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

December 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](#)

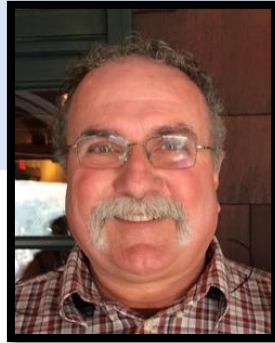
### Rolling Rally 2

[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 #5016



Hello fellow Streamers,

I hope everyone is doing well and are working on getting ready for the fat man in the red suit.

We finished up an amazing rally at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, SC, to close out the 2023 CAC club camping season.

We also just had a wonderful Thanksgiving with our family. We had an amazing meal, and of course, I ate too much. Between Thanksgiving preparations, blowing leaves and packing for our next vacation I was pretty busy the last part of November.

We are currently on a ten day Eastern Caribbean Cruise. It's pretty nice kicking back and letting someone else do all the navigation chores. Lol! The Ship, the ports and the food so far have been amazing. I think today was in the mid 80s. Between all the holidays and the cruise I'm going to have to go on that diet I've been thinking about when I get back.

It was my absolute pleasure to serve as your Club President for the 2023 camping season.

Steve Thompson will be your next club president for the 2024 camping season, and I have no doubt he'll do a good job for you and for the club as well. Moving forward, Ray Combs will be your next 1st VP for 2024 season. Ray has a jam-packed list of rallies that total 24 rallies in '24. Roger Holland will be your 2nd VP for the 2024 camping season. He's working on rallies for 2025 so if you have any ideas send them his way.

The club is heading in a positive direction, and I'm sure under their leadership it will continue to do so.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every one of you, and I hope the Lord blesses us with many more opportunities to share camping adventures together in the months and years to come.

For the last time, I'll say goodbye as president.  
Stay safe out there.

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



# Vice President's Corner

## Steve Thompson #19771



### 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 Uhwarrie  
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"](#)

Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

By all measures of success, our Carolinas Airstream unit had a banner year in 2023. We continued to grow and with that growth came new friends, opportunities, and great memories.

As your inbound 2024 President, I'm humbled by the opportunity and eagerly await the coming year. We have a splendid schedule ahead of us and our hosts are doing their best to make each event special. I know many of you are working on the sidelines with the hosts and confident that many more will join in to help. Teamwork is key to success and although not all of you are baseball fans a legend of the game (Babe Ruth) once stated, "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success...".

The 2024 Carolinas Executive Team and other key staff members are committed to making this year memorable for all of you. If you have suggestions on improving our Club, please let us know.

Jan and I, like many of you, are celebrating the holidays with our families either at home or abroad, and we wish you the safest of journeys. In an effort to escape to warmer climes, Jan and I will travel to Florida to take part in the Southeastern Camping Unit's Canopener Rally@ Topsail Hill Preserve St. Park, Florida. Afterwards and keeping our fingers crossed for good weather, we will leisurely move on to Alabama with friends to Meaher State Park, Alabama. If you travelled to either of those sites, we would gladly accept any recommendations for food or must-see site.

As we approach the Holidays let's reflect on the words of C.S. Lewis, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream".  
Safe travels!

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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ray Combs #822



Dear CAC Members,  
Where are we rallying this year? Well since you asked!

So, mark your calendar, book your sites, register with CAC, fill your tank and let's roll!

The first of the year is the time to book your stay at Asheville. Book your site at Bear Creek, 828-253-0798, and then head on over to the club website to pay your rally fee. You might want to sit down for this one, your rally fee includes your fancy lunch at Biltmore and your candlelight tour. Yes, this one is pricey, but oh so very special - a bucket list experience for sure. So, give yourselves a special gift and join us for Christmas at Biltmore.

Mark your calendar for January 11. Why? This is the first date you can book at Rocky Knob. This campground on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Floyd, VA, is small, there are less than 20 reservable sites, but they are NICE sites. Get your senior pass handy and book your site. Go to [recreation.gov](https://recreation.gov), search for Rocky Knob and grab a site on Loop T.

