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Summer*



**THE
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**PALMETTO STATE AIRSTREAM CLUB
CLUB 022 WBCCI**



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President’s Message:

by Donnie Lee (BRN 11798)



We just completed our May, Mountain Stream Rally, and what a great turnout we had! Weather was threatening at times but turned out to be perfect. Our group

loved the beautiful campground so much that it was chosen for our August 14-17, 2025 Rally. Book your site now if interested in attending. We have reserved 25 sites that are being held until June 7th, 2024.

We are expecting 24 rigs at our upcoming Lake Hartwell Rally, June 6-9 and will be hosted by the Leakes and Montgomerys. Nearby sites are still available if you are interested in attending, call Hartwell State Park, **864-972-3352** for information. Ask to be near our Palmetto State Airstream Club Rally (section “P”).

Don’t forget about our rally this July 19-21 at Creekwood Farms. The hold on our sites has been lifted, but at this time we have 8 sites remaining. If you are interested in attending this rally you need to call **828-926-7977** to reserve your site. Be sure to register with the Palmetto State Airstream Club. Let me know if you reserved a site and your site number. This rally is hosted by Joey & Kerstin Evans & Charlie & Mary Ann Purser. All our hosts need an accurate attendance list in order to plan the rally meals.

Vickie and I continue to fine tune our 2nd annual Carolina Mountain Jamboree joint rally this September 19-22 at Palmetto Cove RV Park. A draft agenda is available on our web page. Palmetto Cove site registration is open and on-line rally fee payments are being accepted. Our goal is to offer a great weekend of enjoying each other’s company. Help us to achieve our goal by talking with your fellow Airstreamers and making sure they are planning to attend.

Happy camping, and we’ll see you down the road!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June Birthdays:

- Joey Evans – 1
- Annie Montgomery – 1
- Jude Robertson – 1
- Jody Falkner – 6
- Jing XU Weaver - 10
- Sia Pickell – 10
- Jay DeVecchio - 12
- Melody Charles – 13
- Jerry Peterson – 20
- Mary Ann Purser – 27
- Betsy Stewart – 28
- James Switala - 28
- Deborah Brooks – 28
- Theresa Kirchner – 28



*Happy
Father's
Day!*

July Birthdays:

- Michelle Efird – 4
- Eddie Lee – 8
- Charlie Purser – 10
- Arlene S Puryear – 15
- Ted Cox – 18
- Donn Gray – 18
- Janice Beckett – 19
- Hattie Prugh – 24
- Sandi Lee – 25
- Kate Robertson – 28
- Donald Tyminski – 28



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June Anniversaries:

- Tom "Buddy" & Michelle Efird – 3
- James Switala & Hattie Prugh – 12
- Michael & Melody Charles – 15
- Michael & Debbie Madden – 17
- Jay & Roxanne DeVecchio – 21
- Phil Abernathy & Susan Smithson – 24
- Jim & Amanda Schaal – 26
- Mark & Jing XU Weaver – 26

July Anniversaries:

- Rob & Karen Eggebrecht – 5
- Chris & Janice Beckett – 5
- Bill & Joyce Butucel – 7
- Barry & Carolyn Barta – 16
- Ken & Barbara Whitman – 21
- Paul & Kathy Welch – 25

Cares and Prayers:

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



Nuts & Bolts

Bobby Puryear (BRN 15446)

BOONDOCKING WITH A CPAP

So, are you one of the many CPAP users out there? But, what about those nights where you do not have access to shore power? Even the quietest of generators are very annoying not only to you, but to everyone around you. There are some great Federal lands for boondocking, but they only allow 2 hours of generator usage in the morning and 2 hours in the evening. And now to add to that, we have urban rallies growing in popularity! With that said, let me offer several ideas that have worked for me.

First - Invest in an inverter. A good battery will power your CPAP all night, even if it has a humidifier. Most newer trailers have one built in. If not, an inverter can be an inexpensive upgrade. Some inverters are just the plug-and-play type using a 12-volt power outlet. My CPAP uses 80 watts, even less if you turn off the humidifier. (This is only 53-amp hours at 12- volts for an 8-hour night). Also, there are small travel type CPAP machines that draw even less current.

