



Carolinas Airstream Club

Tarheel Traveler June 2024 Newsletter

21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Greetings to all CAC Streamers,
Wow, what a month for the Carolinas Airstream Club. We put together a caravan headed to the 67th Annual Airstream Club International Rally in Sedalia, MO, as well as, our first ZooWharrie Rally in Asheboro, NC. However, before discussing these two great events, let's not forget the impact Hurricane Helene had on many of our members across several states. Many of you have been involved in the recovery effort through either donations or sweat equity, rolling up your sleeves lending your time and talents to improve the lives of those who lost so much. Let's keep those victims in our thoughts and prayers as the road to recovery will be long. The 67th ACI Rally was spectacular.

Nearly 1,300 rigs ventured to Sedalia. According to my records, CAC had 60 regular and numerous affiliates attending the event. The community of Sedalia rolled out the red carpet for us. To date, over \$46,500 was donated by all attendees to several well deserving organizations. Additionally, members raised over \$16,000 for hurricane relief matched by ACI Foundation's \$10,000 for a total of \$26,000. I would be remiss if I didn't mention and thank several of our members who played "Key" roles in the organization and execution of this event; Debbie Wood, Jim Cocke, Bob Hoffman, and Wayne Clark. Additionally, Ray Combs presented several seminars on upcoming international caravans in his role as the ACI Caravan Committee Chair. If you are looking to lead an international caravan, Ray's your contact. We had a great CAC happy hour and a sendoff social while in Sedalia. Pam Roe Johnson and Reggie volunteered earlier this year to lead our Caravan to Sedalia and did a spectacular job despite Hurricane Helene altering the starting point.

While some of us were having fun in Sedalia, other members were gathered in Asheboro, NC for the ZooWharrie rally hosted by Mike and Georgia Olympio. Mike reported that the Mona Lisa restaurant, Black Lantern Tea Room & Bakery, Seagrove Pottery Museum and Starworks art center were just a few of the excellent stops if you ever venture that direction. You might be wondering about our Mills River Rally that was cancelled. Much work was done by Scott and Carol Browne, and they will leverage the knowledge and reschedule the "Wagon Wheel" adventure next year, weather permitting. ☺ If cancelling the wagon wheel was not enough, Hurricane Helene also cancelled our rally at the Biltmore in Asheville, NC. However, John and Renee Hoffman are laser focused to reschedule the event next year. Finally, don't forget our End of Year Member Rally at Ocean Lakes Family Campground, Myrtle Beach, SC. This event encompasses our annual business meeting. Come and have a great time with old and new friends, eat great food and meet your 2025 Leadership Team.

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.

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As of October 15, 2024, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 349 rigs and 651 members strong.

Volunteer to write Member Spotlight in 2025 Found!

Bjorn Kasper, BRN 20197, will be writing the Member Spotlight articles starting in January 2025. He will be contacting members of the club to highlight in future newsletters. A big thanks to Bjorn for volunteering.

I also want to send out a big thank you to Terry Sheally for doing an outstanding job interviewing members and writing the Member Spotlight articles the past two years. She took the article from the Q&A format to a more interesting reading format. Thank you!

We have just returned from the International Rally in Sedalia, Missouri. This was a very informative and fun rally. There were loads of really good classes and music and dancing every night. The next International will be held August 23-28, 2025, in York, Pennsylvania, within a days' drive for many of us. This campground is not as large so if you want to go, you might want to register right away. Registration opens on October 30, 2024.

Our hearts go out to our members in Western North Carolina and Appalachia. The storms and hurricane have caused unbelievable destruction and heartache. Airstreamers around the country are concerned about the damage and when we left the International Rally over \$26,000 from our fellow Airstreamers and the Airstream Foundation had been donated for hurricane relief. These storms have taught us the importance of amateur radio in an emergency. Many of our members could communicate only by using their radios. So, some of our members have agreed to offer a test to get an amateur license at Myrtle Beach. If you are on the fence, I urge you to get studying and test at Ocean Lakes.

We can't wait to see you all at our final rally of the year. Ocean Lakes is just around the corner - see you there!



Rally 'Round Campfire
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Hi Streamers! Welcome to Fall weather and lots and lots of leaves ☺

Please keep WNC in your thoughts and prayers as the communities continue to rebuild and heal from Hurricane Helene. We have members that have been affected by this disaster and may need an ear/shoulder/hug during the coming weeks and months. CAC received a lovely Thank You card from Dot Kalet for the donation we made in Bert's memory to WBCCI Wally Byam Foundation Common Cents for Kids.

