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President's Message:

by Eric Graham (BRN #5097)

Hello PSAC,

We've had a fun-packed rally season so far, and April did not disappoint—with both Region 3 and Silver in the City events taking place this month.



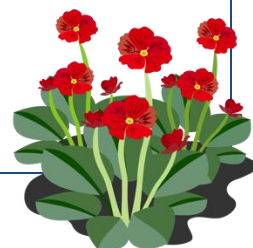
PSAC really stepped up and represented the club proudly at Region 3, and I want to thank ALL the volunteers for their hard work. This was a supersized hosting event, and our club made it happen.

Silver in the City couldn't have gone much better. Despite the constant threat of rain, we had a fantastic weekend. A huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it such a great rally. Silver in the City always supports the local charity PATH, and this year we raised over \$3,000 to help local residents in need. PSAC always rises to the occasion, and this was another shining example of our community spirit.

The Outer Banks Vacation Rally is fast approaching, and I hope you're as excited as I am! I have information on things to do in the area—just message me, and I'll be happy to email it to you.

This is a much longer trip than our usual rallies, so please be sure to check your Airstream for any needed maintenance—and don't forget to check your tires!

As the rally dates get closer, I'll continue to share updates, so stay tuned.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays:

Kerstin Evans – 2
Kathy Welch – 3
Barry Barta – 11
Margaret Cook – 13
Ashleigh Griffith – 14
Sandy Steadman – 16
Sharri Duncan – 19
Mark Vincent – 19
Linda Meadors – 20
David Matthews – 22
Randy Booth – 23
Kimberly Baker – 24
Debra Peterson – 24
Susan Smithson – 27



June Birthdays:

Joey Evans – 1
Henry Herlong – 1
Jody Falkner – 6
Jing XU Weaver – 10
Sia Pickell – 10
Chet West – 10
Jay DeVecchio – 12
Leif Svensen – 12
Jerry Menster – 13
Melody Charles – 13
Jerry Peterson – 20
Victoria Richards – 27
Mary Ann Purser – 28
James Switala – 28
Deborah Brooks – 28
Theresa Kirchner – 28
Wendy Menne – 29

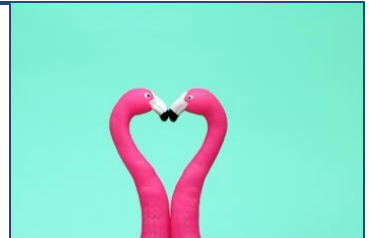
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May Anniversaries:

Brad & Tami Van Thof – 5
Eric & Donna Pollard – 9
Tim & Kimberly Baker – 11
Jerry & Debra Peterson – 12
David & Sia Pickell – 14
Jay & Tracy Harris – 15
Bobby & Arlene Puryear – 16
Kevin & Deborah Rogers – 16
Joey & Kerstin Evans – 19
Marvin & Judi Wilson-Snead – 20
Jeff & Madalyn Morehead – 20
Alan & Jill Rabb – 23
Fred & Victoria Basnett – 26
Ed & Libby Baxley – 30
Gary Prideaux & Pamela Parrish – 31
Chris & Lori Modly – 31

June Anniversaries:

Tom "Buddy" & Michelle Efird – 3
Phil & Gail King – 10
James Switala & Hattie Prugh – 12
Michael & Melody Charles – 15
Michael & Debbie Madden – 17
Jay & Roxanne DeVecchio – 21
Phil Abernathy & Susan Smithson – 24
Jim & Amanda Schaal – 26
Jim & Yvonne Quinlan – 26
Mark & Jing XU Weaver – 26



Cares and Prayers:

- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead/healing.
- Prayers for Jerry Peterson, his wife, Deb and their entire family for the loss of Jerry's sister.
- Prayers for Rick Wright and his wife Lisa and their family for his recent cancer diagnosis.
- Continued prayers for Pam DeVine for the loss of her sister and now prayers as her other sister who had a brain aneurism.
- Prayers for all Members & Affiliates that need healing!
- Prayers for Joyce Butucel's sister-in-law, Leslie as she is in the hospital with serious health issues.

How to Sign Up for Rallies:

To learn how to register for a rally, go to [our club website airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state](http://ourclubwebsite.airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state) and page down to watch the "Registration Tutorial." This tutorial will walk you through the steps to register and/or pay for any upcoming rallies.

Link to [Registration Demonstration](#) →

After watching the tutorial go and register for the rally/rallies you are planning to attend

NOTE: This is only to register and pay your rally fees! See **PSAC 2025 Rally Schedule** in this newsletter for more details. You will need to call the campground to make your camping reservations, separately!

