



Carolinan Airstream Club

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21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960



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Greetings to all CAC Streamers,
Happy New Year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

I'm excited about what we can do to make this year exciting and memorable. Jan and I started the year by travelling to Santa Rosa Beach, Florida for the Canopener rally. As expected, we ran into several CAC members and affiliate members at this event. If you are looking for a great way to start 2025 consider attending next year's Canopener. After our Florida panhandle sojourn, we travelled with a few friends to Meaher State Park, Spanish Fort, Alabama. Meaher is a nice scenic park on the bay and within a short driving distance to Mobile, Alabama. Winter storm Finn managed to cut our trip short but were grateful to return home safely.

The CAC team is working hard this year to ensure your Club experience is meaningful. Our rallies are all unique and afford you many opportunities to visit new places and meet many friends along the way. We have several committees forming up to enhance our administrative functioning, so if you happen to get a phone call to assist, please don't hesitate to volunteer your time. Many hands make light work. Bring your talents to work for the club. Show off your BRN and invite other Airstreams to join our club. Henry Ford once said, "If everyone is moving forward, then success takes care of itself."

Safe travels. Steve

Carolina Airstream Club

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Sunset at Meaher State Park, AL- Photo by Steve Thompson

We will be using the Whatsapp Messenger for all communications at this year's Rallies and Caravans!



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Battle of Guilford Courthouse Rally Schedule

Thursday, March 14

2:00-7:30pm Check in at campground: **no late check ins allowed!**

5:00pm Meet and Greet Campfire, Bring a snack.

Friday, March 15

9:00am Depart for Alamance Battleground

10:00-11:30am Tour and program at Alamance Battleground

12:00-7:30pm Lunch on your own at Red Oak Brewery

2:00-3:30 Tour Replacements Limited

5:00-6:30pm Dinner on your own

7:00pm Campfire

Saturday, March 16

7:30am Pancake breakfast at the campground

9:30am Depart for Guilford Courthouse Battleground activities.

10:00-5:00pm Living history reenactors and vendors will be set up in Country Park

