



Carolinan Airstream Club



Tarheel Traveler April 2024 Newsletter

21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960



Triple Falls Dupont State Forest



PRESIDENT'S

STEVE THOMPSON

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Greetings to all CAC Streamers, I'm always amazed at how such diverse people can come together, find a common bond, and establish lasting friendships. This month your CAC met once again at Tanglewood Park, Clemmons, NC for a maintenance rally and as expected it was a tremendous success. Tanglewood Park is a regular stop for this club as it offers a great campground, a super dog park and many outdoor activities. I can't begin to thank our hosts (Lamb's, Johnson's, and Millers) for the many interesting activities they put together for our group. With that said, many CAC members (Jim Cocke, Phil Drake, Randy Hord) shared their years of hands-on knowledge and expertise on many facets of Airstream maintenance. The group received instruction on plumbing, riveting and electricity- what could possibly go wrong! I'll go on record and say the Park Staff/Camp Hosts went out of their way to make our stay memorable. This year, a special thanks goes to Blue Compass/Airstream of Greensboro (Chad Watson- read more about Chad in this month's Member Spotlight) as they provided an outstanding meal, many door-prizes and brought a new 2024 Airstream for Show & Tell. Be sure to put Tanglewood on your 2025 rally schedule.

Looking into the future, we have many more events scheduled this year that you can participate in. Get out there and have some fun and meet new people. Jan and I look forward to meeting many more of you in our upcoming rallies. Thanks for all you do to make our club stronger. This month I pulled a quote from J.R.R. Tolkien, "Not all those who wander are lost".

Safe travels. Steve

Carolina Airstream Club

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Attention Membership!!

If you have interest in the Board of Directors meeting minutes or the club financials, please contact.

Minutes: Shari Hord sehord@bellsouth.net

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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.](#)



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VICE PRESIDENT'S

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Wow 2024 is rushing by five rallies down, many more ahead. We are so very grateful for all our rally hosts.

Tanglewood, hosted by George and Margie Lamb, Rocky and Susan Johnson and Doug and Mary Miller was awesome as always. And for the very first time in several years, this was also a maintenance rally led by Jim Cocke. Carol and I learned a lot - hope you did too! From there we are going to beautiful Kerr Lake at a very well laid out Corp of Engineers campground. Jim Cocke and Debbie Wood will lead us there for a wonderful, relaxing time. And then on to Region 3 where Bob Hoffman is doing us proud being installed as the 1st Vice-President of the region!

Our next rally is the always popular Trot to Tryon Urban Rally hosted by Skip and Denny Crowe. That will finish a very busy April. May begins with Holly Point hosted by David and Denise Lorenz and Kristen Hoyle. Then it's beach time at Sea Breeze Campground near Holden Beach hosted by Doug Bevell and Ed and Janet O'Neil.

More on our summer rallies later, but please consider signing up for the joint rally in Palmetto Cove, September 18th to 22nd. This rally is an opportunity for all five clubs in the Carolinas to get together. Last year our club hosted the rally, and we had a great time. This year it is the Palmetto Club's turn, and they are making loads of fun plans. The rally is called the Carolina Mountain Jamboree. To book your spot call the campground for your site at 864-836-6221, then go to our club website to register for the rally.

Looking forward to being with you in a campground soon,
Ray

CAC Tanglewood Rally 2024

Far left: Julie Burton
Left row (front to back):
Mike Olympio, Kate Coast, Bill Van Horn, Sharon Van Horn, Rick Smith, Sandra Long

Right row (front to back):
Georgia Olympio, Kim Coast, Terry Sheally, Benson Sheally, Billie Smith, Gary Long



Phil Drake Plumbing Class



Randy Hord educating members on proper rivet installation on their Airstream.



Jan Thompson

New Members!
Welcome to the Club!

Dionysios & Catherine Anninos

Belmont, NC
2023 international 28 ft
BRN 7894

Greg & Tacie Linscott

Charlotte, NC
2024 25' Globetrotter
BRN 3485

David & Kim Carroll

West Jefferson, NC
2000 30' Excella
BRN 3514

Joyanne & Thomas Kutch

Franklinton, NC
2023 28' International
BRN 3541

Affiliate Members Bruce & Jocelyn Peace

Rome, GA
2019 31' Classic
BRN 17170

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.