Need hosts for July & October Rallies!



2025 Rally Schedule

May 10-18: Silver on the Outer Banks | Reservation Deadline: March 31 | [Reserve Now!](#)

24798 NC HWY 12, Rodanthe, NC 27968 | Camp Hatteras – **Full hook-up**

Booking Contact: Jen Carlson at jen@camphatteras.com or 252-987-2777 Ext. 105
No Host Needed for this Rally and no Rally Fee!



Caravan Itinerary:

[May 10-11, 2025](#), | [May 17-18, 2025](#) | *Caravan overnight stays.*

558 Beaver Creek Road, Apex, NC 27502 | Poplar Point Campground

Booking Contact : (877) 722-6762 – **Book in Loop B if you can.**

<https://www.ncparks.gov/park-features/jordan-lake-state-recreation-area-poplar-point-campground>

June 19-22: Silver in the Smokies | The Great Outdoors RV Resort | [Reserve Now!](#)

321 Thumpers Trail, Franklin, NC 28734– **Full hook-up**

Booking Contact: Michelle at (828) 349-0412; sgo@gorvresort.com

Hosts: Bill & Sandee Welch and Amy Eckhardt & Tim Demurs



July 10-13: Silver by the Creek | [Reserve Now!](#)

95 Pinewood Trail, Mill Spring, NC 28756 | Emberglow Outdoor Resort

Booking Contact: Nainsi at (828) 625-2205 – **Full hook-up**

There are still sites available, book NOW!

Use the QR code to your right to book your site:

NEED HOSTS:



August 14-17: Silver at the Top | Reservation Deadline: July 14th | [Reserve Now!](#)

14255 Highway 75 N, Helen, GA 30545 | Top of Georgia – **Full hook-up**

Booking Contact: Kate Singleton at (706) 878-3590 - SingletonK1@aetna.com

Hosts: Joey & Kerstin Evans



August 23-28: Airstream Club International Rally: York, PA | [Reserve Now!](#)

Registration is Now Open! Call (937) 596-5211

See Blue Beret for details and registration info.

- Visit the **FAQs page** for Rally details.

- Explore the historic town of York at **Explore York!**

Don't miss this exciting event – we look forward to seeing you in Pennsylvania!



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September 17-21: Carolina Mountain Jamboree/Joint Rally – Full hook-up



521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC, 29635

Palmetto Cove RV Park - Call (864) 836-6221

Reservation Deadline: August 1st

Booking Contact: Darlene Dudley at (843) 812-8430

Hosts: Low Country Airstream Club



October 23-26: Lake Hartwell State Park | Reserve Now!



19138 SC-11, Fair Play, SC 29643 – **Water, Electric, Dump Station**

Register through [Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov) or Call (864) 972-3352

Book in Lakepoint Loop

NEED HOSTS:

November 6-9: Silver on the Broad River| Installation Rally | Reserve Now!



120 Broad River Campground Rd., Mooresboro, NC 28114 | Broad River Campground

Booking Contact: Christine (Christie) Rex at (828) 338-9598 – **Full hook-up**

NO RALLY FEE!

Hosts: Melia Jacobs and John & Susan Leake

Christmas Potluck - TBD

Hello PSAC,

The world seems to be spinning faster these days. So much is going on, and the first quarter of the year has already passed. Rallies are important—they help slow life down and allow us to decompress. Our club is important to many of us, whether it's for outdoor adventure, hanging out with friends, or exploring new areas. We all share the same passion for PSAC because it brings us joy.

PSAC has a rich history, spanning over 50 years. Times were different when the club was founded, but the founders had the same passion we do today. Over the years, our club has collected a wealth of history, with countless photos and documents. Once upon a time, Palmetto Cove RV Park was our club's destination park, and to this day, our history is preserved there in a dedicated room called the Founder's Lounge.

So, what's my point? Recently, the Carolina mountains and foothills were devastated by wildfires. The fires came so close to The Cove that ash was raining down on the campground, and everyone was ordered to evacuate in the evening—with only a few hours' notice before it might have been too late to leave.

The wildfires were eventually contained, and The Cove was spared. But what's truly impressive is what the folks at The Cove did during that tense time. Despite the danger, they took the time to remove all of our club's memorabilia. With ash falling, daylight fading, and limited time, the good people at The Cove protected our club's irreplaceable history. I find this to be a remarkable story—one of the rare, true acts of selfless kindness.

There are entire books of photos and an abundance of memorabilia. I encourage everyone to take the time to visit the Founder's Lounge. And please, consider sending a message to The Cove to thank them for their quick thinking and courage during what must have been an incredibly stressful time.