Your senior pass will save you half of your camping fees at this campground, Kerr Lake and Uwharrie Forest as well as any National Park or Core of Engineers campground in the country. Additionally, it will let you and all of the lucky folks in your vehicle into any National Park for free. If you don't have one and are over 62, get one ASAP. Here's the link <https://store.usgs.gov/lifetime-senior-pass> You will save enough on your camping at Kerr Lake to pay for your Lifetime Pass. If you need help, contact me at 336-558-5532 and I will help.

Hopefully your Rigs are fully winterized now and snug in your winter dens. We are looking forward to being together in Oak Hollow and James Island in March. Speaking of James Island, two sites were booked the first week of December using WanderingLabs, so if you don't have a site there, don't give up, try WanderingLabs or another campground hunter, grab a site and join us.

I have so enjoyed my year as second vice-president. Thank you for all your support. I am thrilled to hand this job over to Roger Holland, our new second vice-president. Roger will do a super job - be ready to jump in with suggestions and agree to host when he asks as you did throughout the past year. Our club is nothing without you.

Happy Holidays everyone!  
--Ray [021CACvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:021CACvicepresident@gmail.com)







## Sam & Laura George

Bigger is not always better.

Sam and Laura George bought their 22' Airstream Bambi in 2018 and have no plans to 'go bigger.' "Bambi suits us well," say the Georges. "My biggest surprise was how easy the Bambi is to tow, set up, and live in," admits Sam.



"Easy" does not mean without challenges, though, such as having a flat tire while driving 65 mph on I-95. Thanks to the tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS) Sam had installed, the flat tire was relatively uneventful. "Within seconds of one of the tires losing pressure, I was alerted by the TPMS, and was able to smoothly move from the far lane to the shoulder, even before the tire went completely flat. The tire didn't fall apart, which is often how drivers lose control of their rig, or trailers get damaged from the loose rubber. All I had to do was call AAA to change the flat, and Laura and I were on our way."

Of course, the flat might not have happened in the first place if Sam had followed Laura's recommendation to get the tires replaced BEFORE their trip to Florida. "I tried to stretch the tires to the 5-year mark, but it proved to be the wrong decision. Be aware that tires age as much as they wear out. Don't try to push it."

Their other pieces of advice

- Block entry points into the trailer, especially under the wheel wells, with copper wool (it doesn't rust)
- Get good insurance (when we had hail damage, we were able to get new panels installed at the Airstream factory instead of having to live with the dings.)
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So far, a 2-month trip out west has been the George's favorite long-distance trip. Their favorite local trip is spending 4-6 weeks during February and March in southern Florida, especially the Sarasota area.

While on the road, Laura knits and crochets, creates art projects, makes jewelry, and researches genealogy. Sam simply enjoys reading and trip planning. Both like to ride their bikes (in Laura's case, a grown-up trike).

At home, the Georges stay busy with friends and church. On top of that, Laura has been teaching herself how to play the piano and guitar.

The small Bambi suits the large lives of Sam and Laura George.

## RALLY AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

CHERYLANNE WEAVER #9883

Happy Holidays Airstreamers!

Hard to believe 2023 will be a wrap in just a few weeks. The older I get the faster time flies! You can probably relate. No news to report this month – which I hope means everyone is doing well and getting into the full swing of Holiday Cheer.

SoStinkinCute! has her new duvet covers & pillows. I think her look is going to be a Bohemian-esque Shabby Chic vibe. The interior transformation will begin in January, and I'm excited to get this under way. She and I will be at the James Island Rally in March. I still need to get registered for other 2024 rallies and decide on International.

So... I missed a few things at Ocean Lakes in November as I met a guy and was sidetracked. He's pretty darn cute too! We've been having fun together since the rally and I have plans to visit him at Ocean Lakes again soon. Just enjoying the moment.

I wish everyone the very merriest of holidays and look forward to seeing you in 2024!

"Adventure is worthwhile." – Aristotle  
cherylanne!

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# Membership Chair

## Lee Dunn #27312



Hello fellow Members,

As of Dec 11, 2023, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 310 rigs and 578 members strong!

