



PALMETTO STATE AIRSTREAM CLUB  
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## President’s Message:

by Donnie Lee (BRN 11798)



I hope you all welcomed the 1st day of Spring as I did! It seems like it has been a long winter, but I believe it has been blown away with our March winds while bringing in those April showers. Maybe they will help in washing away some of this pollen. I do welcome the warmer weather!

If you did not attend our “Silver in the Sand” rally at Ocean Lakes Campground, you missed an outstanding event. We had great attendance with 25 Airstreams. Vickie and I extend our thanks for all the great support in making this a memorable rally for us.

Join me in looking ahead, to April’s rally, which is appropriately called “Silver in the City” and is held in our very own historic city of York, SC. This rally is just around the corner. The city of York and businesses welcome us with open arms and closed streets.

Vickie and I are excited to serve our club this year as your First Lady and President. The opportunities at this point seem endless! The most important thing at this point as I will share is: It’s always a joy communicating with someone who is inquiring about a rally, event, or schedule. But there is no comparison to meeting someone new and talking with them in person, whether through a phone conversation, text message or email, and welcoming them for the first time and hearing their comments. We had this experience recently and look forward to seeing our new friends again in the future.

Happy camping!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## April Birthdays:

Brit Cox – 4  
Dan Steadman – 6  
Bill Butucel – 6  
Joyce Butucel – 7  
Bob Hoffman – 8  
John Leake – 11  
Roxanne DeVecchio – 12  
Marvin Snead – 25  
Donnie Lee – 27



## May Birthdays:

Kerstin Evens – 2  
Kathy Welch – 3  
Maggie Zerkus – 9  
Charlie Robertson – 9  
Barry Barta – 11  
Margaret Cook – 13  
Ashleigh Griffith – 14  
Sandy Steadman – 16  
Linda Meadors – 20  
David Matthews – 22  
Debra Peterson – 24  
Susan Smithson – 27

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## April Anniversaries:

Terry & Annie Montgomery – 6  
Eddie & Sandi Lee – 21  
Donn & Julie Gray – 22

## May Anniversaries:

Brad & Tami Van Thof – 5  
Eric & Donna Pollard – 9  
Jerry & Debra Peterson – 12  
David & Sia Pickell – 14  
Bobby & Arlene Puryear – 16  
Joey & Kirstin Evans – 19  
Marvin & Judy Snead – 20  
Jeff & Madalyn Morehead – 20  
Gary Prideaux & Pamela Parrish – 31

## Rally Fees: Pay on-line!

Hello Palmetto State Airstreamers,  
We now have online rally registration available.

We will now be registering online (and paying where necessary), via our club web pages on the Airstream Club org website. It is very easy to use.

Steps:

1. Navigate to the "Event" on our club airstream website.
2. Scroll to the "Register Button"
3. Follow the instructions. That's it.

Below I have included some details for getting to our "Event" website.

There are several ways to get to the website:

**1.1 This link will take you directly to all our open events:**

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?from=&to=&type=-1&state=-1&club=45917&list=1>

Afterwards, to use the link above again, remember to BOOKMARK this page.

**1.2 To get to our home page within [airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state](https://airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state), scroll down to the bottom left side.**

This is where you can find our events for the NEXT 6 MONTH of event.

**Advantages:**

Hosts now know how many to prepare for, event planners are better prepared, and it's more efficient. No more having to collect dues during the rallies!

This also includes our Carolina Mountain Jamboree Rally, which is scheduled for September at Palmetto Cove RV Park.

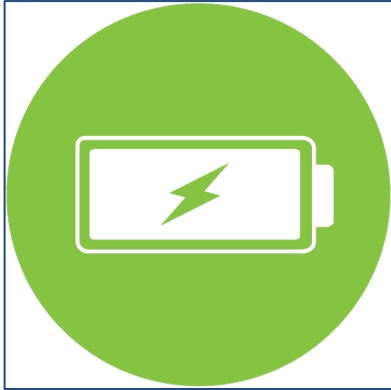
Just remember, this is just your rally fee, you still need to reserve your site!

