



Carolinas Airstream Club - Member Guide

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A guide for new or experienced club members and affiliates.

Thank you to Carolinas Airstream Club members who responded to our survey and to the volunteers who are working to respond to their comments, including development of this Online Guide.

Several of the black underlined links in this document are for Airstream Club members only and you must be logged in to view them, but if you find any broken links in this guide, please notify the CAC President.

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Who We Are and Why Join Us.

Since 1960, the [Carolinas Airstream Club #021](#) has proudly shared its love of Airstreams and the goals of meeting often and having fun. Originally, the CAC was the only club in North and South Carolina, thus the Carolinas Airstream Club - today there are five clubs in the Carolinas. CAC was the 21st club in Airstream Club International (ACI) - today there are more than one hundred clubs nationwide. At the end of 2025, CAC had 350 rigs and 650 members, making us one of the largest clubs within the Airstream Club International.

The ACI originated when Wally Byam, the inventor of the Airstream first led a group of trailers from Texas to Nicaragua in 1951. The Wally Byam Caravan Club was formed in 1955. Nearly 70 years later, the club remains the largest single-branded RV club in the world with more than 16,000 members. In addition to the 1000+ rig 'International Rally' held each year, ACI sponsors typically more than 20 National Caravans, 10 National Event Rallies, and 9 Intra-Clubs Rallies. Affectionately known as Headquarters, ACI also produces the Blue Beret magazine, manages the webpages, [offers membership discounts](#) and product savings, partner programs, [club store](#), and access to over [900 courtesy parking sites](#). They will soon have a new Club meeting space and courtesy parking at the Headquarters in Jackson Center, Ohio.

The CAC is a part of Region 3 of the ACI which serves the southeastern coast from Virginia to Florida. Each spring, the Region 3 rally brings together all 16 member clubs for a mega rally in one of our five states. Region 3 provides guidance and support to manage our club in keeping with ACI Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies (collectively known as the Blue Book).

No matter how you travel, there's always a new place to go and new people to meet with the Carolinas Airstream Club. We are committed to providing a welcoming place for all Airstreams and their owners - any make, model, vintage, or new.

Something for Everyone.

Upon joining Airstream Club International, you have a choice to become a 'regular member' in a local club near your home, another club in the system, or be placed in a Member-at-Large status. You may also affiliate with any other clubs in ACI. ACI also has many '[Intra-Clubs](#)' to connect you with members who share similar interests, such as vintage Airstreams, boondocking, or music.

If you enjoy rallies, caravans, and being part of the Airstream community then Carolinas Airstream Club is the club for you. Each year from March through November CAC volunteers host numerous rallies including 'rolling rallies', urban rallies, multi-club, boondocking, and a multi-club rally encompassing all North and South Carolina Airstream Clubs. Each year, our largest rally is the Member Appreciation Rally at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach, SC, for which CAC does not charge a rally fee to regular members and affiliates.

We'd love you to join us as a regular or an affiliate member. In addition to ACI dues, the CAC dues are \$15 per year. This will give you access to our monthly newsletter, rally schedule, and club-sponsored Member Appreciation Rally. [Please select Carolinas Airstream Club #021 in Region 3 to register on the ACI website.](#)

Want to attend a Rally?

Each rally may have different reservation procedures so read and follow the details. All of our rallies/caravans are listed in the monthly newsletter ([Tarheel Traveler](#)) and on the [CAC's Event website](#).

1. Make your way to the [CAC Events page](#) on the ACI website. Follow the instructions and make your campground reservations first.
2. Register and pay the rally fee (the YELLOW BOX at the bottom of the specific rally's page), you'll be asked a series of questions (campsite #, arrival date, contact info) The hosts will be notified of your registration. You can also cancel from this page.
3. After registering, you can see who else is attending and which site they are in by selecting the [Registration Lists](#) tab. This is a protected page and you will need to be registered to view it.
4. You will receive an agenda and other information from the rally host. You may contact them with any questions.

CAC charges a fee (typically around \$15 per person for a standard rally) to cover the cost of planned group activities and some meals.

Rally Guidance:

- Meals: All group meal times and locations will be listed in the agenda. Other meals are on your own. For group meals, please bring your plates, utensils, and a cup (commonly known as setups)
- Pets are not permitted in the buildings or outside dining areas during a meal except for working service animals. Always clean up after your pet. And make sure your pet has an ID tag. (You can order a CAC badge with your pet's name through ACI for a small fee.)
- Please check the local campground rules regarding generators, fires, and check-in/out times.
- When someone is injured or in an accident occurs, please contact the rally host.

Taking Care of Business.

Our all-volunteer [Executive Officers and Board of Directors](#) govern the club, develop its constitution and bylaws, manage finances, and coordinate the rally schedule. They provide our communications, monthly newsletter, web pages, and membership benefits.

The club has two primary sources of funding, membership dues and rally fees. A committee develops the annual operating budget overseen by the Executive Officers and Board of Directors. Traditionally the largest expenditure is the reimbursement of rally expenses to the hosts and support of the Member Appreciation Rally. Appreciation gift cards are given to rally hosts and first-time rally attendees.

The Member Appreciation Rally is the site of our annual business meeting where officers are sworn in and other official business occurs. Additionally, there is a Q&A session with members and leaders about the club, Region, or ACI. The club hosts this rally, it does not have a rally fee, and all expenses planned by the club, and meals are paid out of existing club funds.

Invariably, you will ask about the [Big Red Numbers \(BRN\)](#) and [Membership Stars](#) on your Airstream. Upon joining ACI, you will be asked about your preference for a number and if available will be given that number. Numbers less than 1000 are reserved for specific leadership roles in ACI. A red star is awarded every 5 years of club membership and will be provided by the CAC. The ACI website provides some history of the numbers, how to apply, and alternatives for displaying if you don't want to apply to your Airstream endcaps.

Inquiring Minds Want to Know!

Our [monthly newsletter](#) is the "[Tarheel Traveler](#)" and will be delivered directly to your inbox or located on the CAC webpage of ACI. This is where all the latest club news and rally information is found.

Evernote - In addition to the CAC Membership Directory on our website, we also use the password-protected Evernote app which allows us to provide pictures and more information about our members. It is entirely voluntary and includes the date when someone joined CAC, the model and year of a member's rig and if provided, a better member picture. If interested in using Evernote please get in touch with the CAC Membership Chair at 021membership@gmail.com for information on how to gain access.

CAC is also on Facebook at Carolinas Airstream Club. It is a private page and you will need to be a CAC member to have access.

The Blue Beret, produced by ACI, contains information on our rallies and events under the Event Schedule section, Region 3.

Raise Your Hand!

If your Airstream and the club mean something to you, please consider volunteering in any way possible.

Board of Directors or Committee Roles—Our nominating committee would love to hear from you if you desire a leadership position. To learn more about the responsibilities of each role, please contact the current club president.

Rally Host/Co-host —With the many rallies, we need hosts and co-hosts to raise their hands to help organize one. It's easy! An experience CAC member will help guide you through the process.

ACI International Board of Trustees (IBT)—ACI is led by the volunteer International Board of Trustees. The IBT consists of a 10-member Executive Council and each of the 12 Region's Presidents. The IBT then elects the Club's Officers. ANY club member is eligible to run for the Executive Council for a two-year term. Periodically you will be asked to vote via email on a slate of new Trustees or a particular amendment to the constitution or bylaws. Should you have a question about any election or are interested in learning more about the IBT or the club's standing committees, contact a member of the CAC leadership team.

Contacts.

We want to be as helpful as possible, please reach out to anyone you feel is appropriate on this list and someone WILL get back to you!

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