Membership

Lee Dunn

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As of April 14, 2024, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 319 rigs and 597 members strong. At the Tanglewood Rally someone asked me how many in our club are Affiliate Members? Of the 319 rigs, 52 belong to Affiliate Members. Of the 597 total membership, 94 are Affiliate Members.

Airstream Club International Voting Information

Whenever Airstream Club International has a reason to send an email to vote on something they use the emails listed in the Membership Dashboard. Did you know that both the 'Primary' and 'Partner' member can vote? They can, but only if you have included both email address in your membership profile. So, if applicable, please make sure both 'Primary' and 'Partner' members have an email listed in the Membership Dashboard.

Airstream Club International Member Benefits

Are you aware of all the benefits for belonging to Airstream Club International? Airstream Club International has partnered with several companies and services like Harvest Hosts, Campers Card, Passport America, RV Life, Michelin, and Goodyear. There are several others. To learn more about your member benefits check out the Airstream Club International website. Here are some instructions to get you to this information:

Login to your Airstream Club International Account.

Select 'Return to Main Site' at the top of the page.

Select 'Member Resources' at the top of the page.

Then on the right-hand side of the page select 'Discounts & Benefits'



Rally 'Round Campfire CHERYLANNE WEAVER

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CAC April 2024 Rally Round Campfire Article

Hello Streamers!

I hope everyone is well and surviving pollen season. I, apparently, am now allergic to pollen – ugh!

Please keep the following members in your thoughts & prayers.

Ann Hall (Jerry) – BRN #2693 – Ann recently had surgery – a leg was amputated below the knee. She is in good spirits and recovering and will be moving to rehab soon. They are in Belmont NC – if you are nearby and can aid, please contact Jerry.

Bjorn Kasper (Nicole) – BRN #20197 – Bjorn's mom, Marion Magnum, was hospitalized last week and has multiple issues going on. Blood clots in her leg resulted in an amputation and she has been diagnosed with late-stage metastatic bladder cancer which has spread to lymph nodes. Per Bjorn, 'long term prognosis is non-existent. She will be recovering from her amputation until September, at which time they will check renal functions to confirm she's eligible for chemotherapy and radiation to address the cancer. She's under pain management and we are all doing everything we can, through prayer and love, to keep her spirits positive.'

Supporting our members during difficult (and good) times is an important part of what makes us family.

Stay well & travel safely.

"When preparing to travel, lay out all your clothes and all your money. Then take half the clothes and twice the money." – Susan Heller

2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

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

March 2025

Carolinas Club - 2025 James Island SC Rally
March 20-23

April 2025

Carolinas Club - 2025 Tanglewood Park NC
Rally
April 3-6

May 2024

May 2-5
Wake Forest, Holly Point Falls Lake
Water and electric hookups
Book 6 months out @ ReserveAmerica.com
Co-Host Kristen Hoyle
Hosts David & Denise Lorenzo

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 7-9
Galax, VA Cool Breeze Campground
(Call 276-236-0300)
Hosts Rich & Marsha Morgan

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

June 20-23

Ham Field Day Rally
Lake Toxaway Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort
Call 518-532-7863
Hosts Layne & Wanda McMillan
David & Sue Schaeffer

Carolina Mountain Jamboree
2024
SEP 18 - 22 2024

Palmetto Cove RV Park
521 Table Rock Rd
Cleveland, SC,
P 803.242.6125 | W 2024
Host - Palmetto State Airstream Club

Resuming the 5-club rally event from last year with 2024's host, Palmetto State Airstream Club (#22). This rally is a joint camping weekend along with the Carolinas Airstream Club (#21), Low Country Airstream Club (#180), Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club (#161), and South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club (#150). Come join us for a fun at the Carolina Mountain Jamboree!

[Click here for info!](#)

Regional/National Rallies

2024 Galax Old Fiddlers Rally
A National Event Rally
AUG 4 - 11 2024

Cool Breeze Campground
2330 Edmonds Rd.
Galax, VA, 24333 | Get Directions
Campground 276-236-0300

Joe and Christine Baum will host this year's Galax 88th Old Fiddlers Rally. If you love Bluegrass, don't miss this rally!

More information will be posted as it's available, so stay tuned!

2025 International Rally
York, PA

AUG 23 - 28 2025

York Expo Center
334 Carlisle Ave
York, PA, 17404

SAVE THE DATE

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

Below are some highlights from the upcoming Trot into Tryon rally for April 25-28, 2024, in Tryon, North Carolina

Welcome to each of you! We are so excited to have all of you newcomers and return 'streamers trot back into Tryon this year! Here is important information about the weekend, including brief directions to Harmon Field where we will spend Thursday night!

