



# Carolinas Airstream Club

Tarheel Traveler June 2024 Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> club established in the WBCCI in 1960



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Greetings to all CAC Streamers,

September has always been what I consider one of the best months for hitting the road with our Airstreams. If you are in the agriculture business, you know that it's the harvest season and why we call September's full moon the "Harvest Moon". September's temperatures are generally cooler and it's a great time to get out and enjoy nature. Fortunately, your CAC has (3) scheduled events this month that certainly affords our membership great opportunities to make and renew wonderful friendships and enjoy the season.

Surprisingly, after (5) years Jan and I are finally going to our first international rally, and we are excited. I'm not sure of the exact number of Airstreams attending the 67th Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri but if the sun shines be sure to wear dark sunglasses. Up front, I extend my sincere gratitude to all the Staff and Volunteers who plan and execute our ACI rallies.

Jan and I spent the first few days in September at the CAC Outer Banks Rally. Despite bad weather our hosts were able to make a few audible calls to keep everyone active and entertained. Indoor movies and Red Solo Cup games were certainly crowd pleasers. A shoutout goes to Bjorn & Nicole Kasper and Ricky & Joan Wilcox for doing a fabulous job hosting this event. Your CAC leadership team completed a review of our By-Laws and Policies and in short order we will post that document on our website. Additionally, we have picked a new CAC logo which is making its way through the approval process with ACI. Hopefully we can get quick approval and begin production of new flags and merchandise for our members to purchase. Our planning for the Member Appreciation Rally (6-10 November) at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC is progressing well. You will see the rally agenda in short order. Our Nominating Committee completed their effort in proposing the 2025 CAC officers. The CAC Executive team will present the names at our annual business meeting @ Ocean Lakes, SC in November for membership approval.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at Palmetto Cove "Carolinas Jamboree" and the Mills River "Wagon Wheel" rallies this month.

Safe travels. Steve

### Carolina Airstream Club

#### Board of Directors

- President: Steve Thompson
- 1st Vice President: Ray Combs
- 2nd Vice President: Roger Holland
- Immediate Past President: Ricky Wilcox
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director: Terry Sheally
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director: Mike Olympio
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director: Jack Grimes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director: Bjorn Kasper
- Treasurer: Janice Overcash
- Membership: Lee Dunn
- Recording Secretary: Shari Hord
- Corresponding secretary: Nancy Kueffer
- Rally 'Round Campfire Cherylanne Weaver
- Webmaster: Wayne Clark
- Newsletter: Tabb Adams
- Online store: Wayne Clark
- Facebook Coordinator: Helen Bailey
- Parliamentarian: Bob Hoffman

### **Attention Membership!!**

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

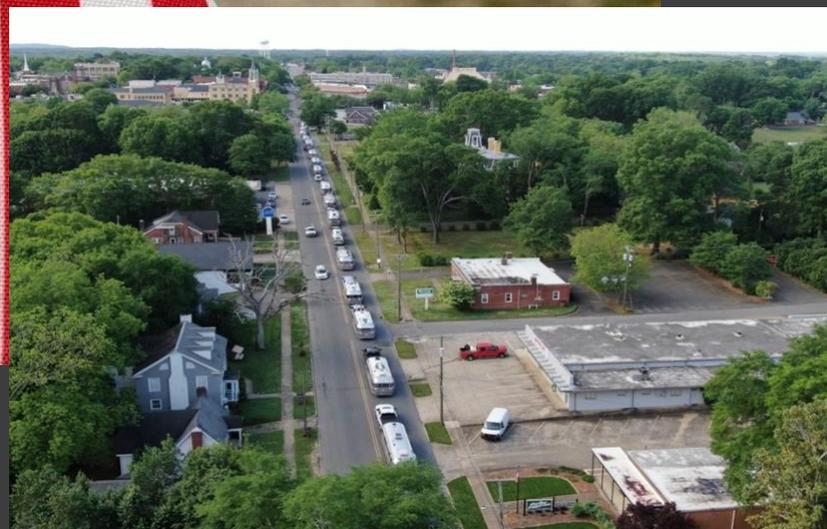
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**Financials:** Janice Overcash [overcashj@atmc.net](mailto:overcashj@atmc.net)

### **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!

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# Membership

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As of September 15, 2024, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 342 rigs and 641 members strong.

Volunteer to write Member Spotlight in 2025 Needed

Terry Sheally has been doing an excellent job writing the Member Spotlight article every month for the newsletter. However, she is taking the role 'New Member Chair', so we are looking for someone to take over writing the Member Spotlight. If interested, please contact Terry at [terry0712@gmail.com](mailto:terry0712@gmail.com) or me at [021membership@gmail.com](mailto:021membership@gmail.com).

65th CAC Anniversary

Next year is the 65th Anniversary of CAC. Planning has already started and one of the things we would like to do is create a photo directory of all the club members. So, if you haven't already, please send me a picture at [021membership@gmail.com](mailto:021membership@gmail.com) so I can make sure it gets into the 65th Anniversary publication. Also, this would be a great time to update your picture!