12:00pm Lunch on your own at local restaurants

2:00pm Battle of Guilford Courthouse Reenactment

6:00pm Dinner and campfire at campground

Sunday, March 17

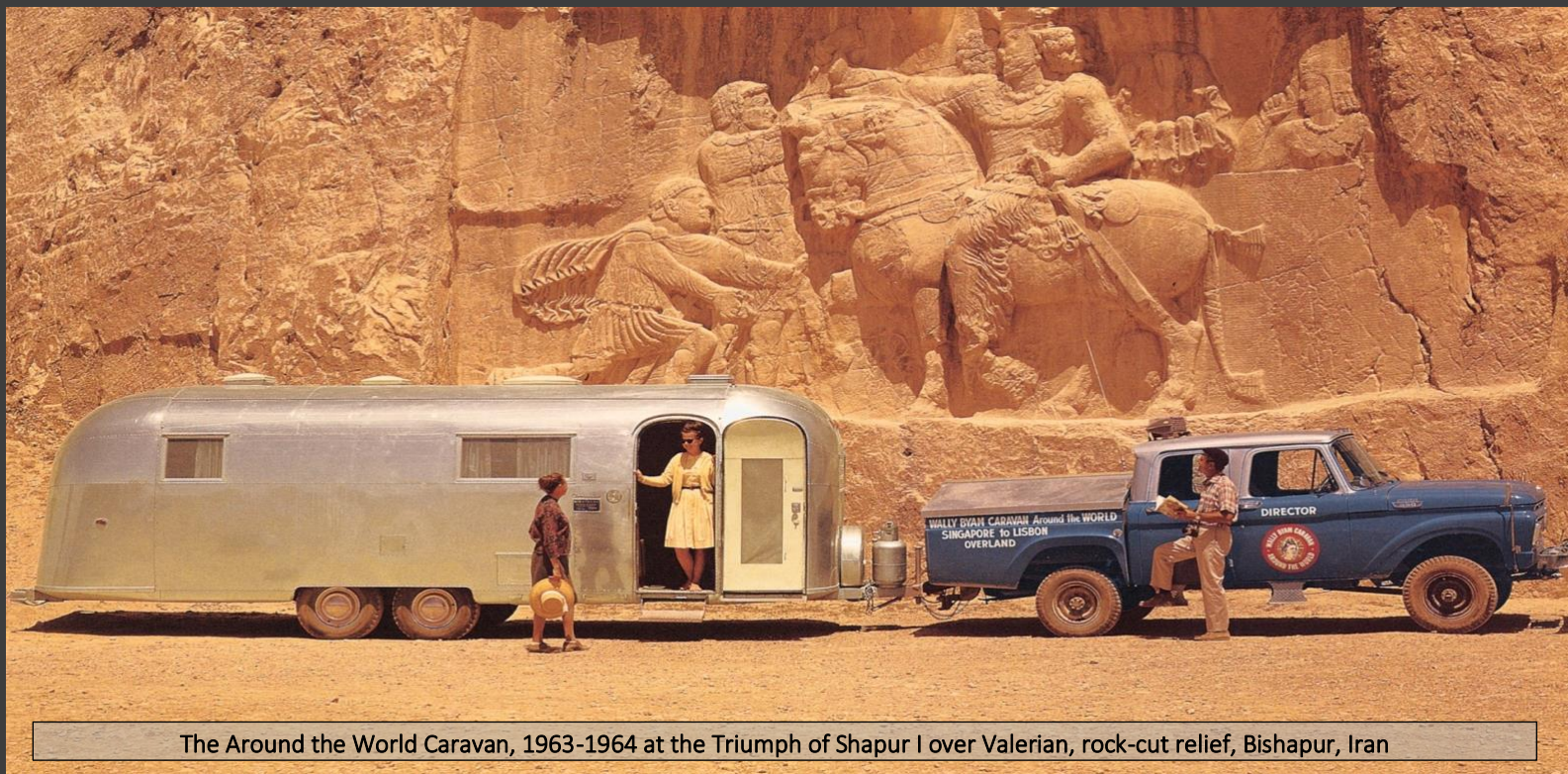
Coffee and donuts at campground and goodbyes

Happy New Year, I hope everyone's holidays were great and that you are all excited, although not yet unwinterized, for another year of camping! The response for Christmas in Biltmore has been great. Over half of our sites are already booked. If you want to go on this epic rally book your stay before the rally fills up.

Our first rally of the year is the re-enactment of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, according to many historians, the pivotal battle of the Revolutionary War. Our hosts, Dennis and Barbara Hackett and Steve and Brenda Mullinex have planned a great jam-packed rally. The agenda will be posted in this newsletter!

You will visit and learn about the Battle of Alamance, have lunch at Red Oak Brewery, tour Replacements Ltd... Tour will also include a reenactment of the famous Battle of Guilford Courthouse where Cornwallis got his butt kicked. There will be dinner at the campground, campfires and many other activities planned. There are a couple of spots left at the campground if you want to attend this great rally.

Our second rally, the very next weekend is James Island. We all know how super that rally is, but just wait until you see what the Hord's and Carriker's have planned for us this year! As I write this there is one spot available in the campground. If you want to go but have not found a spot yet try wanderinglabs.com, it just might work. I look forward to camping with you this year!



The Around the World Caravan, 1963-1964 at the Triumph of Shapur I over Valerian, rock-cut relief, Bishapur, Iran

Caravan to International Rally 2024

We have nailed down the details for travel from North Carolina to Airstream International in Sedalia, Missouri. We are scheduled to arrive at the rally a day in advance, October 4, 2024. You will need to contact Member service to arrange and pay for your extra night. I have made contact and set up a block of sites, 30/50 AMP full hookup, it is your responsibility to contact each location and set up your reservation and provide payment. Reggie and I will begin from the Wagon Wheel Rally in Mills River, NC you're welcome to join us at any stop along the way. Please send us details if you are deviating. For all locations I have given my name Pam Roe-Johnson, along with our club Carolinas Airstream Club.

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Tana-See Campground tana-seecampground.com
112 Carson Springs Rd.
Newport, TN 37821
Contact: Lisa
423-415-5000

Nightly rate is \$55.00 they do offer a military rate for our veterans.