DIRECTIONS TO HARMON FIELD PARK:

From North or South, Take Interstate 26 West to NC Exit 67 Columbus/Tryon;

At the roundabout, follow the signs for Route 108 to Tryon. Coming from the interstate, turn Right onto Harmon Field Road, and then right into the park when you see our Airstream trailer (#3381) parked at the entrance! You will also see the Tryon Arts and Crafts school on the right.

THURSDAY APRIL 25TH

Plan to arrive at your convenience at Harmon Field Park. Enjoy the park. There is a dog park on site! Note: this is dry camping.

4:00-5:00PM Registration at the Log Cabin. PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES!

5:30PM Live music by the "Clover Pickers" at the cabin starting at five! Please come and enjoy this incredible group of young musicians!

We will have welcome bags for all with important rally and local information!

WELCOME FROM SKIP AND DENNY

6:00PMish! Dinner! Please RSVP for dinner by Friday, April 19th, and let us know so we can order correct amount. This year, we will be offering Pizza and a salad and desert from Bucks Pizza. We will have vegetarian/vegetarian gluten free, and a deluxe with the everything on it!!! I am not a pizza fan but do love the vegetarian pizza from Bucks!!!

LOGISTIC DISCUSSION. Please stick around for this discussion. There will several parking areas in the downtown area this year and we will need to line up on Friday morning in a little bit of an organized way to make things easier for all.

FRIDAY APRIL 26TH:

6:30AM Coffee and Pastries from Tryon Coffee House. Beginning at 6:30AM, Kevin Parker will be setting up in the cabin. Mary, Kevin's wife makes all the pastries, and believe me they are incredible!

9:50AM: line up and be ready to Trot into Tryon! The second graders at Tryon Elementary School will be lining the streets of Tryon, North Carolina, to welcome the parade coming through the streets at 10:00AM. Our local Fire Department will lead the parade into Town! Please fly your flags if you have them!!! Generators are respectfully allowed!

FOURTH FRIDAY ON TRADE: lots of activity on the Plaza; enjoy!

LUNCH -- on your own. You will see many new additions to our town!

Especially on Pacolet Street, and Trade Street

DINNER -- on your own. Don't miss the RHEMA SOUL food truck up at the Depot!

7:00PM CAMPFIRE ON MCCOWN STREET; (HOSTED BY TDDA AND OUR TOWN!)

SATURDAY APRIL 27TH

CAMPER OPEN HOUSE 2PM-4PM. OPTIONAL OF COURSE! This has always been very well attended!

5:00PM HAPPY HOUR AT THE DEPOT: Walk up to the Depot building! We will provide appetizers; bring your own beverage! Newcomers, please come and let us get to know you! Remember, Tryon is an open container town, so you can walk and enjoy the streets and shops of Tryon, carrying your beverage of choice!!

Saturday -- Dinner on your own!

SUNDAY APRIL 28TH

Depart at your own convenience. The town will have the manhole on Howard Street open from 9:30-10:30AM to empty black and gray tanks before you travel. You will receive specific directions to the manhole on Howard Street in your welcome bags.

Most of all, safe travels, and we look forward to seeing all of you.

Please feel free to call or text either of us at:

Denny. 336-471-8939

Skip. 336-689-0173

Carolinas Club - 2024 Falls Lake NC

Rally Schedule

Thursday May 2

4:00 pm – Earliest check-in time

5:00 pm – Happy Hour GAM Bring your own beverage

Welcome and discuss agenda

6:00 pm – Pitch in dinner with pork BBQ, buns and cole slaw provided

After dinner campfires and games

Friday, May 3

Day on your own with optional group visit to Mystic Farms

8:00 am – Coffee and Oatmeal Bar

Optional activity – Mystic Distillery and Farm, farm, and distillery tour
(\$25 per person, includes tasting)

After dinner Bingo and pop-up campfires

Optional activity – comedy show at Mystic Farms

Saturday, May 4 – Derby Day

7:30 am – Coffee and breakfast breads

8:30 am – Volunteer at Hope Reins a local farm that pairs hurting kids with rescued horses to find hope and healing.