Any question reach out to Bill Welch at (949) 395-2611 [welch\\_consulting@yahoo.com](mailto:welch_consulting@yahoo.com)

## Nuts & Bolts by Eric Graham (BRN 05097)

Palmetto State's signature boondocking rally is "Silver in the City" and is just around the corner, and many of us may be dusting off the furniture and giving your shiny aluminum-on-wheels a well-deserved bath.

Right now, it is time to do your post-winter maintenance and enjoy an exciting camping season this year. As you are checking over your Airstream don't forget to give some love to your batteries because they will be at center stage at our next rally. Boondocking is a test of comfort + resourcefulness = enjoyment, and it all hinges on your batteries.



If you have wet (flooded) batteries, be sure they have a full charge and then top them off with distilled water. Make sure to test your batteries before the rally so you do not run into surprises.

Run a few high-current systems such as the water pump or tongue jack. If it is struggling or slowing down after a few minutes you may need to have your batteries tested further. Next test their longevity

by running fans and lights for an hour to determine if they begin to slow or dim. This simple test will help you determine if your batteries are holding a long-term charge.

Be sure you don't discharge below 50%, and recharge when you're finished. If you are questioning your batteries' longevity or if they are over four years old, take them to an auto part store and have them tested. They will test the cells of each battery and determine if the batteries are near the end of their life.

Take some time while you are checking out your Airstream to make sure you are ready to enjoy a great weekend off-the-grid.

Updated just for PSAC:

[airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state](http://airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state)

### Cares and Prayers:

- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead for healing.
- Healing prayers for Burt & Gail Broadway.
- Healing prayers for Bill Butucel.





# ANNOUNCING 2024 7<sup>th</sup> Annual

# SILVER

## *In the City*



**April 11<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> YORK, SC**  
**SOME GOOD THINGS TO KNOW**

Welcome to Silver in the City, a “Wake Up Downtown” Airstream Rally hosted by members of the Palmetto State Airstream Club and the City of **York, SC**, population 9,300. We are very glad to have you joining us for this 7<sup>th</sup> annual unique and fun event.

We will be parking along the curb on both sides of Congress Street (our main street) and also in 2 parking lots located on Congress. It will not be necessary to unhook at either location unless you want to. Everything York has to offer is within easy walking from where you are parked: Shopping, restaurants, watering holes, and churches, all surrounded by our very large and beautiful **Historic District**.

Congress Street downtown will be closed to vehicular traffic from 9am Friday to 12 noon on Sunday, yet we will have an exit plan should an emergency arise for those parked at either location.

This is a 3-day boondocking rally, so please arrive with empty black and grey tanks, a full fresh-water tank, and full propane. We will have a dump station available Sunday morning. Quiet generators are welcome, please be considerate of your neighbors when in use.

The festivities begin on **Thursday** at the York Place Campus, **234 Kings Mountain Street**, 3 blocks from downtown. The entrance will be marked. We gather here, parked on level grass but with no facilities, and we will provide a complimentary light supper. A \$\$ coffee/pastry bar will be available starting around 7am Friday. **Friday morning at 9am sharp** we parade into town, escorted by the York Police Department (YPD). If you have flags...Fly them!!

The YPD will escort us through town to the **bull pen/staging area** at **105 Garner Street** where we will begin the actual parking process. **Parking** is the most difficult task at any downtown rally and must be staged, so please be patient. We can usually park 4 rigs at a time thanks to our multiple locations. Including the 3-block parade, parking typically only takes about an hour. We will help you all the way.

We have the East and West sides of Congress, and the 2 parking lots on Congress. What we don't have is any guarantees of which place you will park. We must place you as efficiently and as safely as we can. **It is all good**, and you will like it.

Our central gathering point during the rally is downtown at the **City Market**, where we kick things off at **5pm Friday**. Other than an **Open House** on **Saturday**, and a \$\$ coffee/pastry bar **Sunday morning at the City Market**, we have no organized events planned, so enjoy downtown small-town America from the comforts of your front door!



