucky folks won some great door prizes.

On a rainy Sunday morning we all said goodbye and most members left with some new friends and great ideas for future Airstreaming.

If you missed this one, be sure to put the 2024 rally at Ocean Lakes, November 6-10th on your calendar for next year.



Seminars





Happy Hours



Welcoming
New Members





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

Farewell to
Ricky Wilcox



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