### Evernote News

Evernote has changed their policy. Starting this month, the free version of Evernote will only allow one notebook with a maximum of 50 notes. Today, the CAC notebook has 327 notes. (One note for each member rig.) To continue using Evernote the club needs to pay a monthly fee. The board of directors has agreed to make this expenditure. The good news: Evernote will still be free for you to view the CAC notebook.

Now that we are paying for an Evernote subscription, I will be transitioning to a new CAC notebook that will be used to manage members. I have already started the process and tested it out during the Ocean Lakes Rally with a few members. So, over the next few months I will be contacting all current Evernote users with instructions on how to view the new CAC notebook. If you are a big user of Evernote and can't wait for me to contact you, send me an email at [021membership@gmail.com](mailto:021membership@gmail.com) and tell me you want to move to the new notebook as soon as possible.

The Airstream International Website also has the most current members in the club. You can filter for our club and immediately see all the members. Unfortunately, many members have not put their photos into this directory. Below are directions for you and your partner to add your photo to the site.

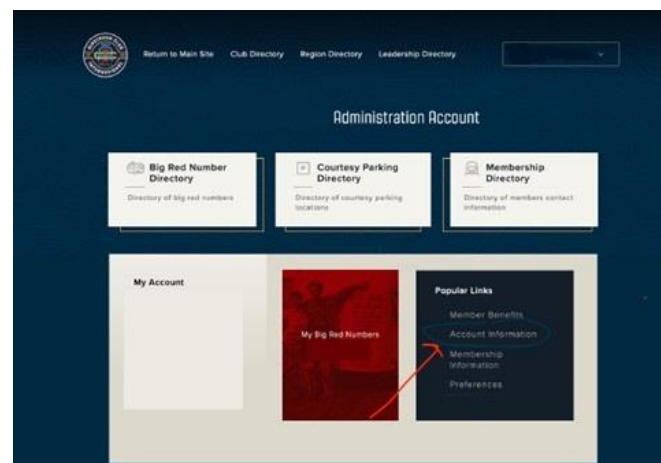
## Adding a Photo to Your Airstream Club International Account

### Before you start:

1. Select a photo from your computer.
  - a. The image you select will not be very large on the Membership Dashboard so please select a closeup.
  - b. If both you and your partner have an Airstream Club International account, then select a photo for each of you.
2. Make sure you can find it in your computer files for later.

### Now log into your Airstream Club International account.

1. Go to the Airstream Club International site at:
  - a. <https://airstreamclub.org/>
2. On the top-right, click on **Login**.
3. Fill in your email and password. Click **Log in**
4. This will open your Administration Account web page.
5. Under **Popular Links**, click on **Account Information**.
6. Click on **Remove** even if you have never uploaded a picture.
7. Click on **Browse** (Windows) / **Choose** (Apple) to open a window to the files on your computer.
8. Find your picture and select it.
9. Click on **Open** at the bottom right on Windows or **Choose** at the bottom right on Apple.
10. Then click on the **Save Profile** button so this photo.  
file is added to your profile.
11. You will automatically return to see your Account Information.
12. All done! The photo should now display on the Membership Dashboard.



## Charlotte, NC RV Show: 25-28 January 2024

<https://www.rvnews.com/event/2024-ncrvda-charlotte-rv-show-sale/>

I visited the Airstream Charlotte service and sales location. I gave them some trifolds to hand out to people who buy an Airstream. This trifold explains the benefits of Airstream Club International membership, highlights our 2024 rallies and encourages them to join club. (Jan Thompson – thank you for creating this trifold!). The sales manager wanted to make sure we knew about the Charlotte RV Show and invited us to attend and say 'Hi'. They will have a huge exhibit area at the show. So, if you are looking for something to do the weekend of January 25-28 check out the Charlotte RV Show and stop by the Airstream Charlotte exhibit. (If you are interested in seeing a copy of the trifold, email me at [021membership@gmail.com](mailto:021membership@gmail.com) and I will send you a PDF version.)