The **Open House** is scheduled Saturday afternoon from 1-4. The locals love to peek inside and ask questions but participate **only if you want to**. If you choose not to participate, simply close your door.

If you are a member of the **Airstream Club**, we encourage you to wear your name badge, not only so we can call each other by name, but more importantly, so the merchants and locals downtown can recognize your presence there. We are there for them, they are there for us. No Club, No badge...No problem.

There is no Rally Fee. Instead, we ask that you consider a generous donation to **PATH... People Attempting To Help**. PATH is a nondenominational, multi-church sponsored outreach organization that reaches far into the York community. Cash or check made payable to PATH. Thank you in advance.

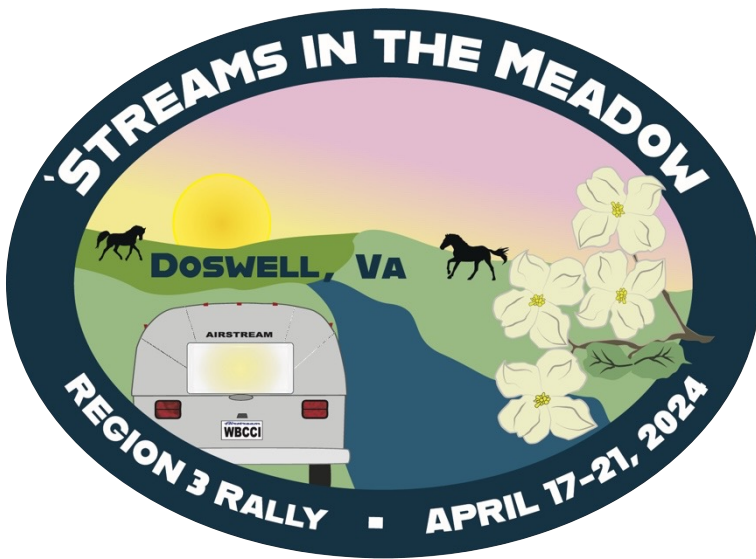
If it becomes necessary to change your plans and you need to cancel, we would appreciate that info so that someone on the waiting list can come join the fun.

Last-but-not-least.... We would love to be able to tell you there is no crime in our beloved town, but that cannot be truthfully said anywhere anymore. Please be careful getting here and while you're here, watch out for each other and don't tempt the casual thief with loose gear. Secure bicycles, generators, cell phones, and any items that might grow legs and wander off. We want everyone happy, safe and sound, and ready to embrace main street small town America.

Thank you all for coming.

**Terry & Annie Montgomery 803.242.6125c**

**John & Susan Leake 803.984.7225c**



**April 17 - 21**

Meadow Event Park  
13191 Dawn Blvd.  
Doswell, VA 23047

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, which is now open.

Deadline for registration and/or cancelation is **April 1, 2024.**

***Google: Region 3 Airstream Rally 2024 to be taken to the registration page.***

**Event Contact:**

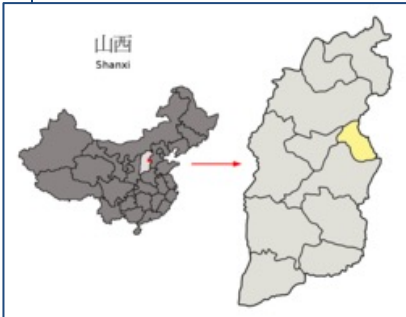
**Christine & Joe Baum, Region 3 President**

[baumjc@gmail.com](mailto:baumjc@gmail.com)

609-202-5015

## A Young Prodigy by Bob & Jan Wilson (BRN 20673)

Anna Rose Nicholson was born in Yangchuan City in Guangdong, China in 2006. She moved to North Carolina when she was adopted by her forever family at the age of 16 months. Severe neglect in the orphanage left Anna extremely developmentally delayed. With the love of her family, proper nutrition, many therapies, and amazing determination on her part, Anna began to grow and reach significant physical and developmental milestones. Even with this progress, Anna still faced many challenges socially and emotionally. At the age of five, Anna was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



Music has played a huge role in Anna's development. From an early age, it was obvious that Anna needed music. It spoke to her when she could not understand words and it soothed her when she was overstimulated and had no words of her own. At age 4 ½, Anna began Suzuki violin lessons with her beloved teacher Rachel Pino of New Bern, NC and at seven, she started cello lessons. She took to these instruments very quickly and they remain her best therapies.