Second - I have a power cord that plugs directly into a 12-volt power outlet. I found mine on Amazon. This is also helpful if the spouse is driving and you need a nap while riding in the passenger seat.

Third - For off-grid camping, in my baby Airstream, I have a battery powered CPAP. My model is no longer made but there are others. Some manufacturers have battery packs for your current machine. Batteries are usually good for up to 13 hours. This is what I use in the National Parks. They get really testy if you run a generator after 10pm. The next day, you just recharge it. I am not promoting any company here, (you choose that) but there are options found at cpap.com.

Boondocking is a great way to connect with nature. Especially those cool, clear nights with the windows open and the sounds of nature luring you to sleep. With a little research and creativity, you can make boondocking a more pleasant and peaceful experience for yourself and everyone around you.

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 airstreamclub.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, scroll down to the bottom left side.**

This is where you can find our events for the NEXT 6 MONTHS.

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 questions, reach out to Bill Welch at (949) 395-2611 welch_consulting@yahoo.com



Lake Hartwell Rally Schedule



Gone Fishing...at Lake Hartwell State Park (No license, experience, or fishing equipment required)
June 6-9, 2024 - Palmetto State Airstream Club

Lake Hartwell State Park is a 680-acre park created in 1976 with 14 miles of shoreline on 56,000-acre Lake Hartwell. Situated on the SC-Georgia line, it is well known to fishermen from both states. Just in case the fish aren't biting, we're bringing our own. We will be serving up hot, delicious fried fish, but caught in the ocean, not Lake Hartwell.

THURSDAY, June 6th - 4:00 PM Social Hour --- *Early arrivals*

For early arrivers, the Fish Camp will be closed so you will be on your own. Very likely a group therapy session somewhere nearby at 4:00.

FRIDAY MORNING, June 7th

Same thing, the kitchen will be closed. As a matter of fact, it will be closed at lunch time as well. So, you're still on your own.

FRIDAY, at 4:00 PM Social Hour

Time for more group therapy.

FRIDAY at 5:00

The kitchen will be partially open. Please bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre to share.

SATURDAY, June 8th - 9:30 AM Brunch ---

Grill Cheese Sandwiches, Toasted Bagels, Fruit, and Juice

SATURDAY at 4:00

Last Chance for Group Therapy. If you are not cured by then, well maybe no cure for you.

SATURDAY at 5:00

Fish-n-Chips: Wild caught, restaurant Grade A white fish fillets, served hot with fries and hush puppies, and slaw.

SUNDAY, June 9th - 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast --- *Good-bye until next time...*

Continental lakeside breakfast, with a prayer for the road.

Now, the fine print.....

Lake Hartwell State Park is just that...A State Park. We all love state parks. But it has no kitchen facilities, only a Pavilion. Our Club has the Pavilion reserved but it is not within walking distance from the Camping area although it does have vehicle parking.

Weather permitting, we will prepare and serve all meals at the camp. Please bring your set ups. While not totally isolated, LHSP is not exactly in the middle of an abundance of services either. Plan and pack accordingly. Like we all did back before glamping replaced the tent and sleeping bag and the ground!

Additional food items at the meals are ALWAYS welcomed!

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Hosts: John & Susan Leake and Terry & Annie Montgomery



2024 Rally Schedule



For **ALL** 2024 rallies, email Donnie Lee at 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. ********

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**. 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 31st. 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, if you have made reservations.

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

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



August 22 – 25 Allison Creek County Park

2499 Viesta Road, York, SC

****Reservation deadline was 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. We currently have 13 registered.

Hosts: John & Susan Leake and Terry & Annie Montgomery

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2024 Rally Schedule



September 18 – 22 _____ **Carolina Mountain Jamboree/Joint Rally**
Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC
Reservations started April 1st. Call **864-836-6221**.