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

## Our newest members

(Details in Evernote)

- Dale Humphrey & Lea Charlton from North Little Rock, AR, and their 2024 25' Trade Wind
- Robert Zuber & Eve Gelbein-Zuber from Wake Forest, NC, and their 2023 25' International 25RBT
- Duane & Kimberly Barnes from Cary, NC, and their 2023 28' International
- Affiliate Members Jean & Ed Yost from Raleigh, NC, and their 2023 23' Flying Cloud
- Affiliate Members Robert & Cindy Hunter from St. Marys, GA, and their 1976 27' Overlander
- Affiliate Members Chris & Lori Modly from Dacula, GA, and their 2024 31' Flying Cloud 30FBT
- Affiliate Members Dick & Becky Martin from Wake Forest, NC, and their 1986 34.5' 345 Motorhome

### 2024 CAC BOARD

**President- STEVE THOMPSON**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President- RAY COMBS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.-ROGER HOLLAND**

**Immediate Past President-RICKY WILCOX**

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**1yr Director-MIKE OLYMPIO**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> yr. Director-BJORN KASPER**

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**Membership-LEE DUNN**

**Recording Secretary-SHARI HORD**

**Corresponding Secretary-NANCY KUEFFER**

**Rally 'Round Campfire-CHERYLANNE  
WEAVER**

**Webmaster/Online Store-WAYNE CLARK**

**Facebook Coordinator-**





# "Live Riveted"

## “Learning From Others” Airstream Blogs and YouTube Channels

During these cold winter days, when we all are stuck inside because of rain or possibly snow, football is nearly over and it's time to dream about your next Airstream trips.

Exploring blogs and YouTube channels can spark your imagination to dream and maybe actually plan a future trip. Here are a few that you might find inspiring.

1. Since July 2016, Carmen Beaubeaux, and her husband, Jim, have traveled full time in their 30-foot, 2001 Airstream travel trailer. Their Airstream, “Beauty,” has taken them 47,000+ miles to 330+ campgrounds, 48 States, and four Canadian Provinces – so far. Carmen is the author of the website [Living in Beauty](#), where she chronicles the couples' Airstream journey through North America's most scenic parks, cities, and small towns. This is the first of a six-part series for Airstream about their retirement to full-time Airstreaming. "From Beauty's Doorstep" is a six-part series for Airstream in which Carmen details their retirement to full-time Airstreaming.
2. Of course, the YouTube Channel [“Keep Your Daydream”](#) is one of my favorites. Marc and Tricia are entertaining and though they do highlight some trips with other Non-Airstream (aka: SOB – Some Other Brand) RV's, their favorite videos are in their Airstream. We found a wonderful RV spot in Key West through one of their videos.
3. [Her Way and the Highway](#)-A new email series celebrating and empowering the vibrant community of Airstreaming women. You can subscribe to weekly stories, resources, and recommendations from the Airstreaming women's community straight to your inbox. This season, they're featuring stories from the inaugural officers of [Stella's Sisters](#), an [Airstream Club International](#) intra-club for women who tow or travel solo. Subscribe and don't miss an episode!



# Interesting Historical Facts about Airstreams

## An Atomic Airstream

In May 1955, an Airstream travel trailer was delivered to the Nevada desert, along with several other brands of travel trailers, to participate in an atomic bomb test as part of a Federal Civil Defense Administration study.



**The Biltmore Estate in Asheville is North Carolina's #1 tourist destination. The 250 room, 175,000 square foot French Renaissance chateau is America's Largest Home® and was featured in a Hallmark Christmas movie this year.**

**By day, the elegant rooms of the house shimmer, adorned with Christmas trees, ribbons, garlands, and thousands of lights. But in the evening, the addition of flickering candlelight, cozy flames in the fireplaces, and live music invite you to imagine yourself a guest at the first Vanderbilt family Christmas in 1895.**

**Your hosts, John and Renee Hoffman, have arranged a great visit for our Biltmore Christmas Rally November 10-13, 2024. Our group will have a private lunch on the estate followed by an early evening candlelight tour of the house. Before lunch and between lunch and the tour, you'll have free time to visit other parts of the estate such as the winery and shops in Antler Hill Village and the expansive gardens.**



**And for those of you heading to Asheville from Ocean Lakes it's about a five-hour drive, mostly Interstates 20 and 26. The rally fee for this event will be \$155 per person, which includes the lunch and tickets to the candlelight tour. While more expensive than most, we can promise this rally will be unforgettable and guarantee you leave Asheville with a healthy dose of the Christmas spirit.**

