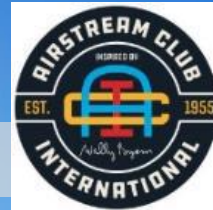




Carolinan Airstream Club

Tarheel Traveler March 2024 Newsletter

21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960



PRESIDENT'S

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Greetings to all CAC Streamers,
Hopefully, many of you are embracing March. March Madness means several things in North Carolina. If you are a college basketball fan you are looking forward to the basketball tournaments and if you are an outdoor aficionado, you are most likely not looking forward to the high pollen count, no-see-ums and gnats. You have been forewarned so proper preparation is your best friend.

Jan and I are currently in High Point, NC awaiting the start of our first rally of the year. We're pumped! While sitting outside this evening by the water's edge we were approached by a wonderful couple (Patti Burke & Chris Morrison) from Ontario, Canada. To our surprise they are Airstreamers and spending a few weeks in the Lower 48. Although they were not aware of our Oak Hollow rally this weekend our conversation led to their future plans. As Gomer Pyle would say "shazam". It turns out they have already registered to join our CAC at James Island County Park, SC later this month. Indeed, it's a small world and an even tighter Airstream community.

Normally, I always end with a quote or saying of a famous person/character. This month I'll branch out in a different direction and propose the following:

Read "Travels with Charley in Search of America" by John Steinbeck (1962). The book captures Steinbeck's travels across the United States in his camper truck with his companion Charley (Poodle). Many of us can relate to travelling across our beautiful country to some of these same locations and perhaps similar experiences with our own fur babies.

Safe travels! Steve

Wildflowers at Myrtle Beach State Park

Carolina Airstream Club

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Attention!!!

Content for the newsletter is needed, Photos, Trip Reports, history of the club, Rally and Caravan details from leaders. I'm trying to have a couple of rally spotlights each month! If you would like to submit anything, please email Tabb Adams Newsletter Editor!

crosscuttabb@gmail.com

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

[Download here.](#)



WhatsApp

Photos from the Battle of Guilford Courthouse Rally

Photos by Ray Combs and Ed Hall



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Finally we are camping again! Our first two rallies were a great start to 2024. Many thanks to our hosts Steve and Brenda Mullinix and Dennis and Barbara Hackett for a super rally at Oak Hollow. James Island was awesome as always thanks to our hosts John and Sharon Carriker. Both rallies were well attended, we even had a new affiliate member drive all the way from Wisconsin to be with us!

Next month there are four opportunities for camping. First is Tanglewood hosted by George and Margie Lamb, Rocky and Susan Johnson and Doug and Mary Miller. In addition to all the fun that Tanglewood always brings, this year will be a maintenance rally with sessions organized and led by Jim Cocke. Rolling straight from Tanglewood, we head to North Bend Kerr Lake, a beautiful Corps of Engineers campground. This rally will be hosted by Jim Cocke and Debbie Wood. Then it's time for Region 3 in Doswell, Virginia. Many of us have visited Doswell in the heat of summer, but this time we get to enjoy the cool of early spring. Our own Bob Hoffman will be sworn in as First VP of Region 3. We have more members attending than any other club so far. If you haven't registered yet, hop on and join us there. Then last, but far from least it's time to Trot into Tryon, our urban rally led by Skip and Denny Crowe.

In another great spot of news for us, Carolinas Airstream Club now has seven active National Caravan Leaders - Go Us! Ed and Joni Hall lead the Smidge of the Ridge and will lead Kids on the Ridge next summer, Tabb and Ruth Adams also lead Smidge of the Ridge. David and Denise Lorenz lead Sipping Across Missouri, George and Pam Beckwith will lead Alaska. Affiliate members Steve and Melinda Downie will lead Sipping Across Missouri with the Lorenz's. John and Shannon Roberts are the brand-new leaders of Springtime in the Rockies and Carol and I are leading the Southeast Coastal Crawl.

We have had to cancel two rallies this year due to lack of interest, Sedalia, VA, and Rutledge Lake, but there are plenty of opportunities left to camp. We are looking forward to being with you at a rally soon.

And please remember to register on our CAC website after you make your reservations at the campgrounds.

Hope to see everyone down the Road.