Hosts: Palmetto State Airstream Club. Let Donnie Lee know if you are willing to serve on our planning committee at 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.



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 1st VP Eric Graham (BRN 05097)



Hello Palmetto State Airstreamers!

I have an update for next year's Outer Banks destination. I am happy to announce that we will be able to reserve sites at Camp Hatteras RV Resort as early as 5-28-2024. We will leave on the 10th and arrive on 11th in the outer banks. We will leave on the 17th and arrive in York on the 18th.

After a few surveys asking who would like to reserve one of the ten sound front sites, all have been taken. However, there are additional sound front sites available, but will not be at a discount rate. To reserve your site please call Jen Carlson at Camp Hatteras RV Resort at **252-987-2777 Ext. 105**. She is very nice and pleasant. She will be very helpful taking care of you. You must call her and **NOT** the campground to make your reservation. For those of us that have already reserved a site, you will need to give her your name and the dates you plan on staying.

We have 35 sites reserved with an opportunity for more, and if reserved early so we are all nearby.

I will have additional information and things to do closer to the rally so you can plan your destination vacation.

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

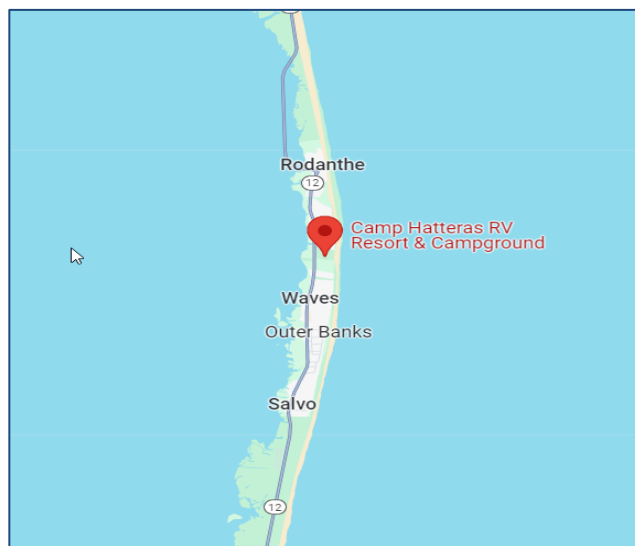
camphatteras.com

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





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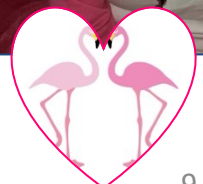
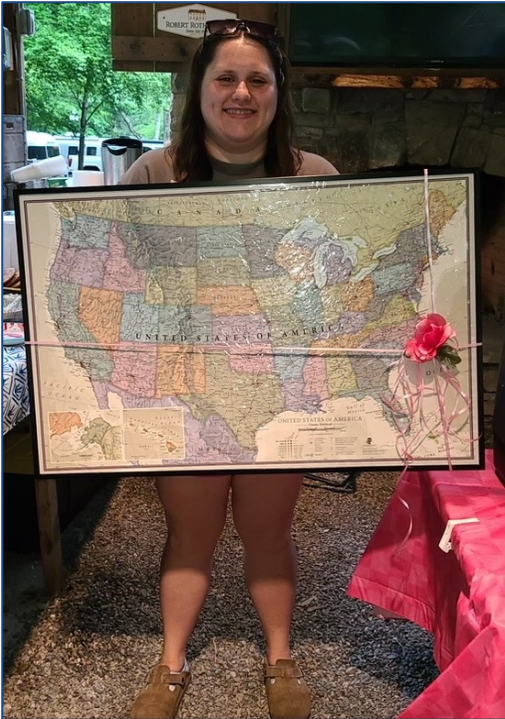
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May 16-19, 2024**



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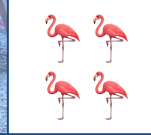
To our wonderful hosts!!!
Burt & Gail Broadway and
Mike & Debbie Madden.
Kudos to you for a job well done!