Monday, September 30, 2024

KOA Lebanon (Nashville East) KOA.com
2100 Safari Camp Road
Lebanon, TN 37090
Contact: Libby
1-800-562-7028

We have a block as Carolinas Airstream Club

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

Marion RV Campground
119 N. 7th Street
Marion, IL 62959
Contact: Taffy
618-997-3484

Nightly rate is \$52.00 they offer Good Sam and Military rate

Wednesday & Thursday October 2 & 3, 2024

Cottonwoods Rv Park cottonwoodsrvpark.com
5170 N. Oakland Gravel Rd.
Columbia, MO 65202
573-474-2747
Contact: Cheyenne

We have a block under PAM24 if you book online.

Nightly rate is \$45.00.

Membership Non-Members & Rallies

Every wonder who could attend our rallies? It is probably not something most people have thought about. Obviously, if you own an Airstream and are a member of Airstream Club International you can attend our rallies. But did you know you can invite guests? Below is text from the club's constitution about guests:

A guest (or guests) sponsored and invited by a member in good standing and using the member's trailer or motorhome or staying in a non-RV facility such as a cabin, motel room, etc., may attend activities of The Club. Members sponsoring such a guest shall ensure that the guest or guests adhere to The Club's Code of Ethics.



Rally 'Round Campfire

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Happy New year Streamers & 2024! I rang in the New Year in Ocean Lakes with my 'friend'. Rang in being used loosely as I can't remember the last time, I saw midnight on New Year's! I bet a few of you can relate!

I hope everyone is off to a good start this January and locking in Airstream Rally trips. I am planning on doing one of the rolling rallies and ending up in Hot Springs NC – not on the CAC agenda – for my BIG 6-0! Woohoo! God willing I'll close the chapter on one decade to begin another. If you find yourself with open time around 11-16 June, come join the fun in Hot Springs.

SoStinkin'Cute! is off soon to get the first phase of her interior make-over under way. I'm very excited to see the transformation begin. I will be testing her out with the renovations in March at the James Island Rally which looks to be a big crowd.

We've had a few bouts of COVID among our members, but all have recovered thankfully. Stay safe and well this year. Let me know if you have some news to share. I have some cool cards I will send out for encouragement so if you want to be the recipient get in touch me! 😊

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

Membership Chair

Lee Dunn

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As of January 11, 2024, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 301 rigs and 565 members strong. Last month I reported 310 rigs and 578 members. Why the decrease? Turns out we have nearly 30 rigs who have yet to renew their membership for 2024. It's not too late to renew. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact Airstream Club International at 937-596-5211.

Evernote Update

After nearly six months of problems with the existing Carolinas Airstream Club Evernote notebook I have created a new notebook. I have worked with the Evernote support team and think this new notebook will solve our problems. Fingers crossed!

If you are a current user of the Evernote notebook "Carolinas Airstream Club" you need to switch to the new one "Carolinas Airstream Club – 021". Please send me an email at 021membership@gmail.com when you are ready to change. For the next six months I will keep both the old and new notebooks up to date. In July I plan to delete the old notebook. So, you have six months to switch over to the new one.

I have found those with an existing Evernote account can move to the new notebook with little to no problems. However, first time Evernote users are still having problems. I am working on a process that will work for new Evernote users and plan to share it in next month's newsletter.

2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

Full details on Rallies and Caravans can be found by [Clicking Here](#)

March 2024

March 14-17

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

March 21-24

James Island
Reserve @ReserveAmerica.com
Hosts Randy & Shari Hord
John & Sharon Carriker

April 2024

Rolling Rally Number 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
Water and electric
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

April 25-28

Trot to Tryon Urban Rally Boondocking.
Hosts Skip & Denny Crowe

May 2024

May 2-5

Wake Forest, Holly Point Falls Lake
Water and electric hookups
Book 6 months out @ ReserveAmerica.com
Hosts David & Denise Lorenz

May 16-19

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

June 2024

Rolling Rally Number 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, VA Cool Breeze Campground
(Call 276-236-0300)
Hosts Rich & Marsha Morgan