## Rally 'Round Campfire CHERYLANNE WEAVER

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The smell of a campfire is in the air as the temps drop and the days get shorter – bah humbug to shorter days!

Heading to Palmetto Cove this week and looking forward to seeing my fellow Airstreamers, The weather looks like it could be perfect. Hope to see some of you there.

Please continue to keep Ann Hall (Jerry) – BRN #2693 - in your prayers.

### Love Is In The Air!

Happy 47th Anniversary to Skip & Denny Crowe! BRN #3381

Cheers to reaching this milestone and may you have 47 more 😊

Happy 25th Anniversary to Bob Hoffman & Wayne Clark! BRN #22384

Way to go guys! 50 years is just a hop, skip and a jump away!

### In Passing

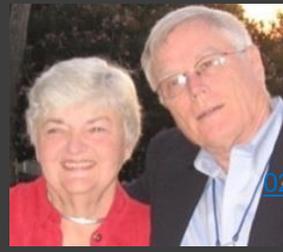
CAC Past President Bert Kalet (Dot) – BRN #6957 August 15, 1927 - September 15, 2024. Bert & Dot - 1964 17' Bambi 2 They joined WBCCI in 1977 and have a Lifetime membership A memorial service will be held at Temple Emanuel (201 Oakwood Drive, Winston-Salem) on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 1:30pm.



With his bike and his helmet, customized with Mickey Mouse ears, retired Winston-Salem veterinarian Bert Kalet, 84, recently completed a circuit around the United States. "It just kept going on and on and on," he said of the quest, which began in 1993.

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# VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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What a wonderful time we had in the beautiful, cool mountains at the Boone Rally. Many thanks to our hosts, Roger and Robin Holland and Burl and Mimi Hammock. Jack and Linda Grimes grilled awesome hamburgers and oh the wonderful sides our super members provided. Great hikes, super weather, wonderful breweries, Boone was awesome.

Now we are on the outer banks, enjoying this last rally of the summer. Our participants came from far and wide - Toronto to Orlando. We are having a super time. Many thanks to our hosts, Ricky and Joan Wilcox and Bjorn and Nicole Kasper. Super food, beautiful scenery and great folks - everything you could hope for in an Airstream rally.

Next up is the joint rally with the five clubs in NC and SC at Palmetto Cove. Please contact the campground to sign up for that one - looking forward to seeing you there. Then next is the fabulous boondocking wagon wheel rally at Mills River. As I write this there are just three spots left. Hurry if you want on that one hosted by Scott and Carol Browne. From there are two rally choices: International in Sedalia, Missouri and traveling there as a unit led by Pamela Roe-Johnson and Reggie Johnson or Zoowharrie hosted by Mike and Georgia Olympio. Hop on either of these - both promise a super time.

Additionally I want to tell you about six new caravans that have popped up since our last newsletter. First up in early May is Chesapeake Adventure - a short 11-day exploration of the Eastern Shore, Next is ExplOregon! in late May to Early June doing exactly what it says, exploring beautiful Oregon. After that in October is The Crooked Road following the music trail in Virginia. Then in August of 2026 is Meandering the Maritimes. After that in September of 2026 is Highway 61 Revisited - an exciting trip from Duluth, MN to New Orleans enjoying the music, life and food along the great Mississippi. Then lastly, in 2027 is Lewis and Clark led by our own Jim and Kathleen Plyler and Ed and Joni Hall. This one is already full! Sign up quick to be first on the waitlist. The others have openings right now - so hop on!

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of those who have stepped up and a volunteer capacity for our calendar year 2024. Not only do we have leaders who are working on the national level and the regional level but on the well as our club level. Every rally this year was extremely successful because of a great crew of rally hosts. There are too many to mention here but if you were on any of the rallies you are well aware of what a great job they did. I would like to encourage everyone to consider being a host in 2025 and 2026. Roger Holland, our second VP in charge of setting up rallies in 2025 is the person to contact. Being a rally host is a great way to "Step UP".

Looking forward to being with you all at a rally soon!

# Welcome New Members

Affiliate Members Jamie Albano Rob Wilmans **BRN 22712**  
Newport News, VA  
2025 23' 23FBT International

Affiliate Members Randy Booth Veronica Doster-Booth **BRN 23661**  
Athens, GA  
2022 25' International

Joseph Conde **BRN 31131**  
 Mooresville, NC  
2021 25' Flying Cloud

Scott Dirkschneider **BRN 6551**  
Charlotte, NC,  
2023 26' Atlas

Keith & Cyndi Gentry **BRN 6544**  
Weaverville, NC,  
2021 28' International

Affiliate Member Nathan & Emily Lee **BRN 9115**  
Clayton, NC  
2022 30' Flying Cloud 30FB

Affiliate members John & Victoria Magnacca **BRN 5591**  
Raleigh, NC  
2014 28' Flying Cloud