Ocean Lakes is almost upon us! I am looking forward to seeing everyone
Safe travels to all.

"Travel makes one modest, you see what a tiny place you occupy in the world." – Gustave Flaubert



Welcome New Members

Jonathan & Susan Barcelo
Charlotte, NC
2005 28' International

Affiliate Members Matt & Kristina Edler
Bellefontaine, OH
2020 20' Bambi

Greg & Belinda Elmore
Waynesville, NC,
2024 25' Trade Wind

Dwight Harris
Palm Beach, FL
2024 21' Rangeline

Suzanne Heller
 Mooresville, NC
1990 32' Excella 1000

Carolyn Hunter
Catharpin, VA
2011 28' International

Terri & Glenn Kanner
Lancaster, SC
2017 23' Flying Cloud

Affiliate Members Rebecca & David Kosh
Marietta, GA
1974 23' Safari

Affiliates Guy & Dawn Neff
Maitland, FL
2019 30' International Serenity

Tammy & Mike VanBuskirk
McKinney, TX
2021 27' Globetrotter

2024 Rally and Caravan Schedule

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

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

CANCELED

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.) For a preview of the current detailed agenda for the rally, log on to the ACI website, find the "Carolinas Club 2024 Myrtle Beach Rally", and scroll down to view the agenda and other details about the rally.

Calling All CAC
Members



Carolinas 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

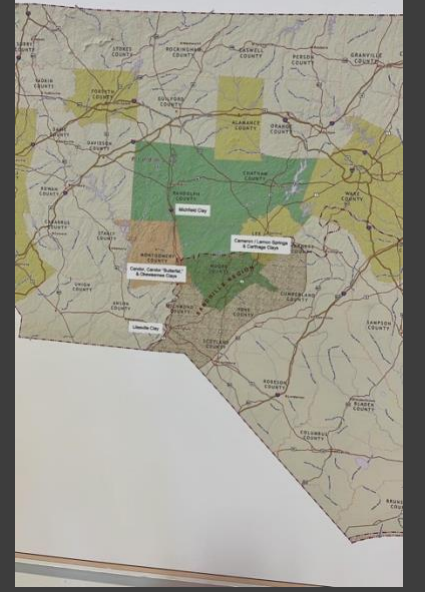
Roger Holland roger@h-harchitects.com



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



North Carolina Clay Mines - Clay Mines Documented by





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Will and Penny Guenther
BRN 1452

Imagine the life that Penny and Will Guenther have been living for the past 12 months, where living, traveling, exploring, and working are all mixed and mingled.

- *We are not on vacation. This is like being at home, but with a view that changes all the time.*

Imagine never having camped and having to learn everything all at once about being on the road full time with a new-to-them 30' Globetrotter Airstream.

- Then you can understand why the Guenthers have invoked the slogan "grant me grace," especially on travel days.

Imagine never having camped and venturing out to boondocking sites.

- Then you can appreciate how far the Guenthers have come to handle 10 – 12 days in the boondocks.

Imagine never having camped and living remotely in the real sense of the word.

- Will continues to work full-time, successfully managing his residential design firm from the road without a hiccup, thanks to StarLink.
- He also pursues his love of music by attending concerts remotely whereby he wears headphones and dances to streaming music, essentially having his own private "silent disco."

As soon as the Guenthers purchased their Airstream, they joined ACI.

- *Being full-time travelers, it is usually just the two of us. We joined ACI to be part of a larger community that we could tap into, through virtual Fireside Chats, rallies or caravans. In every case, we have been welcomed with open arms!*

As soon as the Guenthers joined ACI, they selected CAC as their home unit.

- *We knew we would be traveling the country but wanted to keep ties to our Carolinas roots. In addition, CAC is one of the oldest and most active clubs in ACI, which we appreciate.*

Already, the Guenthers have learned some lessons.

- *We are not in a race—we are living life. And as such, we have discovered a pace that generally works for us is the three "3's": Do not travel more than 3 hours or 300 miles, and do not arrive later than 3:00 PM.*
- *We like to arrive even earlier when boondocking to have the best chance of finding good site options. And, when possible, we try to start our boondocking stays early within a week to avoid vying for campsites with weekend-campers.*
- *We have found that we enjoy staying in one place for at least a week or two, rather than being constantly on the move. While we are in a place, we pick a few sights to see and don't try to squeeze every attraction into a single stay.*
- *We leave ourselves — and our plans — open to serendipity. Many of our most memorable adventures have been accidental!*

As the Guenthers like to say, "The Airstream got us here. Let's see where else it can take us!"