June 20-23

Ham Field Day Rally

Lake Toxaway Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort
Call 518-532-7863
Hosts Layne & Wanda McMillan
Dave & Sue Schoenecker

July 2024

July 11-14

Boondocking Rally

Blue Ridge Parkway, Rocky Knob Campground
Book 6 months out 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 2024

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 2024

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

Joint Carolinas Rally

Palmetto Cove

Call 864-836-6221 to make reservations

September 26-28

Boondocking Rally

Brewery Rally Mills River Brewery

(Hosts Scott & Carol Browne)

October 2024

Caravan to International Rally

Dates TBD

Contact: Reggie Johnson

Pamela Roe-Johnson

October 5-12

67th Annual Airstream Club

International Rally

SEDALIA, MO

Register via Airstreamclub.org

October 10-12

Uwharrie National Forest,

Arrowhead Campground Electric hookups

Book 6 months out Recreation.gov

Hosts Mike & Georgia Olympio

November 2024

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

Biltmore Christmas

Asheville, NC

Bear Creek Campground

Call 828-253-0798

Reserve after January 1, 2024

Hosts John & Renee Hoffman



Member Spotlight Vic and Claudia Fordham BRN 24127

Do you recall how you learned about Airstream trailers? For Vic and Claudia Fordham, it was by watching the TV show Flippin' RVs. Through the show, the Fordham's, became aware of vintage Airstreams. For a year Vic and Claudia viewed half a dozen older Airstreams until they found the one that met their needs that did not require a complete overhaul. This gave them the opportunity to add some of their own touches.

In 2019, the Fordham's found their 1971 23' Safari Land Yacht, previously used as a hunting cabin near Charlotte NC, which is how they came to name their trailer Charlotte. Vic and Claudia belong to two clubs — WBCCI/CAC, and a generic RV club. "We love the people in both clubs," declared Claudia. The biggest lesson learned for Vic & Claudia is to pay attention to the age of your tires. Even though Vic and Claudia thought their tires looked good, the tires were also old, resulting in a blowout on I-40.

The other piece of advice is to join WBCCI to learn and the camaraderie. "Don't be afraid to ask questions of anyone!" says Vic. While traveling, Claudia, a retired RN, knits or does other needle craft. Vic, a former sales manager with Coca Cola, is a fly fisherman, and enjoys cooking on the open fire. The Fordham's also travel with their celebrity miniature dachshund, Heidi, who won 3rd place at the 2023 International Rally dog talent show!

At home, Claudia works part time in a children's clothing store that sells used clothing and other items related to children. Vic plays golf and both are avid Wolfpack fans "The redder the better!" The Fordham's are a close-knit family, with three daughters, 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Maybe someday the Fordham's and Charlotte will be featured on Flippin' RVs ... if the show ever comes back into production.



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NC State Fairgrounds	Raleigh, NC



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shows

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North Carolina State Fairgrounds
Raleigh, NC February 15-18 2024

North Carolina State Fairgrounds
Raleigh, NC August 22-25 2024

<https://www.northcarolinarvda.com>

EVENT | APR 17 - 21 2024

Region 3 'Streams and Meadows

17 - 21

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Meadow Event Park

13191 Dawn Blvd.

Doswell, VA, 23047 | [Get Directions](#)

W Meadow Event Park

Join your friends, in Region 3, for a great time in beautiful Doswell, VA. Campsite fees and rally registration will be handled together at online registration beginning around January 22, 2024.

Stay tuned for additional information!

Registration Deadline
March 15, 2024



Event Contact

Christine & Joe Baum, Region
3 President

✉ baumjc@gmail.com

☎ 609.202.5015

Share Event



Join your friends from Region 3 at Meadow Event Park, home of Secretariat, for a horsing around good time in beautiful Doswell, VA. Online registration will begin around January 22, 2024.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Photo from the Canopener Rally at Top Sail State Park, FL Left to right, Our President Steve Thompson, Jan Thompson, Holly & Chris Gizzi and Suzie & Charlie Ellis. Thanks to the Big Bend Florida Airstream Club for a great rally!

New Members! Welcome to the Club!