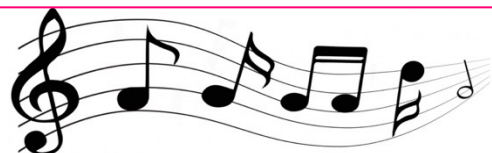
Anna continues to study violin with Rachel and is currently studying cello with Katherine Haig of Asheville, NC.

Despite her challenges and the fact that she does not read music, Anna has become quite a musician. Anna has performed as a soloist at the NC Suzuki Institute at East Carolina University (2016, 2017). She has been a guest artist for ECU Suzuki Pedagogy Master's Program Seminar (2018). And she has been a soloist at the NC Chamber Music Festival several times, (2015-2019) and most recently at the Festival, performed Vivaldi Spring as the soloist beside several members of the Boston Symphony (2024).

Anna prefers to play classical music but can also fiddle and enjoys a good jam session. Her other hobbies include walking or running around Lake Junaluska, making cards, writing letters and most recently learning to play the piano.



*Anna will be performing at our Creekwood Rally on Saturday evening, July 20th at 6:30 pm.*







## 2024 Rally Schedule



For **ALL** 2024 rallies, email Donnie Lee at [dllakewsc@yahoo.com](mailto:dllakewsc@yahoo.com) or text him at **803-984-6748**. Let him know you made your reservation, for what rally and how many days you will be attending. Also, make sure to give him your site number. Always, when making your reservations, let the campground know you are from the Palmetto State Airstream Club. Make sure to ask if they have a senior citizen or South Carolina resident discount. **\*\*\*\*** In order to help the hosts for the rallies, it is very important to know how many people will be attending so they know how to prepare. **\*\*\*\***

### April 11 – 14 **Silver in the City Rally**

Downtown York, SC

An urban rally hosted by Palmetto State Airstream Club #22. Rally is full but if you are on the cancellation hold list, and someone cancels, Terry Montgomery will give you a call.

See pages 5 & 6 for more details.

**Hosts:** John & Susan Leake, Terry & Annie Montgomery and PSAC members

### April 17 – 21 **Region 3 Rally**

Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia. - See page 7 for additional information.

### May 16 – 19 **Mountain Stream Rally**

Mountain Stream RV Park, 6954 Buck Creek Road, Marion, NC

Mountain Stream Rally currently has one opening; if interested, call the campground at **828-724-9013** and ask for Shelby. Ask for Palmetto State reservations or ask for a standby status.

**Hosts:** Burt & Gail Broadway and Mike & Debbie Madden

### June 6 – 9 **Lake Hartwell State Park Rally**

19138 S Hwy 11, Fair Play, SC

All requested sites are full. If you wish to join us, call **864-972-3352** and ask for site availability adjoining our Palmetto State Airstream rally or ask for a standby status to join in.

**Hosts:** John & Susan Leake and Terry & Annie Montgomery

### July 19 – 21 **Creekwood Farm RV Park**

4696 Jonathon Creek Road, Waynesville, NC

Don't miss the performance by **Anna Rose Nicholson** (see page 8 on her bio). Anna Rose is the granddaughter of Bob & Jan Wilson, and she will be performing Saturday night, July 20 at 6:30 pm.

There are 25 sites reserved and they are being held until May 31<sup>st</sup>. We currently have 10 sites remaining. If you are interested in attending this rally, please call Creekwood Farms at

**828-926-7977** and reserve your site. Then, let Donnie Lee know at [dllakewsc@yahoo.com](mailto:dllakewsc@yahoo.com), if you have made reservations.