**For a look at how the estate celebrates Christmas, go to [Biltmore.com](https://www.biltmore.com)**

**Reservations can be made at Asheville Bear Creek RV Park (828-253-0798) beginning January 1. Don't delay, this one is expected to fill up fast! Be sure to tell them you are with the Carolinas Airstream Club. Then register on the CAC website.**



# "Oh, the Places You Will Go!"

## *Members Travel and Club Events*



### From The Road

(Paddler's Edition)

*By Tabb Adams*

One of my favorite activities is paddling a canoe or kayak on rivers or lakes. In this edition of From the Road I will explore some of my favorite places to paddle. At the top of the list is a little-known creek in Indiana called Wildcat Creek. I first paddled Wildcat creek back in June of 2015, and what an adventure. Wildcat Creek is part of Indiana's Natural Scenic and Recreational System. Located in Carroll and Tippecanoe counties it is easily accessed at many points. My favorite section is from Burlington, Indiana access point to the Wabash River. This is a long haul, 50 plus miles, but plenty of Creekside camping opportunities are available. Campgrounds are plentiful in the area; Prophetstown State Park located in Lafayette, Indiana, would be your best bet for a close campground to the Wildcat. Wildlife is plentiful along the creek, many aquatic bird species are plentiful along the creek, Green Herons, Kingfishers, and Bald Eagles just to name a few. Fishing is also fantastic with many different fish species living in the creek, including large and small mouth bass, catfish, and gar. NICHES Land Trust is a good source of information about the creek as they protect many acres of preserves along the creek. Springtime is a good time of year to paddle the creek as the water levels are somewhat consistent with the spring rains. The creek is an easy paddle with slow flatwater sections and swifter small riffles that add some excitement to the trip.

Next up is the White River, one of Indiana's longer rivers, two forks from the east and the west. The west fork is the more paddled fork and has easy access at many points. White River Campground located in Cicero, Indiana is a great place to access the river. For the most part the White River is an easy paddle, slow lazy river paddling with no swift water. Other access points are at Forest Park in Noblesville, Indiana which offers day long trips. Wildlife along the river is varied with plentiful animal and fish species. My favorite section is from White River Campground to the Forest Park Access Point. Along this section there is one low head dam to navigate around but is easily done on river left. River levels are consistent at any time of year, spring and early summer being the best times to paddle.

Third on the list is Sugar Creek located in western Indiana, small free flowing creek with great wildlife, birds, fish, etc. There are plenty of camping opportunities, Turkey Run State Park is one of my favorites. With water and electric sites, both shaded and full sun, bathhouses are also available. Favorite part of the creek is from Bachner Nature Preserve in Crawfordsville, Indiana all the way down to Turkey Run State Park. Spring and early summer are the best times to float the river, although fall is a great time to float as well with minimal walking involved. If you have any questions about any of the creeks I've mentioned here don't hesitate to reach out via email @ [crosscuttabb@gmail.com](mailto:crosscuttabb@gmail.com)



Hello Fellow Club Members,

Starting in the new year, Tabb Adams will be our new Newsletter Editor. We will have a few months of overlap to help in the transition. I will continue as the Corresponding Secretary for the club. I have truly loved my role as the Newsletter Editor these past two years and am glad to see someone with Tabb's experience taking my place.

Have a wonderful Christmas and I'll see you in the new year.

Nancy Kieffer

PS If you have anything to add to the newsletter, articles or pictures, please contact Tabb at [tabloid70@tds.net](mailto:tabloid70@tds.net)



2023 Year in Review  
CAC Rallies and Events





Tanglewood



Tanglewood



Shining in Shelby



Shining in Shelby



Airstream Rally - Tryon - Is it a Cult?



Trot into Tryon







Cool Breeze  
Galax, VA

Cool Breeze  
Galax, VA



International Rally  
Wyoming

International Rally  
Wyoming



Hot Springs



Top of Georgia



Hot Spring





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NC/ SC States Rally



NC/ SC States Rally



Ocean Lakes



New Members



Farewell to Ricky Wilcox



Veterans Day