Ray Combs, 1st VP
Carolinas Airstream Club

"What Would Wally Do? Host a Rally of Course!"

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 the 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.



Rally 'Round Campfire CHERYLANNE WEAVER

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Hi Streamers!

I hope everyone had a fun-filled St Paddy's Day. Mine was spent prepping SoStinkin'Cute! for the James Island Rally.

There is a big crowd heading to James Island this week and much fun to be had – woohoo! Hoping the weather cooperates all weekend for us.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts & prayers:

Randy Hord (Shari) – BRN5724 – has had surgery and will be recovering for a few weeks. He and Shari had to drop out of James Island to tend to health issues. They are looking forward to getting on the road soon and joining in all the Airstream Fun.

Pam Quesenberry (Joe) _BRN6804 – recently had a knee replacement and is recovering with the help of Joe's great bedside manner. She can't wait to walk without pain. Look for her to be hiking all over the campgrounds soon.

"The most beautiful thing in the world is, of course, the world itself. "Wallace Stevens"

cherylanne!



Region 3 Rally Spotlight

Rally swag store is now open get your mugs, koozies, T-shirts etc. [Click here for the store!](#)

Volunteers are still needed for the Rally.
[Click here to volunteer!](#)

And if anyone still needs to register for the region 3 Rally
[Click here!](#)



Membership

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As of March 14, 2024, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 309 rigs and 580 members strong.

Airstream Club International Events Web Page

Ever wondering what other club rallies are happening? You can find out by going to the Airstream Club International Events 'All Rallies and Events' page.

1. Log in to your Airstream Club International (ACI) account.
2. Click on 'Return to the main site' link or the ACI logo in the upper left-hand corner.
3. Then hover over 'Events' at the top of the page and select 'All Rallies and Events'.
4. You will be presented with a screen showing all rallies and events in map view identified by a blue and white icon.
5. Select an icon to see more information about that rally or event.
6. You can limit the number showing by entering the Date range, Event Type, State/Province, or Club you are most interested.
7. If you rather see a list of the rallies and events, select 'List View'.

Thank you,

Lee Dunn

CAC Membership Chair

2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

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

First rally for 2025 has already gone on sale and you can make reservations and pay the rally fee now:
James Island, March 20-23, 2025 (initial details on our website, more to come)
<https://airstreamclub.org/021cac-2025-james-island-sc-rally>

March 2024

2025 Events coming soon!

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
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

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,

Zooland Family Campground, FHU

Book now at Zooland Family Campground

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

Pam Roe-Johnson is a third generation Airstream owner. Pam's maternal grandparents were active members of the Michigan Airstream Club, traveled on at least two Airstream caravans to Mexico and Calgary in the 1960s and wintered in a Texas Airstream Park. Pam's parents owned a couple of different Airstreams from the 1960s to 1980. During that time, they took Pam on memorable cross-county trips, and regularly joined Pam's grandparents in club rallies or Texas.

When Pam and her husband, Reggie, decided to stop splitting their time between Highlands, NC and Boynton Beach, FL, they sold their house in Florida and, in May 2023, took delivery of a new 30' Globetrotter, for which they secured the Big Red Numbers that once belonged to Pam's parents: 8925. This winter, with their 'moveable house' in tow, Pam, and Reggie plan to travel to a variety of Florida locations.

Pam and Reggie bought an Airstream because of the brand, the lifestyle, the friendship ... and maybe the pancake breakfasts. "I remember my grandfather cooking pancakes at Michigan Airstream Club rallies way back in the 1960's, and it is a club tradition still practiced today! Reggie's favorite part of a pancake breakfast is the sausage."

Given her carefree experiences of Airstream travel as a child (except, perhaps, when she was put in front of a Kangaroo Court at a Michigan Airstream Club rally for running her doll's wet dress up a flagpole to dry), Pam was surprised to discover that traveling with an Airstream is not as easy as she remembered it to be as a child. Pam admits that her steepest learning curves have been:

- Becoming familiar with the multitude of reservation systems
- Managing different booking windows for different locations
- Reserving sites at rally locations early because they fill up quickly, and
- Getting familiar with how to navigate rallies, from socializing to stocking the pantry with "happy-hour-ready" treats.