**Hosts:** Charlie & Mary Ann Purser and Joey & Kerstin Evans

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## 2024 Rally Schedule



**August 22 – 25**

**Allison Creek County Park**

2499 Viesta Road, York, SC

**\*\*Reservation deadline is MARCH 31\*\*.**

If you are interested in attending, please call **803-366-6554** for reservations. If you book a site, please let Donnie Lee know at [dllakewsc@yahoo.com](mailto:dllakewsc@yahoo.com). We currently have 13 registered.

**Hosts:** John & Susan Leake and Terry & Annie Montgomery



**September 18 – 22** **Carolina Mountain Jamboree/Joint Rally**

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC

**Reservations can be made starting April 1st.** Rally signup and fee payment methods are on the way. An email will be sent out with instructions. More to come!

**Hosts:** Palmetto State Airstream Club. Let Donnie Lee know if you are willing to serve on our planning committee at [dllakewsc@yahoo.com](mailto:dllakewsc@yahoo.com).

**October 5 – 10**

**International Rally – Sedalia, MO**

See the Blue Beret for details.

**October 24 – 27**

**Alumalina Buddy Rally**

Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 Hwy 70 West, Marion, NC

A Carolina Airstream gathering. Four days of food, fun, fellowship, seminars, craft fair/flea market, beer swaps, bourbon trails, walking, talking, biking, hiking, paddling, picking, grinning, campfires, miles of aluminum, and lots of paroozing. Details to come on [airforums.com](http://airforums.com).



**November 1 – 3**

**Installation Rally**

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC

Please call Palmetto Cove directly at **864-836-6221** to make your own reservations.

**Hosts:** Brad & Tami Van Thof and Bill & Joyce Butucel

**December 6 – 8**

**Christmas Rally**

**Optional:** Camping can be December 6, 7 or 8

**Christmas Luncheon:** December 7, Noon – 2:00 pm

**Hosts:** Bobby & Arlene Puryear



# Cape Hatteras RV Resort

organized by our 1<sup>st</sup> VP Eric Graham (BRN 05097)

*Hello Palmetto State Airstreamers!*



We have another year of exciting rallies ahead of us. As many of you know there are a lot of moving parts involved in planning a rally, and 2025 will be no different! At the installation rally in November, I proposed a destination of the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Everyone in attendance voted unanimously on the location, and since then, I have been looking into some details. This will be a memorable vacation!

Our club has an opportunity to caravan, not only to increase our safety, but to also experience this kind of travel. The one-way trip is approximately an 8-hour drive. The plan is to stop somewhere after 4 hours, spend the night, and continue the following day.

The dates are May 10th through May 18th, 2025. NOTE: The timeline is longer due to the travel time.

## Camp Hatteras RV Resort

**24798 NC HWY 12**

**Rodanthe, NC 27968**

Booking Contact: Jen Carlson

Phone: 252-987-2777 ext. 105

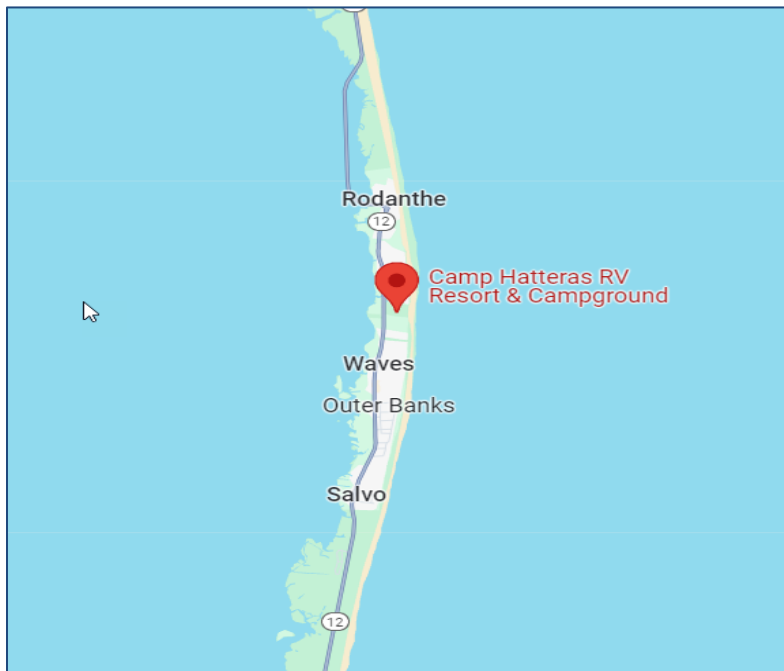
[camphatteras.com](http://camphatteras.com)