To Campground Hosts: 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC, 29635. Eric Graham

2026 Rally Schedule

All PSAC members & affiliates,

Book early to eliminate availability issues.

I created Google Calendar entries for all our rallies. They are compatible with Yahoo Calendar, Outlook, etc. If you would like me to add your email address to those Calendar events, it will save you time & energy in creating your own. Just drop me a line, with your email address, if you would like to be added. Thanks, Charlie Purser at cpurser7@gmail.com.



Valentine's Day get together TBD

March 12-15: Rally, (*Silver on the Strand*) will be held at **Myrtle Beach Travel Park**, 10108 Kings Rd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

We have 30 sites reserved. Our sites are on the 300-400 blocks (map attached) and on the left side of the pond. We will have use of their beachside Pavilion for group get-togethers.

Talk to Kandi Kar at **Phone #s (800) 255-3568 or (843) 449-3714.**

Be sure to mention the PSAC Rally when you book your reservation and please send me your site # once confirmed. The daily site rate for our rally is **\$49.50**. Stay 7 nights get one night free. Review and tour: Myrtle Beach Travel Park website: MyrtleBeachTravelPark.com

Estimated April 23-26th: *Silver in the City*, York, SC.

More info to follow on this. Dates are TBD as Terry Montgomery works out details.

May 14-17: *Shiny Apple Streamin'*, **Orchard Lake Campground**, 460 Orchard Lake Rd., Saluda, NC 28773 (Hendersonville area).

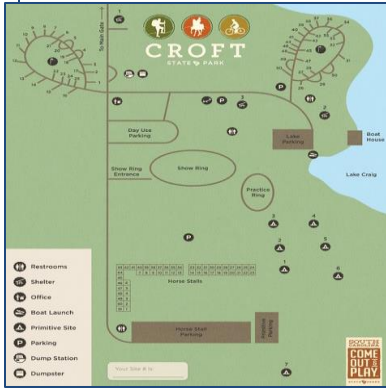
All kinds of fun things to do here. Boating (free canoes), pitching golf course, zipline, trails, etc. The **Palmetto Mountains to Sea Trail** runs through the campground! Plus, downtown Saluda, NC is just down the road. It's a step back in time: Authentic general store, Saluda Grade Railroad, Green River Gorge, etc. Perry Como and his family lived here when he retired.

NOTE: Orchard Lake is experiencing phone issues. To make sure you get a space for our rally, please send an email to: mgr@orchardlakecampground.com, **along with your phone number**. They will call you back. **Mention the PSAC Rally for group availability.** Mary Ann and I have site A reserved. **Please go ahead and book sites for this one! It will fill up quickly.**

Once you have a site # reserved, please send that to me so I can update my records. Contact: **Roger at (828) 749-3901**. Campground website: [Orchard Lake Campground - Saluda, North Carolina – Home](http://OrchardLakeCampground-Saluda,NorthCarolina-Home)



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June 11-14: Our *Horsing Around Rally* (**Croft State Park, Spartanburg**) 450 Croft State Park Rd, Spartanburg, 29302, SC
There is a 13-month advance reservation window.

I recommend reserving your site on **May 11, 2025**.

This is a SC State Park and there are two loops.

Loop 1 has larger sites (30 amp) and Loop 2 (50 amp) is a little tighter and has some uneven sites. I'll reserve covered picnic area #1 for us. Huge thank you to Ross Gary for his insight into this park (he was a host



there and a Spartanburg native). **Phone: (864) 585- 1283** (Contact: Penny) ~\$32-43 per night.

Croft website: [Croft South Carolina Parks Official Site](https://www.croftsc.com/). Guided tour of all campsites: [Croft State Park](https://www.croftsc.com/)



July 9-12: *Back to Bear Park Rally*, **Creekwood Farm RV Park**, 4696 Jonathan Creek Rd., Waynesville, NC. [Home | Creekwood Farm](https://www.creekwoodfarm.com/). Fully restored from Hurricane Helene and ready for more useless trivia and rubber duckie races. Bear Park awaits us. Take exit 20 off of I-40.

Please go ahead and book your site for this one!

We have a dedicated reservation link with side-by-side sites reserved, mostly on the creek. Once you have a site # reserved, please send that to me so I can update my records.

Susan is our contact at Creekwood.



Phone: (828) 926-7977 or use this dedicated link: [Creekwood Farm RV Park - - Powered by ResNexus](https://www.creekwoodfarm.com/)



August 13-16: *Streamin' with White Squirrels*, Davidson River Campground (NC State Park), Pisgah Forest, NC (Brevard area). Come see the famous White Squirrels of Transylvania County. This park is inside the entrance of the Pisgah National Forest. Trout fishing, tubing, swimming, hiking and so much more...