We will be doing two of the following depending on how many people volunteer: fence staining, trail maintenance and construction, clearing fence lines, or invasive plant species removal in pastures

Lunch on your own or go to the Zinc House, a winery/brewery with food trucks, for lunch

5:00 pm - Derby DAY

Hat contest (men and women encouraged to participate) Derby games

5:30 pm – Pitch in dinner with Hot Browns provided

6:35 pm – Kentucky Derby race

After dinner Games and pop-up campfires

Sunday, May 5

8:00 am – Coffee

3:00 pm – Check out time. Cheers and see you down the road!

Additional activities for the Falls Lake Rally

#1 Mystic Farm and Distillery Tour and Tasting

<https://www.whatismystic.com>

Date: Friday May 3

Time: 2 pm for a two-hour tour

Cost: \$25 per person

Tour the Triangle's only farm distillery! Explore how they create the ultimate handmade small batch bourbon from the ground up. See the production process first-hand from the grain fields to the bottling line, and taste the grains, aging spirits, and finished products. The farm can accommodate up to 40 of us. If you are interested in attending, please register by using the SignUpGenius, link at the bottom of the page,

#2 Volunteer at Hope Reins Farm.

This is an opportunity to give back. Hope Reins is a local farm that pairs hurting kids with rescued horses to find hope and healing. We will be doing two of the following depending on how many people volunteer: fence staining, trail maintenance and construction, clearing fence lines, or invasive plant species removal in pastures, must be 18 to participate, bring your own gloves and closed toe shoes. The farm can accommodate up to 40 volunteers. If you are interested in attending, please register by using the SignUpGenius, link at the bottom of the page,

Saturday is Derby Day and in addition to a themed hat competition, games, and Hot Browns for dinner we are going to attempt to show the Kentucky Derby race. We have a large outdoor screen, laptop but need a projector. If anyone has a projector and is willing to bring it let David know at lorendwi@gmail.com.

We, as hosts, have created a SignUpGenius for this rally. We are asking each rig to sign up for two meal options with your choice of appetizers, side dishes and/or desserts. You will also find on this SignUpGenius options to register for the Mystic Farm Tour and Tasting, and the Hope Reins volunteer opportunity.

SignUpGenius link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945AFA729ABF9C61-48824016-holly>

We are looking forward to a great rally and if you have any questions feel free to reach out to us. See you soon 😊

Your rally hosts,

David and Denise Lorenz BRN 5862

lorendwi@gmail.com

757-572-1267

Kristen and Tim Hoyle BRN 12166

kristenhoyle07@gmail.com

Holden Beach Rally 2024 Schedule



Social hours & meals will be at the main pavilion.

Bring your setups, chairs and beverages.

Morning walks are approximately 1.5 miles and will begin and end at the Main Pavilion.

Seabreeze RV Park permits Solo/Breeo stoves and gas fired pits. Feel free to sponsor a get together at your site or the communal firepit by the Main Pavilion.

Pets are welcome at Seabreeze but shouldn't come to meals unless they are a service dog. Seabreeze has a very nice dog park also!

Thursday, May 16

2:00 pm – Check-in window opens!

4:30 pm - Happy Hour and informal GAM (bring your own drink – snacks provided) at the Main Pavilion

5:00 pm – RV Tank Management Hot Tips - Tony Butler from Walex Corporation will discuss the science of tank management and tips to stay clean!

5:30 pm– Open Grill! Bring your favorite protein and we will have the grills fired up and ready to go at the Main Pavilion!

Friday, May 17

8:00 am – Coffee, Tea and Donuts at the Pavilion

9:00 am – Morning Group Walk

Friday Local Activities to choose from!

Ingram Planetarium field trip – dome shows are hourly from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Holden Beach – walk the beach and gather shells or go ahead and jump in!

Tanger Outlet Mall in North Myrtle Beach – 45-minute drive

Silver Coast Winery – Ocean Isle Beach

5:30 pm – Happy Hour followed by a Chicken & Rice Bog (bring a side or dessert to share, bring your own drink and we'll provide the entree) Bonfire next to main pavilion following dinner, bring your drink and a chair!

Saturday, May 18

8:00 am - Pancake breakfast at the pavilion!

9:00 am – Morning Group Walk

Noon - Lunch at the Holden Beach Provision Company (Dutch treat)

Free Afternoon

4:30 pm - Happy Hour (bring your own drink – snacks provided) at the Main Pavilion

5:00 pm – Chad Watson from Airstream of Greensboro will discuss the latest on Airstream front end separation, current trends, and the future direction of Airstream.

5:30 pm – Potluck Dinner! Bring your favorite food to share!