**Sound Side Sites: 20% discount.**

\$80 per night plus one-time \$3.50

**Sound Front Sites: 15% discount.**

\$107 per night plus onetime \$3.50



# Cape Hatteras RV Resort

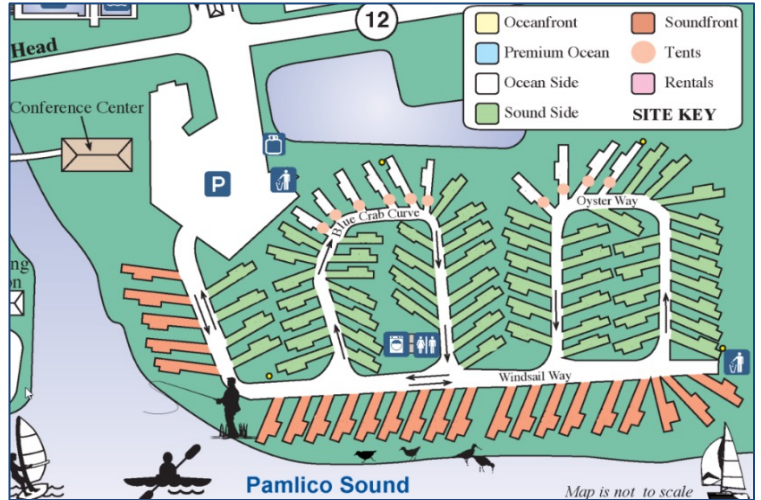
organized by our 1<sup>st</sup> VP Eric Graham (BRN 05097)

Camp Hatteras RV Resort has a total of 35 sites reserved for us. Campground rules only allow a total of 10 discounted “sound front” sites to be reserved for a rally and they are first come, first served. There are more than 10 “sound front” sites available, but at the regular rate. An additional 25 discounted sites can be reserved within the “sound side”.

We have access to the conference center with a fully equipped kitchen.

A few of the amenities:

- Cable and Wi-Fi
- Full hook-ups (50/30 amps)
- Game Room
- 3 Pools
- Shuffleboard
- Pickleball
- Bike and Watercraft Rentals
- Dog Park
- And more... visit the web site for all the benefits.



Please let me know if you are planning to attend and if you would like to take part in the caravan. Reservation details to follow.

Please take a moment to help by completing the 3-question survey. Your feedback and suggestions are appreciated.

[2025 Outer Banks Survey](https://forms.office.com/r/efeK4b8k3R)  
<https://forms.office.com/r/efeK4b8k3R>

Scan QR CODE with your phone camera to open link!





