



Tarheel Traveler

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Celebrating Adventure & Community



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Carol and I just returned from the Southeast Coastal Crawl Caravan and had a great time. If you have not yet joined a caravan, I encourage you to do so. There are many to choose from, but it is important that you go to the ACI website and find the caravan section and review each one to find one that fits your style. Some caravans have wait lists so be prepared to plan several *years* into the future. The biggest plus for caravans is that you will meet Airstreamers from all over the USA and Canada and develop strong connections and friendships nationwide. Hope to see you down the road.

Ray



2025 CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

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65th Anniversary of CAC Celebration Chair – Terry Sheally
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In our club's online store, we offer items with two different logos! You can find flags, drinkware, t-shirts, and more that you can customize with your own name(s), BRN, pet name(s), trailer outlines, and beyond. Look through the options, and place your order soon!

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



First Vice President's Corner

Roger Holland

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Our 2025 rally season is now in full swing! Even as I write this, I am in our Airstream at the beautiful Goose Creek State Park for our rally just outside of Washington, NC. It has been an exciting month or two as we moved from Tanglewood down to the Region 3 rally outside of Charleston. From there, we set up in Shelby for another fun filled weekend parked in the middle of town at our only urban rally of the year, Shining in Shelby! That brings us to this weekend where will be kicking off a rally for the first time at Goose Creek State Park under the leadership of Bill & Kelly Brickey as hosts.

The Region 3 rally was a huge success, and our club was represented extremely well with over 30 rigs there! We all had the opportunity to be there supporting our very own Bob Hoffman who will take over as president next year.

John and Renee Hoffman have been working diligently tying down the rally schedule for 2026 and you all will be receiving information soon regarding campground reservations, dates, etc. As many of you know, John has been working through some health issues but now sees the light at the end of the tunnel! Please continue to keep John & Renee in your thoughts and prayers.

We still have sites being held for us at Ocean Lakes for our end-of-year, 65th Anniversary celebration coming up in October of 2025. You don't want to miss this one!! Terry Sheally and her anniversary committee have been hard at work promising this to be an unforgettable rally celebrating the history and heritage of one of the Airstream Club International's longest running, largest clubs—Carolinas Airstream Club, YOUR club! Looking forward to seeing y'all there!!



Membership Chair

Lee Dunn

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As of May 18, 2025, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 370 rigs and 692 members strong.

Lee Dunn
CAC Membership Chair



Welcome New Members

- Affiliate members Janeene and Jim Rider, Crossville, TN, and their 2018 Tommy Bahama
- Dennis Boehmer and Kathy Bolen, Rocky Mount, VA, and their 2024 Flying Cloud
- Greg and Mary Dowell, Lynchburg, VA, and their 2025 Classic
- Tiffany and Doug Harwood, Albemarle, NC, and their 1976 Argosy
- Dan and Erin Cook Columbia, SC, and their 1973 Trade Wind
- Sherry Hurst, Emerald Isle, NC, and her 2025 Basecamp
- Steve and Carol McGinnis, Rocky Point, NC, and their 2025 Globetrotter
- Affiliate members Peter McCabe and Amy Sumner, Summerton, SC, and their 2011 Victorinox
- Garold Carlisle, Wilmington, NC, and his 2015 International Serenity



Second Vice President's Corner

John T. Hoffman

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You can now book your campsite and register for the 2026 Mayberry and Ocean Lakes rallies! What could be better than stepping back in time to spend "May in Mayberry." See the town that inspired Andy Griffith to create a TV show that is as popular and relevant today as it was in the 1960s. A shuttle from the campground takes you on a tour of Floyd's Barbershop, the Snappy Lunch Café, and the Mayberry Jail. Visit the area's many wineries, Pilot Mountain, and enjoy the cool mountain air.

We have blocked a section of the Mayberry Campground near Mt. Airy for May 14-17, 2026. If you even think you might want to go, you need to reserve your campsite NOW! The campground takes reservations one year out and they will hold our sites only until **June 13, 2025**. We have blocked sites 16-30, and 38-43, but when those fill up, you can still reserve elsewhere in the park's 106 sites. View the Mayberry Campground map at: <http://www.mayberrycampground.com/site-map---rates.html>.

Ocean Lakes is also now taking reservations for our 2026 year-end CAC club rally. We have reserved 125 sites from November 1, 2026, to November 9, 2026, in sections HH, H, and I. Reserve your site ASAP to ensure we fill up those spaces. All sites will be held until October 1, 2026. The sites are being held under the name "2026 Carolinas Airstream." Your deposit of \$232.96 at the time of the reservation will transfer the reservation from the rally name to your name. As always, make your campground reservations first and then go to the CAC website to register and pay the rally fee.