The Davidson River runs through the campground. I am from Brevard and I'm super excited to show you my stomping grounds! This park has VERY high demand during summer months; therefore,

we must reserve our sites on February 8th, 2026, during the 6-month rolling release schedule. Please note that many sites do not have electricity, so be sure to select ones that do.

Our preferred loop will be Sycamore Loop (10 electrical sites). Whiteoak Loop (3), etc. Water and sewage hookups are not available at the sites; however, there are multiple freshwater spigot stations throughout the park and the clean bathhouses offer toilets & hot showers.

More information can be found here:

[Davidson River, National Forests in North Carolina - Recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov/) (No phone #, book on-line).





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August 22-27: *International Rally*, Minot, ND. ACI will coordinate this event.



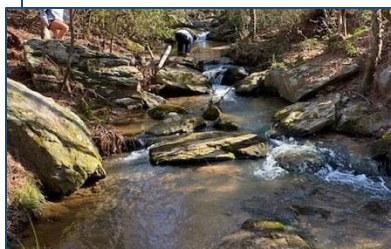
September 16-20: *Carolina Mountain Jamboree*, Palmetto Cove
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Palmetto Cove RV Park - Call **(864) 836-6221**

Back to a place we all know well. Fully intact from the wildfires and ready for more memories. When you have your site #, please send it to me so I can update my records.



Estimated: October 22-25: *Alumalina!* Due to damage from Hurricane Helene, John Leake continues to pursue venue options for Alumalina. More updates to follow soon.



November 5-8: *Installation Rally*. Most likely to be held at Broad River Campground, Kings Mountain State Park or Palmetto Cove.
More details to follow on this one. No action required currently.

Christmas get together TBD



RALLY HOSTS NEEDED:

Our club is still looking for hosts for two rallies this year: July and October.

Please let Eric Graham know if you would like to host for one of these rallies.

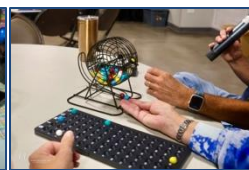


April 9-13 | Streamin' In The Sweetgrass | Region 3 Rally



Thanks to Melia Jacobs for a wonderful job planning our Fiesta!!!! Thanks to all the helping hands who made this one of the best feasts of all!

Kudos to you all for a job well done!



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April 24-27, 2025

Silver in the City ...York, SC



Ready,
Set, Go!



April
Fun!

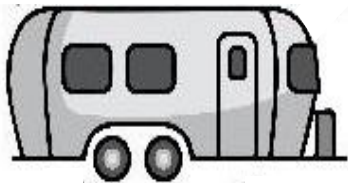
Elvis is here!



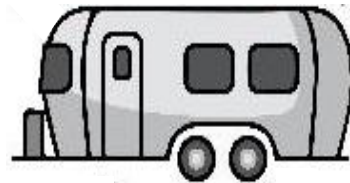
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Website: airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state



A Little Something About Us by Judy Barrett (BRN 12814)



Hello &
welcome



Below is a little bit about me,
or us (Rob Jenkins is my travel buddy).

Switched from tent camping to an Aliner in 2011.

After retirement in 2014 I bought my first Airstream,
a 16' Bambi. Since then, I have moved up to a 20' FC,
and now I have a 23' Flying Cloud,
nicknamed Rosalita aka Rosie.



I have camped with many of you at Alumalina over the
past 9 years and just attended my second Silver in
the City.

I am familiar with many of the Palmetto State
members as we have rallied together a few times and
places.

Hope to meet you all sometime soon as a true affiliate of the Palmetto Club.

"I travel because I would
rather have amazing
experiences than a house
full of things."



Welcome New Affiliate Members

Dennis Boehmer: dboehmer@gmail.com
Kathy Bolen: kbolen1978@gmail.com
Rocky Mount, VA
(BRN #4779) 2024 Flying Cloud FB 27'

Bill Brickey: noragrets7350@gmail.com
Kelly Brickey: kellymbrickey@gmail.com
Moncure, NC
(BRN #7350) 2025 International 28'



SOME OF OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN MAY

May 1

- May Day

May 5

- Cinco de Mayo

May 11

- Eat What You Want Day

May 14

- Dance Like a Chicken Day

May 17



May 20

- Be a Millionaire Day

May 23

- Lucky Penny Day

May 25

- National Wine Day

May 26



May 30

- Flip Flop Day



Hey everyone,

As of March 25th, Terry Montgomery has resigned from his position in our club. I will appoint someone to fill this position as soon as I have a candidate.