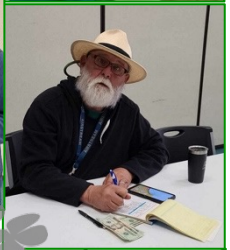

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### Business Meeting



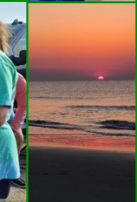
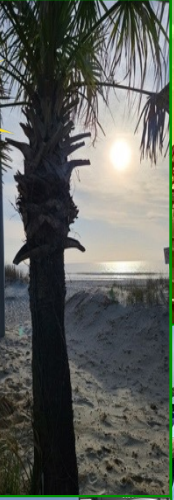
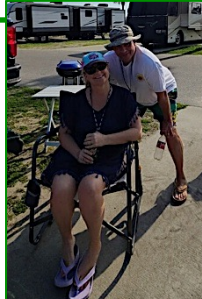
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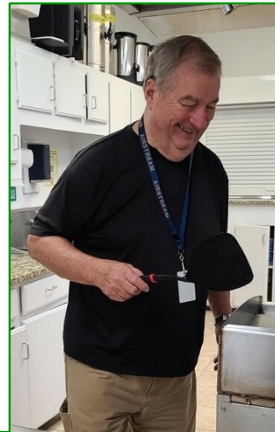
**AIRSTREAM**

Silver in the Sand  
March 14-17, 2024



Oh No!  
TROUBLE  
AHEAD

DOE WISE WISE WISE




**AIRSTREAM**  
Silver in the Sand  
March 14-17, 2024

To our wonderful hosts!!! The 4 Welch's!!!  
Kudos to you for a job well done!  
Bill & Sandee Welch and Paul & Kathy Welch



# EVERYONE'S IRISH IN MARCH





## Welcome New Affiliate Members

Alex Bell [jalexbell@yahoo.com](mailto:jalexbell@yahoo.com)

Sandy Bell [sandral.bell@yahoo.com](mailto:sandral.bell@yahoo.com)

BRN 03370 (2024 Globetrotter 27')

Perry, GA



Anyone can donate anything at anytime as a door prize.

Donate whatever you'd like, such as a craft, or something you think would be a nice door prize. It's always fun to give and receive.

Please bring your donation(s) to the next rally that you attend!

**At every rally there will be this box to put your donations in, so you can donate at anytime!**



## SOME OF OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN APRIL

April 1

- April Fool's Day



April 7

- No Housework Day

April 10

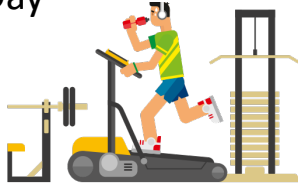
- Siblings Day

April 16

- Good Deed Day

April 18

- Exercise Day



April 22

- Earth Day

April 24

- Bucket List Day

April 26

- Arbor Day



April 29

- Dance Day

## GOING ON A ROADTRIP

BY @HANNAHILLMAN FOR BUZZFEED





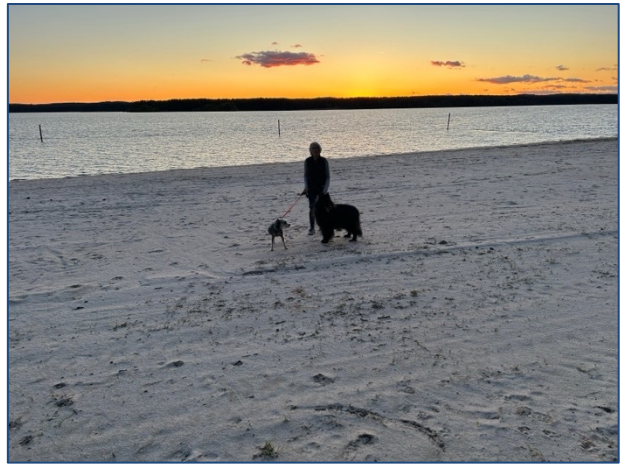
## Must Visit Campground by Charlie & Mary Ann Purser (BRN 28742)

### *Poplar Point Campground (Pittsboro, NC) - NC Division of Parks*

Poplar Point is located on the shores of Jordan Lake (14,000 acres). Although close to Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh, the campground is quiet and spacious.

Poplar Point campsites are built on the peninsula fingers and most sites are either on the water or have a water view. Poplar Point has over 300 sites.

Along with its neighboring NC State Parks (Parker's Creek, Crosswinds and Ebenezer), there are over 1,000 campsites near the main Jordan Lake bridge (Hwy 64). All offer privacy, lots of trees, bath houses, picnic tables, decks (for some water sites), miles of trails & park roads and a combed beach!