7:00 pm - Movie Night at the Pavilion Showing of “The Long, Long Trailer” starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz (1953) Bring your chair and a beverage!

Sunday, May 19

Check-out time is 11:00 am – safe travels Streamers!



Fun In The Sun Rally

Join us for a Fun In The Sun Rally at the Minnesota Airstream Park! We are getting together for a fun-filled weekend of swimming, golfing, and bonfires. To book your spot, please visit the Minnesota Airstream Park website and make a reservation using the code FUTURE24. This code will only give you a 15% discount on the Rally Nights (July 11-14). Please note that the group rate for the weekend will expire on May 1. Please make your reservation before you sign up for the rally.

The Fun In Sun Rally fee is \$60, which includes a pizza night, taco potluck, flamingo putting contest, glow golf, and many other exciting activities with prizes. This is an ideal opportunity to take your kids away for a fun weekend with other Airstreamers and their kids. Don't miss out on this amazing rally! Rally registration ends June 27th. Please reserve your campsite first and then register for the rally.

Host: Misti & Mark Roach **BRN 6912**
futurestreamersairstream@gmail.com



Attention All Airstreamers!

We are excited to announce that Future Streamers Intra-Club are collecting pop tabs to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Kansas City, MO. Please start collecting as many pop tabs as you can from rallies, home, work and even your neighbors. You can bring them to the International Rally in Sedalia, MO. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community and support a good cause. Remember, our children (Future Streamers) are giving back to other children, and pop tabs are easy to collect when you are on the road. Let's show our love for aluminum and make a difference together! Don't drink soda or have cans with tabs? No Worries here is a link dedicated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities-Kansas City where you can make monetary donations. See You in Sedalia. If you have any questions, please contact Misti Roach @ futurestreamersairsteam@gmail.com

Get unplugged at Rocky Knob!

Carolinas Club - 2024 Rocky Knob, VA Boondocking Rally

Do you ever feel like your phone, tablet, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, and other medias have too much influence on your life, and you just want to toss it all for a weekend? Then come join us for a Digital Detox weekend! There will be very little cell service, no Wi-Fi, nothing to distract you. You'll be able to disconnect from all that and reconnect with yourself, your friends, focus on what nature has to offer you. If the weather permits, we'll have a 10" Dobsonian telescope to explore the wonders of the night sky. We'll take ourselves back to a time of no electricity and explore how (and why) to cook in cast iron Dutch ovens over charcoal.

There are just 6 sites left. Go to [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) and grab a site, then go to the club website are register for the rally. See you there!

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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Chad & Laura Watson
BRN 8489



As far as RVs go, Chad and Laura Watson had different experiences growing up. Chad lived and breathed RVs, having a grandfather who started an RV store in 1951 and a family who spent summers in their RV at the beach. Laura learned to tow the line when her parents 'threatened' to 'take the family on an RV trip this summer,' and vowed never to own an RV.

As Airstreams go, Laura and Chad had different motivations to buy the iconic trailer. Laura was convinced to buy an Airstream because of the club. After a visit to the 'Airstream Mothership' in Jackson Center, Ohio, Laura declared she wanted to be 'in the Airstream club'. After participating in the 2023 rallies in Tanglewood and Ocean Lakes, Laura declared she found a home in the Carolinas Airstream Club. Chad was convinced to buy an Airstream because of the quality and brand. As a previous sales rep for Winnebago and Jayco, but as a new sales rep at Airstream of Greensboro, Chad literally sold himself on the Airstream brand. After a certification training session at Airstream headquarters, Chad was even more convinced of that there is no comparison between Airstreams and other brands.

As far as owning their 2020 25' Flying Cloud, Chad and Laura are the same: "We love our Airstream trailer and Airstream family!" Their favorite park so far is Oak Hollow in High Point, the location of their inaugural trip. Chad and Laura are looking forward to upcoming rallies, including Holden Beach, Alumalina and Christmas at Biltmore Estate (which is where they got engaged four years ago.)

Both Chad and Laura are avid promoters of Airstream Club International, and Carolinas Airstream Club. "Join the club to get into a community of people who want to help you enjoy your Airstream to the fullest!"