Renee and I are planning some new rally locations in addition to some old favorites for the second half of 2026. But if you have an idea for a rally, I'd love to hear it! Just email me at 021CACvicepresident@gmail.com.

Lovely to See You!

We hope you can join us for a rally in the coming months. Here are a couple of photos from good times had by our club at recent gatherings.

Goose Creek Rally
Goose Creek State Park, Washington, NC



Shining in Shelby Rally
An urban rally in Shelby, NC



Here are some more photos from the Goose Creek State Park Rally in Washington, NC. The Hosts, Bill & Kelly Brickey, did an awesome job ensuring everyone had a great time!

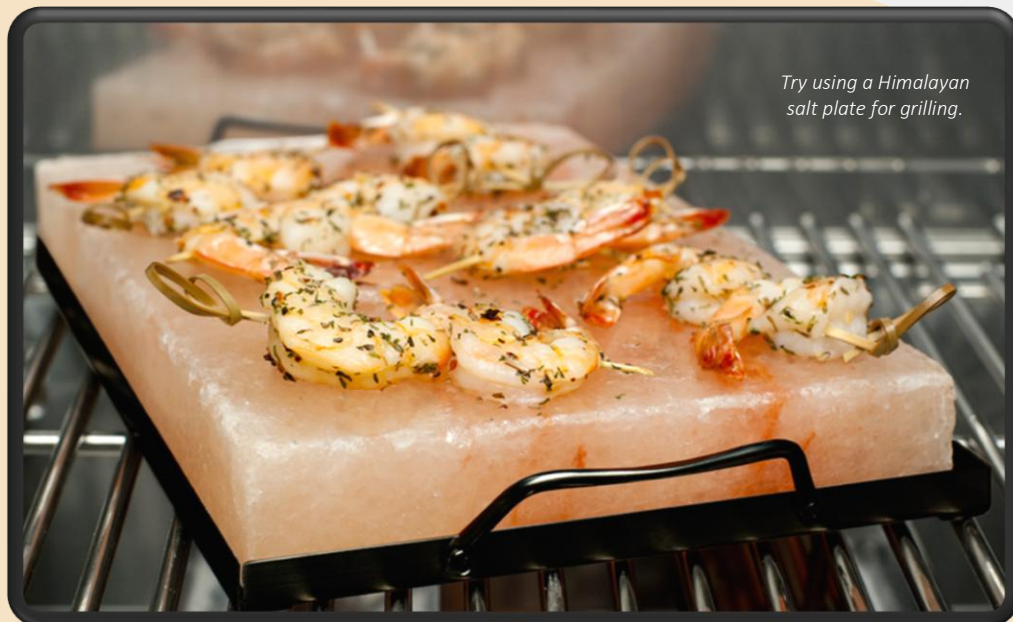


CAC 65th Anniversary News

2025 marks the 65th anniversary of the Carolinas Airstream Club's charter. To mark the milestone, *Tarheel Traveler* is dedicating this section of the newsletter to the anniversary. Be on the lookout for articles, links to photos, and other information on how you can participate in the anniversary throughout the year and at our upcoming Anniversary Rally at Ocean Lakes in October.



This refreshing light dish is perfect for a warm summer evening. In this recipe, the Himalayan salt plate acts as a plancha, effectively searing the shrimp's exterior with a delicious, crispy crust while keeping the interior moist and perfectly seasoned. Pair with a green salad and don't forget the margaritas! (Taken from the Salt Plate Recipe Book.)



Try using a Himalayan salt plate for grilling.

CAROLINAS AIRSTREAMERS CAN COOK!

Contributed by Terry Sheally

While the 65th anniversary is a celebration of the past, the team is also initiating some new traditions for the future. Among those is the sharing of travel-friendly recipes, such as the one below. We welcome all members to share recipes that they find useful while on the road or at a rally! Send your recipes to 021CAC65Cookbook@gmail.com and you may see your very own recipe published in one of our future *Tarheel Traveler* issues!