Affiliate Members Robert & Margaret Pearson **BRN 8027**  
Wake Forest, NC,  
2024 31' Globetrotter 30RB Queen

Martin & Karen Pruitt **BRN 8360**  
New Castle, VA,  
2021 27' Globetrotter

Donna & Lynn Russ **BRN 10869**  
Wilmington, NC,  
2018 23' Flying Cloud

CT Shaw **BRN 10044**  
Leland, NC,  
2016 24' Interstate Lounge EXT

Kelly Erin-Spinney & Chett Spinney **BRN 26422**  
Asheville, NC,  
2021 25' Flying Cloud FBT w/hatch

Chet & Maureen West **BRN 6506**  
Charlotte, NC,  
2024 28' International 27FBT



Welcome Brenna Godwin & Eric Johnson  
**BRN 24420**



Fellow CAC members Chris and Gina Fox **BRN 6674** have introduced a podcast called ***The Riveted with Chris and Gina***, that features stories of the Airstream lifestyle, from life enhancements to personal challenges, and the passionate loyalty of the iconic Airstream brand. Tune into the first few episodes, which feature CAC members Marcia and Bruce Thompson, and Tabb Adams.

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# Caravan to International Rally



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](http://tana-seecampground.com)

112 Carson Springs Rd.

Newport, TN 37821

Contact: Lisa

423-415-5000

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

## Monday, September 30, 2024

KOA Lebanon (Nashville East) [KOA.com](http://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](http://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.

# 2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

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

## 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](http://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

## 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 2025

Carolinas Club - 2025 Goose Creek NC Rally

May 15-18

## June 2025

Carolinas Club - 2025 Cool Breeze, Galax VA

Rally

Don't wait to reserve your site and sign up to the "no-fee" rally at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC, November 6 - 10, 2024!

As a General Membership rally, sponsored by CAC officers and board, the November event at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC (November 6 - 10, 2024) is unique among CAC rallies. The Ocean Lakes rally is where:

- The outgoing CAC president gives a report of the prior year
- The new CAC president, 1st VP and 2nd VP are sworn in
- Officers and board members seek input from attendees about the club, Region 3 and ACI.
- Participants can address leadership with questions and comments about the club, Region 3 and ACI
- Multiple seminars are offered for the benefit of club members
- More club members attend than any other CAC rally during the year.

Although sites reserved for the rally in section H and HH are booked, there are several sites available in other sections of the campground. Once you have reserved your site at Ocean Lakes, register for the rally on the Carolinas Airstream Club website.

The CAC officers and board look forward to seeing you at Ocean Lakes, among the nearly 200 other Airstreamers there!

(The "no-fee" is only extended to current members and current affiliates. Members-at-Large, and Members of other local clubs/regions would still pay the normal rally fee.)

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

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### Rallies

Roger Holland [roger@h-harchitects.com](mailto:roger@h-harchitects.com)



All Rally's and caravans will be using the WhatsApp for communications  
[Download Here](#)

# Boone Rally



# OBX Rally





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS & GINA FOX

BRN 6674

### Chris and Gina Fox

It wasn't Chris and Gina Fox's intention to travel full time when they bought their Airstream in 2017, but then two things happened: first, a 3-week trip with their granddaughter turned into a 5-month journey; second, a trip into Jackson Hole, WY where they experienced the 2017 eclipse. "Witnessing the eclipse, enjoying the area, and meeting new people was life-changing for us," declared Chris. Then, returning home to NC, they were reminded of the adage "no time like the present," when both of Gina's parents had open heart surgery within 6 weeks of each other. After those two experiences, Chris and Gina made a life decision and sold everything to go full-time in their Airstream.

They have not looked back. In fact, they only look ahead, but not too far. "We keep ourselves open to last-minute adventures," stated Gina.

One adventure the Fox's created themselves is The Riveted Fox Community, a nationwide RVing community that's always connected through Get-Togethers, Campouts, Virtual Events and their [Website](#). Not surprisingly with people's desire to socialize during and after the pandemic, their community has grown to thousands of active participants and is open to all campers. "Most members don't have Airstreams," Chris admits, "But I'll say that people we meet who have other brands of RVs are fascinated with our Airstream."

It was an Airstream with NC tags that caught their attention on another trip to Jackson Hole in 2019. Turns out it was fellow CAC members Sam and Laura George, whom the Fox's had met at a Region 3 rally the prior year. Chance encounters between Chris and Gina and other CAC members might occur more often now that the Fox's plan to stay back east for a while, where they will attend the upcoming Alumalina and the Ocean Lakes CAC rally.

During their 7 years on the road, Chris and Gina have come to enjoy how fun it is to camp in places other than established campgrounds. Boondocking or dry camping, for which their Airstream is uniquely equipped, is their preferred choice. One year they spent from Thanksgiving to after New Years in southern Arizona and never plugged into a power pedestal and never paid for a campground.

One recommendation Chris and Gina have for fellow Airstreamers: Slow down, take the back roads, meet locals along the way. Who knows, they might give you your next adventure.