Just like the two generations of Airstream owners before her, Pam has already become an active member her local Airstream club: she and Reggie have volunteered to organize and lead the CAC caravan to the 2024 International Rally in Sedalia Missouri. Maybe they will plan a pancake breakfast ... with sausage.



Wally Byam, the Work From Anywhere Pioneer



TIPS & GUIDES

Feb 27, 2024

**Round Trip: Take an
Airstream Wildflower Road
Trip**

From the Airstream Blog
[Click here to read!](#)

RALLY SPOTLIGHT

Have you heard about the new caravan starting in 2025 that's right in our backyard?

2025 Kids on The Blue Ridge Caravan

This is an ideal caravan to start off with you and the kids (or grandkids)!

We will be ziplining, rafting, hiking, and biking, all while traveling along the beautiful NC Blue Ridge Parkway! All activities are kid friendly with a couple of activities with age or weight restrictions, don't worry there are alternate options. And if there's still energy to expend at the end of the day, there will plenty of campsite family games and campfires to cap off our fun-filled days!

This is a first of a kind caravan for WBCCI that's dedicated to kids and families having fun! The caravan is only 10 days, including three travel days at your own pace to explore and take in the beautiful sites along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Come join us on the inaugural 2025 Kids on The Blue Ridge Caravan and make great memories!

Dates: June 10-20, 2025

Start: Tuckaseegee RV Resort in Whittier, NC
End: Boone KOA in Boone, NC

Volunteer Leaders: Misti & Mark Roach **BRN 6912**
Ed & Joni Hall **BRN 5280**

For More Information & To Register: [Click Here](#)

For Questions: Please reach out to the Volunteer Leaders at kidsontheblueridgecaravan@airstreamclub.org



New Members! Welcome to the Club!

Maribeth Jahn & Paul Jahn
Bolivia, NC, 2023 27' FC 27FBQ
BRN 9291

Dale & Michele Graffis
Leland, NC, 2024 27' International
BRN 7800

John & Julie Maloy Piedmont, NC
2024 27' International Ocean Breeze 27FB
BRN 16230

Affiliate Member Robin Rhodes
Stuart, FL 2015 23' Flying Cloud
BRN 2981

Airstream for Sale

2019 20' Flying Cloud with forward bed floorplan. This is the final year this size model was made under the Flying Cloud line, so it is loaded with features similar to the current Caravel line. All systems are in great working order and ready to camp. It is exceptionally clean (I am meticulous). It has been completely waxed 2x/year. Original options included a solar package and a three awning package. I added a 3" lift kit for improved off-road camping. A new toilet flush mechanism was just installed, and the shower drain line was recently replaced. With the offer, I will include two brand new (never used) Goodyear tires, new main power cable (never used), and my current load leveling hitch and sway bar. The trailer is so comfortable and I love it, but need to switch to a Basecamp. Asking \$65,000 but willing to negotiate! Steve Manfred, Asheville, NC skeledad35@bellsouth.net 828-253-8831



Airstream History

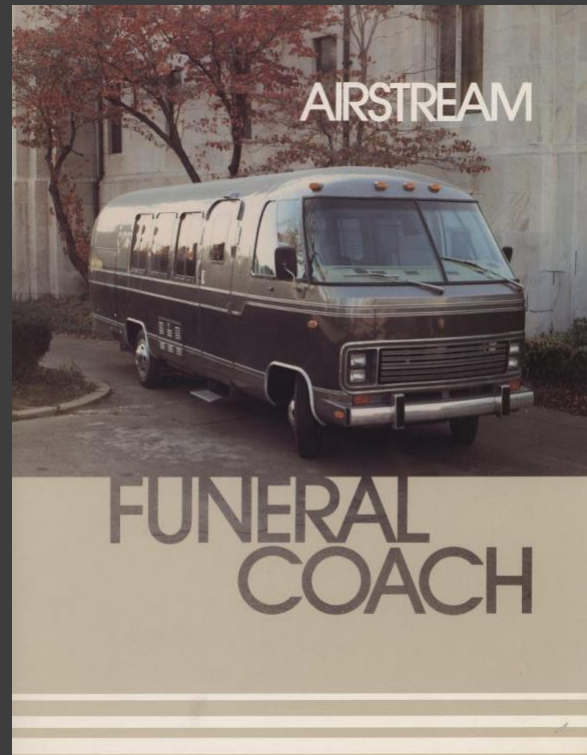
From a mobile office for John F. Kennedy to a quarantine facility for astronauts returning from the moon, Airstreams have been used for a variety of purposes throughout the company's history. In the spirit of Halloween, we decided to dive into one of the spookier – and lesser-known – products in Airstream's history: the Airstream Funeral Coach. Yes, you read that right. In 1981, Airstream introduced a modified motorhome known as the Funeral Coach. It could transport 14 family members, a casket, and up to 20 baskets of flowers between the funeral home, church, and cemetery. Airstream was motivated to practicality to create this unique offering, and the story of the Funeral Coach's genesis is as interesting as the product itself.