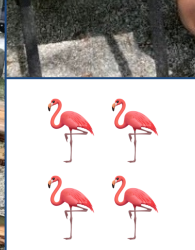
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Mountain Stream
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Welcome New Members

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 Helen Murphy eddiern2002@yahoo.com
 BRN 22022 (2022 Globetrotter 25')
 Columbia, SC

Gary Turner gturner060@gmail.com
 Patricia Turner atriciaoturner4@gmail.com
 BRN 19787 (2021 Caravel 19')
 Landrum, SC



SOME OF OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN JUNE

June 2

- Cancer Survival Day



June 6

- D-Day



June 10

- Ice-Tea Day

June 14

- Flag Day



June 16

- Father's Day

June 20

- Summer Solstice

June 23

- Pink Flamingo Day



June 27

- Bingo Day

June 30

- Food Truck Day

Welcome New Affiliate Members

Sharri Duncan Spduncan60@gmail.com
 BRN 19550 (2022 Basecamp 20X')
 Greer, SC



Anyone can donate anything at anytime as a door prize.

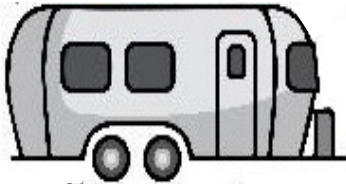
Donate whatever you'd like, such as a craft, or something you think would be a nice door prize. It's always fun to give and receive.

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!



A Little Something About Us by Alan & Jill Rabb (BRN 02376)



Hello &
welcome



Meet Alan & Jill Rabb



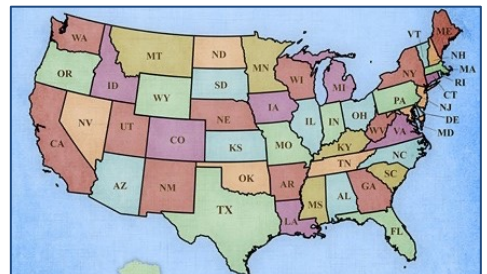
Alan & Jill have been married for 37 years. An interesting fact is that they used to double date but each of them had a different boyfriend and girlfriend. Fate brought them together not too long after they both found themselves single again. Although they both moved around a bit as children, they both have been in Atlanta and the surrounding area for over 50 years. They have two children – Chase, a sales executive in Orlando, Florida and Spencer, a CPA that lives and works in Atlanta. They also have two dogs – a Maltese - Bogey (they live on a golf course) and a Morkie – named Bella. They all live in Greensboro, Georgia about 90 minutes east of

Atlanta. They enjoy rooting for the Auburn Tigers and watching as much college football as they can – Go War Eagles!!!!

HOBBIES AND RV LIFE

Alan & Jill have many hobbies including golf, photography, reading, traveling and bike riding. Alan & Jill purchased their first RV in 2017 – a Class A motorcoach. After one long trip to Texas, they decided it was time to look for something more practical and simpler. In 2018 they bought a 27-foot Globetrotter – while in this RV and heading down the Florida turnpike they were struck by lightning!!!! – The Airstream was okay, but the truck never recovered. They say the third time is the charm and “Winston” their 30-foot Airstream officially joined their family to stay in February 2020. They have logged many miles in Winston so far and look forward to many more adventures.

Alan & Jill do volunteer their time in the Airstream community – Alan is the Region 3 Treasurer, International Treasurer, and the Chair of the Finance Committee for the IBT. Jill is the Region 3 Chair for Membership and is a co-chair with Alan for the golf tournament in Sedalia this year. She recently worked the RV show in Tampa, and she volunteers her time at almost every rally she attends by helping the hosts.



Simply Delicious Fudge



Ingredients:

- 3 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk
- 4 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 tsp. vanilla (or other) extract of your choice

Instructions:

1. Heat milk and chips in microwave, uncovered, in a bowl for 2 minutes.
2. Remove and stir until smooth.
3. Stir in butter and extract.
4. Microwave another 30 seconds and pour into a 12 x 12 greased pan.
5. Chill for 2 hours.

NOTE: If you'd like you can add 1 cup cranberries or nuts to the mixture, prior to pouring into the pan.