Tequila Lime Shrimp – A Salt Plate Recipe

Shrimp ingredients:

- 1 lb. large shrimp, peeled, deveined
- 6 wooden 10-inch wooden skewers

Marinade ingredients: (Note: Before adding the shrimp to the marinade, save out 1 Tbsp. of marinade for the Fresh Cilantro Pico ingredients)

- 2 Tbsp. lime juice
- 2 Tbsp. tequila
- ¼ c. olive oil
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1 pinch ground cumin
- 1 pinch ground coriander
- 1 pinch dried oregano
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 1 large lime, quartered (optional, for serving)

Fresh Cilantro Pico ingredients:

- 1 Tbsp. of marinade saved from earlier
- 1 med. tomato, small dice
- ½ med. red onion, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp. cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 pinch salt and pepper



See the next page for the recipe.

Tequila Lime Shrimp – Directions:

Combine marinade ingredients in a medium sized bowl and mix to incorporate.
Remove 1 Tbsp. of the marinade and put into a small bowl for the *Fresh Cilantro Pico*.
Combine with the *Fresh Cilantro Pico* ingredients. Set aside.

Combine remaining marinade and shrimp in a container and marinate for 2-4 hours.
Heat the salt plate on a grill to high (425 – 450 degrees.) (*Please see Heating a Salt Plate excerpt below.*)

Drain shrimp from excess marinade and place on skewers.

When salt plate is fully heated to high, place skewered shrimp on the salt plate and cook 1-2 minutes per side.

When shrimp have finished cooking, remove from the salt plate and serve with the *Fresh Cilantro Pico*.

Cooking Times for Seafood on a Salt Plate

Cooking on a Himalayan salt plate adds enormous depth of flavor to foods without over-salting. We particularly like the way it makes cooking seafood easy and almost foolproof. Below are some cooking times, based on experience. Pro Tip: plan ahead. While cooking times are short, heating a salt plate takes about 45 minutes (see Heating a Salt Plate excerpt below.)

FOOD	COOKING TIME Minutes on salt plate heated to 425 – 450 degrees
Cobia	10-12
Flounder	9
Grouper	18
Haddock	10
Lobster tails (butterflied)	4
Mahi	12
Mackerel	15-20
Rainbow trout	10
Red snapper	12
Salmon	5-10, skin side down
Sea bass	12
Tile	20
Tuna filets	10
Tuna steaks	15-20
Wahoo (thick)	4-5 / side

Heating a Salt Plate on an Outdoor Grill

(Excerpt from *Salt Plate Recipe Book*)

The salt plate is susceptible to thermal shock and must be brought to its ideal temperature in stages that move from low to medium and then to high heat. (High heat for us = 425 – 450 degrees.)

- *Gas grill:* Place the salt plate parallel over a burner bar on the grill grate. Preheat by starting the burner on low for 15 minutes, then turn up the burner to medium for 15 minutes. Finish with the burner on high for another 15 minutes. Feel free to close the grill hood after you have ensured that the burner has been lit for the first phase of preheating.
- *Charcoal:* Set up your grill with three separate heat zones. On the far-left side of the grill, leave open space, with no charcoal. In the middle of the grill, place a single layer of lit charcoal. On the far-right side of the grill, place a double layer of charcoal. Once the charcoal is lit and the grill is configured, start with the salt plate on the left for 15 minutes, move it to the middle for 15 minutes, and finish on the far-right side for 15 minutes.



All CAC rallies and caravans are using **WhatsApp Messenger** for communications.

With **WhatsApp**, you get fast, simple, and secure messaging and calling available on phones all over the world. To get started, download WhatsApp for free from the [Google Play Store](#) or [Apple App Store](#). Once you've set up WhatsApp on your phone, you can choose to use WhatsApp on multiple devices.

Go here for help on [getting started](#).



Rally-Round-The-Campfire

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Happy May, Streamers! Summer and the sweltering heat are almost here. I hope everyone is enjoying rally season and that you're having safe travels.

We have a few members dealing with health issues. Please keep them in your thoughts & prayers. The Big Man upstairs knows who they are.

SHOUT OUT!

Terry Montgomery – BRN 3156 – did an outstanding job at Region 3 in Ladson getting 100+ rigs backed in. He even got me backed in without any mishap. His secret—using a strap along the ground as a guide. Way to go Terry!

“Live your life by a compass not a clock.” – Stephen Covey

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CAC's 2025 Rally and Caravan Schedule

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

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

September 2025

Carolina Mountain Jamboree Joint Rally September 17-21

October 2025

Broad River, NC Rally October 9-12
[Ocean Lakes, 65th CAC Anniversary](#),
[Myrtle Beach, SC Rally October 29-November 2](#)

November 2025

Christmas At Biltmore Estate Rally November 10-13

Rallies and Caravans coming in 2026 . . .

