



Tarheel Traveler

February 2025

21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960

Celebrating Adventure & Community



Time for a CAC Constitution Review

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Periodically, our Constitution must be revised to maintain consistency with the Constitution of Airstream Club International (ACI), also known as the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI). Members of our Board of Directors and Officers have been working diligently in the last several weeks to bring our club's Constitution up to date.

Each of you should have already received a copy of the Constitution indicating the changes that have been made. Fifteen days after that receipt, each of you will receive a Jotform ballot to approve or disapprove the changes. *We are under certain time constraints, so please mark and return your ballot as soon as possible once you receive it.*



Help our club by casting your Jotform vote!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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"A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles" Tim Cahill

There is a daily newsletter that I recommend all Airstreamers subscribe to. It's free! RVtravel.com has several interesting articles each day. Two recent articles caught my attention—one was about an RV that was stolen, then towed, then stolen again, then sold, and nobody ever told the owner. Another article was about campsites becoming more and more available across the country. But even though sites may now be easier to find, sometimes you just can't find the one you need, like in James Island. I would like to remind everyone to use wanderinglabs.com to help you find a site. Several of our members have already used it and have been successful. The service was created by Tim Watson, a fellow-Airstreamer, to help others find available campsites. The service checks for available campsites every few minutes and sends you an email giving you a heads up when a site is open.

Ray

2025 CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Director (2-Year) – Jim Plyler
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65th Anniversary of CAC Celebration Chair – Terry Sheally
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First Vice President's Corner

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As we approach our first 2025 rally at James Island in March, things are already off to a great start! Registrations for all our rallies have been extremely strong with a few already at capacity requiring wait lists! There is still plenty of room at many of the rallies and as always, you can find out about all of our rallies online by visiting this link: [Carolinas Airstream Club Events](#).

Please remember to pay close attention to reservation deadlines and sign up for any of the rallies that pique your interest! There is a link on our website to the [presentation given at the 2024 Ocean Lakes rally](#) on all of the 2025 rallies forthcoming, so check back frequently to keep up to date with our rallies and club operations.

We have also planned a traveling group for those going to the International Rally in York, PA, that [you can read about on our website](#). For those attending the North Bend Rally at Kerr Lake we will start the journey from there. For others, you may join at any point along the way from Misty Mountain Campground in Virginia to Artillery Ridge Campground in Gettysburg, PA. Again, look for more details on our website.

We are also working on plans for a similar traveling group from the Tanglewood Rally to the Region 3 Rally outside of Charleston, SC. We realize for most of us this is a reasonable single day drive, but we would like to provide an avenue for our club members to arrive together so we can camp together as a group, therefore we are working on that option!

Just another reminder to please register on our website and complete the Jotform for each rally you plan to attend once you get your site reserved. This helps the club and the rally hosts communicate with you about the specifics of the rallies you will be attending.

We look forward to seeing everyone as the days get longer and the weather gets nicer kicking off the start our rally season!



Second Vice President's Corner

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The Christmas at Biltmore Rally is on! Hurricane Helene delayed it for a year, but the Biltmore Estate is eager to host our CAC members. The campground is the same—Asheville Bear Creek RV Park. They are ready now to take your reservations. Like last year, your rally fee includes a private lunch at the Stable Café, a private evening candlelight tour of Biltmore House, and access to the rest of the estate throughout the day. Also, Biltmore has just announced that *Tutankhamun: His Tomb and His Treasures* will be a featured exhibit (with an additional ticket purchase). Make your [campground reservation](#) first, then [sign up on the CAC website](#). This one will fill up quickly!

In other news, we are pleased to share that now available for purchase are CAC commemorative coins! The coin features our new CAC logo on one side and the Airstream Club International logo on the other. You can purchase this unique collector's item either on the CAC online store or from a rally host. To place your order online, go here:

<https://form.jotform.com/250476355775164>.




Order Customized CAC Memorabilia

Get ready for this year's camping season by ordering your own personalized and customized Airstream gear. Peruse through our CAC website to get to the online store where you will see both the new Carolinas Airstream Club logo and the special edition 65th Anniversary of the Carolinas Airstream Club logo.



<https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas/021carolinas-online-store>





2025 marks the 65th anniversary of the Carolinas Airstream Club's charter. To mark the milestone, Tarheel Traveler is pleased to introduce this new section of the newsletter that will be dedicated to the anniversary. Be on the lookout for articles, links to photos and recordings, and information on how you can participate in the anniversary throughout the year and at the Anniversary Rally at Ocean Lakes in October of this year.



Share a Recipe

WITH CAC

Contributed by Terry Sheally

Carolinas Airstream Club is cooking up a storm to celebrate the club's 65th anniversary. That represents lots of Pancake Breakfasts and Happy Hours! One of the ways we will mark the milestone is to publish a CAC Cookbook full of favorite recipes from you, CAC members. Proceeds from the sale of the anniversary edition cookbook will go toward club expenses and charitable donations.