The story goes that in 1979, Airstream, Inc. had launched its Class A Motorhome line for the first time. However, because a recession and a gas crisis hit American drivers hard in the late 1970s, Airstream was suffering from a loss in sales. Looking for ways to offset this loss, Airstream's president at the time, Gerry Letourneau, wanted to diversify into a wide range of customized vehicles based on motorhomes. Along with the Funeral Coach, this customized line included the Air Coach, which allowed business professionals to work together on the road, and the Sales Coach, which served as a mobile sales office or display room. The Airstream Funeral Coach comfortably seated its passengers in either individual aircraft-style seats or on a wrap-around couch. It had a rear hatch compartment for flowers and a discreet side compartment for the casket. The Funeral Coach was presented as a fuel-efficient alternative that would reduce funeral procession traffic while maintaining dignity. Most importantly, however, it allowed families to travel together during a trying time.

In 1981, the cost of a Funeral Coach was \$85,000. A traditional hearse came in at \$40,000, and two standard funeral limousines cost \$60,000. Comparatively, the Funeral Coach was a cost-efficient option – and it was also backed by Airstream's reputation for quality aluminum vehicles.

The standard floor plans were 27' and 28', but customized floor plans ranging from 24' to 35' were also available. Some funeral home owners chose to add features such as a radio, television, microwave, and lavatory to provide extra comfort for families on longer journeys. Funeral home nameplates and identifiers were added to the exterior of the Funeral Coach, but these were removable. Because it did not look like a hearse, the unit was versatile, and early brochures advertised that it could be loaned out for special functions.

Owner testimonies were positive and stated that families embraced the new approach as a comfortable, appropriate way to be together during a difficult time. Ultimately, however, only 32 units were produced from 1981-1991. One of these rare models, a 1984 Funeral Coach, is on display in [Airstream's new Heritage Center.](#)





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Back on the Road!

Fall Creek Falls State Park, Tennessee

After many months of stationary living, we are back on the road again! If you haven't ventured into the state park system in Tennessee, you are missing out. We have visited many of the state parks in Tennessee and Fall Creek Falls State Park is one of our favorites. Only about 30 minutes south of Interstate 40 in between Knoxville and Nashville you have easy access to the park. Fall Creek Falls State Park is one of Tennessee's largest and most visited state parks. The park is in Bledsoe and Van Buren counties, 11 miles east of Spencer and 18 miles west of Pikeville. It may be entered from Highway 111 or Highway 30. The park encompasses more than 29,800 acres sprawled across the eastern top of the rugged Cumberland Plateau. Laced with cascades, gorges, waterfalls, streams and lush stands of virgin hardwood timber, the park beckons those who enjoy nature at her finest. Fall Creek Falls, at 256 feet, is one of the highest waterfalls in the eastern United States. Other waterfalls within the park include Piney Falls, Cane Creek Falls, and Cane Creek Cascades. Fall Creek Falls features 30 cabins, 222 campsites, and the 85-room Lodge Fall Creek Falls. Backcountry camping is also available with a permit.

We reserved a FHU site 128 in B loop had easy access to the site. Bathhouse was close as well. There are many types of sites at Fall Creek Falls, please pay attention to the site description as many have severe inclines. Also the campground and park were hit with a tornado in August of 2023, so be aware of trees in the area that could be a danger to you while hiking. The park service has left lots of logs around from fallen trees so firewood is easy picking!

Safe Travels Ruth & Tabb