This position has to be voted on and I plan to hold this vote at the June rally. If anyone is not able to vote in person you will be able to proxy vote. I will pass information on as I have more.

I thank each of you for everything you do!

Eric Graham

🌸 DONATE 🌸

Anyone can donate anything at anytime as a door prize.

Donate whatever you'd like, such as a craft, or something you think would be a nice door prize. It's always fun to give and receive.

Please bring your donation(s) to the next rally that you attend!

At every rally there will be this box to put your donations in, so you can donate at anytime!



2025-2027 Executive Council Candidates

Submitted by Bill Hamblin (BRN 21813)



Hello fellow ACI members.
I'm Bill Hamblin and I'm running for Executive Council.

I'm a semi-retired 45-year-old traveling full-time in a 25' Globetrotter with my wife, Frances, and our two dogs,

Sutton and Rhett.

We enjoy traveling and learning about our country through local history and local cuisine. From the moment we joined the club we felt like part of a community.

Traveling full-time in our RV gives me a unique perspective on the Club as we meet members from across the country.

I feel the best way to give back is to volunteer. From holding local office to leading the Tables & Chairs committee and being a part of the photography committee at International, I enjoy serving the Club.

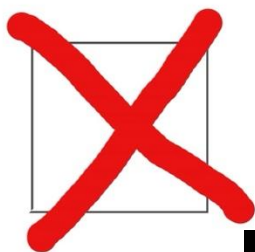
I encourage you all to check out each candidate's Statement of Candidacy and video. See link below...And be on the lookout for the upcoming mini-interviews and webinar to better understand each candidate and their platform.

I think the Club is a great resource for all it's members and I look forward to helping it grow in the years to come.

Thanks for your consideration and I'll see you down the road.

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7IE3BK8ZK5xpzbWazAVtuA8DMKswY9va&si=SULdJINGjYmZ9Vfh>

VOTE



Our Club Website: airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state



Submitted by James Schaal (BRN 08483)



Hello fellow Airstreamers!

If we haven't already met at a rally, hopefully this short introduction will help you get to know who I am. I am currently the President of the Vintage Airstream Club, as well as one of the chairs on the

Entertainment Committee for our International rallies.

My actual day to day job is working within my family's catering and events business. I am also building my own company called Polished Aluminum. I have some big plans to help grow our club and my goal is to help create memorable experiences across the country for all of our members. I want to help bridge the gap between membership and leadership so that if a member has a question, we can get it answered in a timely and accurate fashion.

I'm proud to be part of this club and excited for the future. See you down the road...

Submitted by Jenny Schnettler (BRN 06594/0041)



Your support means *everything*...

These past 2 years have been more fun than I ever imagined! Serving this past Executive Council has been joy and an honor...and the best opportunity to meet and work with incredible members. What a journey!

One of my jobs on the EC has been as the Project Manager leading a dedicated group of talented volunteers that was able to achieve the complete renovation of our new ACI Headquarters building – on time and under budget!

If re-elected to a seat on the EC, I will seek the Presidency to assure that all our present and future projects, including the further expansion of our ACI Campus, are continued with responsibility and accountability. What exciting opportunities would YOU like to see us pursue? Give me a call...I'd love to hear from you!

330-993-8444 jschnettler@airstreamclub.org



Food Babe's Low Sugar Cookies

Ingredients:

- ½ cup Coconut Oil, melted
- 1/4 cup Coconut Palm Sugar
- 1 Large Egg (1 Tbsp. Ground Flaxseed with 3 Tbsp. Water and let sit for 5 minutes)
- 1 Tbsp. Vanilla Extract
- 1 ¼ cup Almond Flour
- 1 ¼ cup Old Fashioned Oats
- ½ tsp. Baking Soda
- ½ tsp. Salt
- 2 tsp. Ground Cinnamon
- ½ cup Walnuts, chopped
- ½ cup Dried Currants or Raisins
(optional mix in, feel free to get creative,
i.e. Raw Cocoa Nibs, Goji Berries, etc.)

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Place the coconut oil and sugar in a bowl and stir until well combined.
3. Add egg or flaxseed and vanilla extract and stir for another minute until smooth.
4. Add rest of ingredients and stir.
5. Place dough mixture in the refrigerator for 10 minutes.
6. Using an ice cream scooper or tablespoon, scoop out dough and press each cookie on a parchment paper-lined cookie sheet.
7. Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
8. Cool at least 7 minutes and serve.