March 2026

Region 3 Rally, Lakeland, FL March 4-8, 2026
James Island SC Rally March 19-22, 2026

April 2026

Tanglewood Park NC Rally April 16-19, 2026

May 2026

May in Mayberry NC Rally May 14-17, 2026

June 2026

Campfires in Cherokee NC Rally June 4-7, 2026



Laura & Dudley Schnabel



Richard Schnabel

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.

Richard and Laura Schnabel

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2015 International Serenity 27FB

Meet Richard & Laura Schnabel: Proud Airstreamers with a Passion for Racing and Simplicity

After 25 years of RV travel in five different *Some Other Brands* (also known lovingly as *SOBs*)—including two Class Cs and three Class As from Newmar and Tiffin—Richard and Laura Schnabel leapt into the Airstream lifestyle. For the past three years, they've proudly traveled in their International Serenity 27FB, and they haven't looked back since.

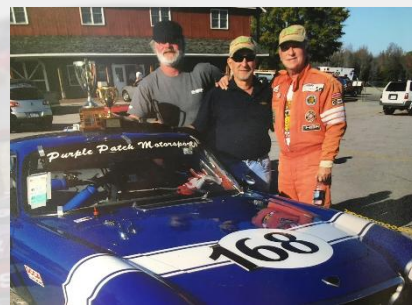
Based in Waynesville, NC, the Schnabels primarily use their Airstream to attend vintage road racing events across the country. From Watkins Glen to COTA, Sebring, Road Atlanta, and VIR, their iconic silver rig is a rare but eye-catching sight in the paddock, where large motorhomes typically dominate. While their race cars are transported and supported by local race shops, Richard and Laura arrive in style and simplicity, rolling in stress-free with their Airstream, ready to enjoy the action from the comfort of home.

One of their most memorable recent adventures took them to Put-in-Bay, Ohio, where they ferried their Airstream over to South Bass Island and set up camp at South Bass Island State Park—just steps away from the airport track. "It was a fantastic week," they recalled, blending racing excitement with lakeside relaxation.

Their Serenity 27FB has become something of a trackside sensation. "We've been the only Airstream at the track for the last 2–3 seasons," Richard shared. "People are always curious, and once they step inside, they can't believe how luxurious and spacious it really is."

Having experienced both motorized and towable RV life, the Schnabels feel they've found their perfect fit with Airstream. "We've been converted," they say with a smile, "and maybe even helped convert a few others along the way. We may never go back to a motorized RV."

And of course, no road trip or race weekend is complete without Dudley, their spirited fox terrier and honorary co-pilot.



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The 2025–2027 Airstream Club International Executive Council Election



It's that exciting time once again—when Airstream Club International members have the opportunity to shape the future of our organization through the power of their vote. The 2025–2027 Executive Council Election is officially underway, and this year brings a fresh new way to get informed, get involved, and make your voice heard.

The individuals running for the Executive Council bring a wide range of experience and ideas to our community. You are encouraged to review their profiles, watch their recorded videos and the interviews conducted by ACI's Leadership Recruitment and Oversight Committee using questions submitted by you, our members! All of this information is now available on AirstreamClub.org.

JOIN THE FIRST EVER “ASK THE CANDIDATES” WEBINAR -- Don't miss this exciting *live* opportunity to hear directly from the candidates! The **Ask the Candidates Webinar** is happening **Wednesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM ET**. Ask your questions, hear their responses in real time, and connect with other members in this open forum. Watch your email for how to attend. Or, if you cannot make it or you learn about the event after-the-fact, the webinar will be recorded and available afterward on the [ACI YouTube channel](#).

GET READY TO VOTE -- Members with a valid email address on file will receive an electronic ballot via ElectionBuddy **June 1, 2025**. Prefer to vote by mail? Contact Club HQ at **937-596-5211** by **May 27 at 4:00 PM ET** to request a paper ballot. Paper ballots will be mailed June 1, 2025. All paper ballots must be **postmarked by June 15, 2025**, in order to be counted.

KEY ELECTION DATES

- **Now** – Candidate info and interviews available online
- **May 21** – Live “Ask the Candidates” webinar, or watch afterward on the [ACI YouTube channel](#)
- **May 27** – Deadline to request a paper ballot
- **June 1–15** – Voting period
- **June 18** – Results announced (pending paper ballots)
- **July 17** – New International Officers announced
- **August 1** – New Executive Council officially seated

Where You Can Find Us



- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club website:
<https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas>
- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/NCUnit21Wbcc/>
- ✦ Carolinas Airstream Club email:
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