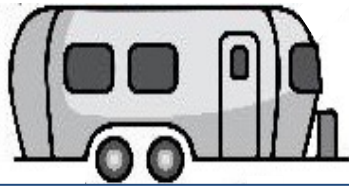


Dates of stay: May 3-5, 2023. 300 sites spread out over 5-6 loops. Very private, quiet and affordable (\$35). No septic at site; however, the dump stations are very large and can accommodate 6 RVs at one time. Pittsboro is nearby. Running/hiking score: 4.5 There is a nice central trail that crosses most of the loops. Mostly flat. The asphalt roads are also nice and there is practically no traffic in the park. Attached pictures were taken from our site and the combed beach at the end of park.

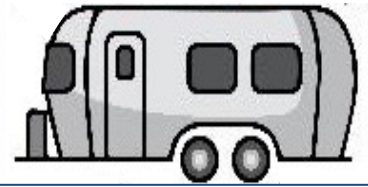
Recommendation: If you go, take Hwy 64 instead of I-40/85. **From the WNC mountains**, you can get on 64 in Mocksville, NC. It's a beautiful drive through Central NC and easy for an Airstream. The NC Zoo (Asheboro) is along the way. You will also bypass Ramseur, Siler City, Pittsboro, etc. **From Charlotte**: You can take Hwy 49 to Asheboro and then catch Hwy 64.

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# A Little Something About Us by Mike & Sue Miller (BRN 04167)



Hello &  
welcome



We are originally from the hills of Southern Ohio. We are high school sweethearts and married at 18 years old. The next 20 years was spent traveling the world with Mike in the US Army and Sue as a US Federal employee. We have lived all over the USA and in Europe and Asia.

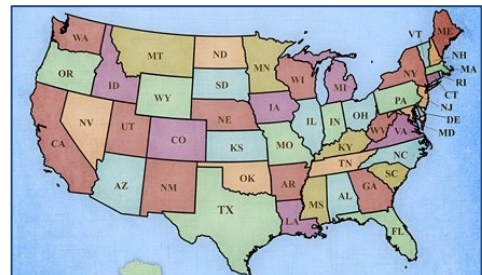
We have two sons who reside with their families in Alabama and Virginia, and two wonderful grandchildren that we enjoy spoiling.

Following a second Federal career for Mike and Sue's retirement from Federal government we launched into the Airstream world (from tent camping). In 2016 we ordered and took ownership of our 2017 FC 27FB. We have crisscrossed the USA and up until this year we have spent most of the winters in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

In 2023 we started looking at selling our property and relocating ... again ... to the Southern USA.

South Carolina fit the bill of what we were looking for and Greer placed us less than 6 hours from our boys and their families.

We look forward to new friends and getting to know everyone.



## Recipe

submitted by Vickie Lee (BRN 11798)



## Honey Bun Cake (9 servings)

### Batter Ingredients:

2-1/3 cups flour	1/4 cup vegetable oil
1-1/2 cups sugar	1 stick butter, softened
1 Tbsp. baking powder	1 Tbsp. vanilla
1 cup sour cream	2 eggs & 2 egg yolks

### Filling:

1 cup brown sugar  
Cinnamon  
(plus, extra for dusting)

### Glaze:

2 cups powdered sugar  
3 Tbsp. milk  
2 tsp. vanilla

### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease 9x9" baking pan.
2. Mix the softened butter, sour cream, vegetable oil, vanilla, and eggs until well combined.
3. Add flour, sugar and baking powder.
4. Pour 1/3 of the batter in the bottom of the baking pan and spread.
5. In a small bowl, mix the filling ingredients and then sprinkle over the cake batter in the baking pan.
6. Add in second 2/3rds of the batter carefully.
7. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until top has begun browning and a knife comes out clean.
8. Cool completely.
9. Combine glaze ingredients and pour over cooled cake.
10. Dust with cinnamon.