Calling All CAC Members



Carolina Airstream Club is looking for people who would like to lead Caravans and or Rallies. This is a great way to enjoy the Airstream community, see new places and make new friends! There are lots of benefits to leading a rally or a caravan. If you are interested, please contact,

Caravans

Ray Combs 021CACvicepresident@gmail.com

Rallies

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What looks to be a late 70's Argosy on a MAN truck chassis, built by Freddy Fast Racing over in Europe. Marcus Winkler AKA Freddy Fast has put a lot of thought into this build with seamless integration of the MAN Truck and the old Argosy. Being a rear engine truck you can see the radiator ducts on both sides of the rig. 54" tires make this an off-roading monster. The Argosy is fully restored on the inside with a full bath, queen-size bed, and roof top access to a deck with cargo carrying capabilities. Freddy named this beast Raumschiff which in German means spaceship. It's a great name for such a radical truck as you could see this in a science fiction movie. Since Freddy does the Dakar Rally every year the truck travels with the crew to provide accommodations during the rally. If you are interested in more details check out Freddy Fast racing on Instagram!



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Reflections

March 5th, 2024 marked a milestone for Ruth and me—two years of exhilarating full-time travel. Our journey had been a whirlwind of discovery, spanning 38,000 miles across the vast tapestry of America. Yet, amidst the breathtaking landscapes and unforgettable experiences, lessons awaited us at every turn.

While I've always been very handy, I was apprehensive at first not knowing much about the complicated systems of our 2018 Classic 33FB. So one of the first upgrades we did was lithium batteries and moving them into the airstream and out of the battery box. I was in contact with a well-known Youtuber that had a great channel showing his work. The craftsmanship looked great, so we decided to have him do the work. After the work was done, I checked it over and all looked good. We got back on the road shortly after and headed for the mountains of Western North Carolina and East Tennessee. After traveling for three months we pulled into Big South Fork National River Area. The road to the campground was very hilly, as I pulled into the campground, I said to Ruth that the truck hadn't been stopping like it had. Unbeknownst to me when the RV tech installed our batteries, he unplugged the cable that controlled the Airstream brakes. So we had been towing for 3 months all over the Appalachian Mountains with no brakes working on the Airstream. Just glad the truck could handle the 10'000 lbs. of the Airstream without the brakes. After that I decided that no one would ever work on the Airstream except me!

Next, we learned that you never judge a campground just by the great pictures they use on their website. One of the first places we visited on our travels was the gulf coast of Alabama. We had booked a week's stay and what seemed by the website a great campground. As we pulled into the campground, I had a sinking feeling that we had been tricked, but our sense of adventure was still fresh, so we pulled in and hooked up. As with a lot of campgrounds there are never a shortage of waves, welcomes and hellos, but here was a different story. We were welcomed with scowls, loud trucks, and a very unkept campground. We braved one night and decided the next day to move on to greener pastures. After that experience we did better at researching the reviews and google maps pictures.

Our Airstream, once a pristine canvas of aspiration, bore the scars of life's imperfections with grace. After a year of trying to keep it clean and shiny and scratch free I gave up. I decided to apply a ceramic coat to the Airstream in hopes it would help keep it cleaner. While not a small job it was better than paying \$8000 to have it done by a shop. I took my time over 4 days and polished and applied the ceramic coat in the heat of an Indiana August. Since applying the ceramic coat I've maybe washed the Airstream twice in over a year. Any cleaning is done with a ceramic speed shine every 2-3 months and that's it, the Airstream stays very clean. So I highly recommend a good ceramic coat I use Griots Garage products as we get a discount through ACI they have great customer service for any of their products.

The last lesson of many we learned was that things for the most part go right with hiccups along the way. One of the lessons learned was not to always trust the technology. The tire pressure monitoring systems are great for alerting you to a tire issue. However they can be misleading as we found out on a big western trip. We had pulled into a TA truck stop to refuel just east of Albuquerque, NM off I-40. They had just had a pretty bad storm roll though with a combination of wind, rain, and snow. During the storm the truck stop had lost power and we could not fuel up. As I pulled through the lot there was a large puddle of water with a deep pothole hidden with in it. I drove the truck and airstream though the cold water and the TPS System lit up like a Christmas tree and alarms sounded that we had 2 completely flat tires. I thought what's the chances of two flats on one side at the same time, had I hit something in the pothole? I jumped out of the truck to inspect the carnage and to my surprise both tires were just fine. Later I figured out that the sensors are sensitive to sudden temperature changes, and as they were submerged in the icy cold water. The sensors thought that they had lost all pressure because of the rapid temperature change. Breathing a sigh of relief we continued our journey thought the western states.

I hope you enjoyed some of our experiences from our full-time travel, see you down the road!

Ruth & Tabb!