Between now and the end of June 2025, we invite you to submit your favorite recipes to be included in the cookbook.

- Examples of recipe **categories** include breakfast & brunch, happy hour goodies/shareables/appetizers, salads, sides/soups, main dishes, instant pot & slow cooker, outdoor cooking, beverages, and desserts.
- If you have a recipe for feeding a **large group**, share that too. (i.e., how much pancake mix DOES it take to feed 100 people?)
- We also welcome kitchen **hints** (i.e., always have a quick appetizer to share), favorite **gadgets** (i.e., magnetic spice holders) or **pantry items** to keep stocked in your Airstream (i.e., non-refrigerated milk).

Here's what to share:

- Title of the recipe
- Category
- Comment (optional)
- List of ingredients
- Recipe (in paragraph form)
- Your name and BRN

Please submit your recipe via **either**:

- **Email** to 021CAC65Cookbook@gmail.com
 - o Either type the recipe in the body of the email, or
 - o Attach the recipe as a photo or document
- **Mail** addressed to:
 - o Carolinas Airstream Club 65th Cookbook
 - o 541 Raven Ridge Trail
 - o Dobson NC 27017

Thank you for helping the Carolinas Airstream Club **Celebrate Adventure & Community!**



1964 newspaper clipping from CAC's Historical Artifacts



Carolinas Unit, Echo Valley, SC, 1966 – Image from CAC's Historical Artifacts

Welcome New Members

D.J. and Lizzy Gannon, Hendersonville, NC and their 2024 Atlas Harry and Val Preddy, Beaufort, NC and their 2022 Globetrotter



Rally-Round-The-Campfire

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Happy Hearts Month, Streamers! Hoping Cupid comes through for each of you all month long.

Rally season is soon to be upon us. I'm looking forward to James Island for my kickoff and hope you have staked out your campsites for the rallies this year too!

John Carriker III (Sharon) – BRN 3679 – recently had shoulder surgery and is now going to be doing the hard part of rehab. Send him good thoughts and healing.

Paul Ordronneau (Mary Shaw) – BRN 4132 – passed on January 22, 2025. CAC has remembered Paul with a gift in his honor to Dementia Alliance of NC. You can read his obituary tribute here:

<https://www.wakefuneral.com/obituaries/paul-ordronneau/#!/Obituary>. Please keep Mary and Paul's family in your thoughts and prayers.

"If we were meant to stay in one place, we would have roots instead of feet." – Unknown

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Membership Chair

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As of February 15, 2025, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 344 rigs and 643 members strong.

Questions about anything dealing with membership? Please email me at 021membership@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Lee Dunn
CAC Membership Chair

Where You Can Find Us

- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club website:
<https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas>
- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/NCUnit21Wbccj/>
- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club email:
club021@airstreamclub.org
- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club upcoming rallies:
<https://airstreamclub.org/events?from=&to=&type=-1&state=-1&club=45876&list=1>
- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club standard logo merchandise:
<https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Carolina-Airstream-Club/7478561>
- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club 65th Anniversary logo merchandise:
<https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/65th-Anniversary-the-Carolina-Airstream-Club/7533616>



CAC's 2025 Rally and Caravan Schedule

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

March 2025

2025 James Island SC Rally March 20-23

April 2025

2025 Tanglewood Park NC Rally April 3-6

2025 Region 3 Rally April 9-13

May 2025

Shining in Shelby Urban Rally, Shelby, NC May 8-11

Goose Creek NC Rally May 15-18

June 2025

Cool Breeze, Galax VA Rally June 5-8

NC Blue Ridge Waterfalls Galore Rally June 19-22

August 2025

Fun Time on Kerr Dam, VA Rally August 14-17

Carolinas Traveling Group to International August 17-22

September 2025

Mills River NC Wagon Wheel Rally September 11-14

Carolina Mountain Jamboree Joint Rally September 17-21

October 2025

Broad River NC Rally October 9-12

[Ocean Lakes, 65th CAC Anniversary,](#)

[Myrtle Beach Rally October 29-November 2](#)