Tanya & Shawn Thomas from Raleigh, NC,
2024 30' Globetrotter 30RBT

BRN 6185

Vernon Pugh & Christina Boyd from Holly Springs, NC, and
their 2024 30' Classic

BRN 10289

Affiliate Members

Allan Boehm & Katie Kerr from Fallbrook, CA,
2016 30' Flying Cloud 30FB Bunk

BRN 2608

Affiliate Member

Melia Jacobs from Canton, GA,
2007 23' Safari SE

BRN 6901

Astrovan: The First Leg of a Trip to Orbit!



Space Shuttle Discovery Crew

Curtis L. Brown, Commander, Steven W. Lindsey, Pilot, Scott E. Parazynski, Mission Specialist, Stephen K. Robinson, Mission Specialist, Pedro Duque, Mission Specialist, Chiaki Mukai, Payload Specialist, John H. Glenn, Payload Specialist

Airstream has played a role in America's space program since the 1960s. In 1967-1968, Airstream built the vehicular structure for the four [Mobile Quarantine Facilities](#) or MQFs that were used to quarantine the returning Apollo astronauts to prevent the possible spread of any lunar pathogens that they might have encountered while on the surface of the moon.

Airstream's involvement with the space program continued on after the usage of the MQFs. In 1983, Airstream was commissioned to build three modified Excella Motorhomes for use in NASA's Shuttle program.

Perhaps the most famous of these three vehicles is the 27' Airstream Motorhome [known as the Astrovan](#) which was used to transport astronauts from the Operations and Checkout Building at the Florida Kennedy Space Center to the launch pad. The Astrovan was used on each shuttle mission from 1983 until the final mission in July of 2011.



In its 27 years of service, the Astrovan racked up a mere 26,500 miles. That's because it was only used during launch rehearsal and on launch day to transport the crew approximately nine miles from where they suited up to the launch pad and back. On launch day, the crew gathered in front of the Astrovan, smiling for photos and waving to the crowd before boarding the vehicle. They were then escorted by security to the launch pad, occasionally spotting a Florida alligator or two along the way.



Today, you can visit the Astrovan on display at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor's Complex in Cape Canaveral, FL.





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From the Road

On this addition of from the road we travel to Cumberland Gap, TN, and Cumberland Gap National Historic Park. Cumberland Gap National Historic Park is one of those hidden gems. We first experienced this area when we attended the Stream'in the Gap Airstream Rally in downtown Cumberland Gap. If you haven't attended this rally, you should add it to your list. Sponsored by the East Tennessee Airstream Club and the Guardians of the Gap this urban rally is a great way to explore the area.

The town of Cumberland Gap is very small with a population of 490 from the 2019 census. This quaint little town has a lot of things to do first being its location to the national park. Cumberland Gap National Historic Park was the first gateway to the west. The path first used by Bison then Native Americans long hunters and pioneers. Over 300,000 people used the Wilderness Road and this low gap in the Appalachian Mountains to settle the west. The Wilderness Road Campground is the main campground at the park, with 50 amp electrical, water and a dump station along with shower houses. The park offers many hiking trails and the Pinnacle Overlook which overlooks the beautiful park and the town of Cumberland Gap. Another stop should be Wilderness Road State Park, a recreated fort that was used to protect the wilderness road. This is a great way to see how the settlers in the area lived and worked. Actors dress in period costume and will speak about the history of the area and demonstrate some of the crafts of the period.

The town of Cumberland Gap has great restaurants, antique stores, and coffee shops to keep you entertained. Angelo's in the Gap, 19 Grill & Bar, and Gap Creek Coffee House are some of our favorites! If you are looking for more shopping, groceries, Laundromat etc. the town of Middlesboro, KY is just a 10-minute drive from the Gap. You will get to drive through the 4100-foot-long Cumberland Gap Tunnel to access Middlesboro, KY. This tunnel was constructed in 1996 and was used to bypass the Cumberland Gap Road. The road had the nickname Massacre Mountain due to the amount of deadly traffic accidents. Don't miss out on the gem that Cumberland Gap is, if you are looking for that Smoky Mountain charm without the crowds this place is for you!