November 2025

Christmas At Biltmore Estate Rally November 10-13

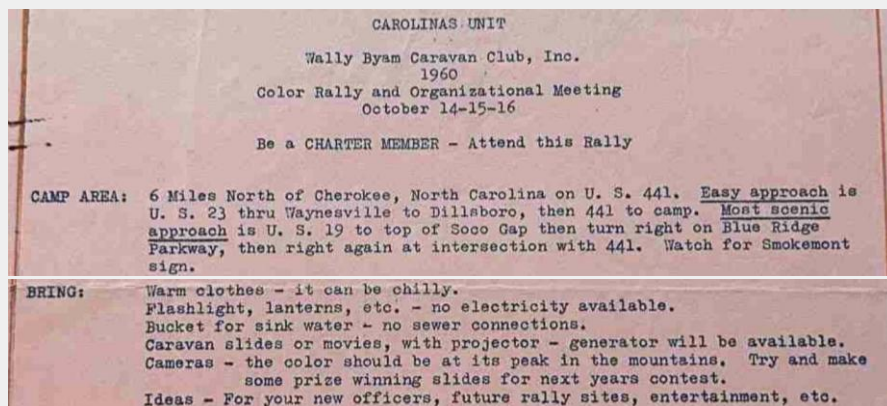


Poster art by [Tabb Adams](#).

65TH ANNIVERSARY FACTOIDS

Contributed by Terry Sheally

- WBCCI chartered the Carolinas Unit in 1960.
- From 1960 – 1977: The entity was called the Carolinas Unit, because it likely covered both North and South Carolina.
- In 1977, the name changed to Carolinas Unit of North Carolina.
- In 2018, the name changed to Carolinas Airstream Club (CAC), following the trend to replace *unit* with *Airstream Club* for better recognition by potential members.
- Of the 7 local clubs in the Carolinas (5 units and 2 chapters) that were formed in 1960, 4 are still active in 2025.
- All but 1 of the Airstream local clubs in the Carolinas originated from CAC.



Carolinas Unit, 1960 charter rally announcement and photos of charter members
Images from CAC's [Historical Artifacts](#)



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Contributed by Björn Kasper

If you have an interesting Airstream story to share, please contact Björn at bkasperfl@yahoo.com to be featured in a future Member Spotlight.

Bruce and Marcia Thompson

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2015 International 25'



After years of tent camping and owning two pop-ups, Bruce and Marcia Thompson had always admired Airstream's iconic, vintage design on the road. Their sleek aluminum exterior and rounded corners caught their attention when they saw them, especially when traveling in groups. In 2013, while researching floor plans and dreaming about future adventures, the perfect opportunity presented itself on a trip to Greensboro, NC, initially to test drive a car. Their trip took an unexpected turn when they stopped by *Out of Doors Mart* (now *Blue Compass*). The conversation with the salesman led them to discover the exact Airstream model they had been considering for years, a 2011 Flying Cloud 23'. After some deliberation and number-crunching, they became proud Airstream owners.

Upon returning home, Marcia began researching Airstream-focused communities and found the *Carolinas Unit of NC*. A conversation with then-Membership Chair Dale Dowler introduced them to what is now *Airstream Club International (ACI)*. Once they attended their first event, they were hooked by the welcoming nature of the community, making it an easy decision to get involved. The camaraderie between ACI and CAC is unparalleled; the open and friendly nature of our club has not only drawn in new members but has also set a standard admired by other groups. Bruce and Marcia have attended international rallies in West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Maine, and Michigan. Additionally, as amateur radio operators, they stay connected with fellow Airstreamers through ACI's intra-club Amateur Radio Club, which operates daily, sharing updates on camp spots, weather, and general wellness.

Now they are on their second Airstream, a 2015 International 25'. Unlike many members who name their rigs, they have not officially named theirs. However, it remains an integral part of their family and travels.

As active participants in amateur radio, Bruce and Marcia keep a Yaesu FT-891 radio in their rig and paired with a Tarheel 100 antenna, it allows them to operate from the dining table to stay in touch with fellow enthusiasts. They also serve as Net Control Operators on Wednesday mornings for *WBCCI's RV Service Net*, which has been on the air since 1961, connecting RVers across the Eastern Seaboard and beyond. Additionally, they regularly practice Morse Code and are lifetime members of the Long Island CW Club.

During 2020, they became certified beekeepers through the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association. With an abundance of honey, they joined the "League of Extraordinary Meadmakers," crafting their own unique varieties, often shared at rallies offering everyone a taste of their hobby.

They are also passionate about sewing and have contributed to quilt-making efforts at their church and occasionally bring a sewing machine on the road. They currently own six sewing machines in various stages of repair, each awaiting inspiration for their next quilting project.

Lessons Learned & Advice for Fellow Airstreamers:

- **Invest in Solar Panels** – Even a portable suitcase model can make a significant difference, allowing you to camp off-grid at state parks, Harvest Hosts, or even in friends' and family members' driveways (also known as *moochdocking*).
- **Join a Caravan** – One of ACI's greatest benefits is the opportunity to explore the US, Canada, and even Europe while meeting fellow Airstreamers. It's an excellent way to travel and connect with the community.

For Bruce and Marcia, Airstreaming has become more than just a way to travel—it's a lifestyle filled with adventure, community, and shared experiences. They look forward to many more miles and memories ahead!

