



Tarheel Traveler

June 2025

21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960

Celebrating Adventure & Community



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Hey everyone!

You know how ACI volunteers have been working hard for years? Well, they've finally finished building a new headquarters. Now, our focus is on the members clubhouse, historical library, pavilion, and expanding campsites. Our Carolinas Airstream Club Board of Directors and Officers voted to buy a club brick for \$1000 to help with this project. And I'm asking everyone to consider getting a smaller and less expensive brick for a donation of \$125.

For more info and a guide to making your contribution, head over to www.fundraisingbrick.com/aci/. Our individual bricks will be placed near or next to our club brick, so make sure to let ACI know you're a CAC member when you complete the form. Thanks a bunch! More information can also be found at <https://airstreamclub.org/buyabrick>.

Ray

2025 CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

Executive Board of Directors:

President – Ray Combs
First Vice President – Roger Holland
Second Vice President – John Hoffman
Treasurer – Janice Overcash
Recording Secretary – Shari Hord
Corresponding Secretary – Lee Dunn
Email Administrator – Lee Dunn
Director (2-Year) – Vic Fordham
Director (2-Year) – Jim Plyler
Director (1-Year) – Jack Grimes
Director (1-Year) – Björn Kasper
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Membership Chair – Lee Dunn
New Member Engagement – Terry Sheally
65th Anniversary of CAC Celebration Chair – Terry Sheally
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Club Historian – John Carriker
Facebook Coordinator – Helen Bailey
Rally-Round-The-Campfire Coordinator – cherylanne "ca" weaver
Webmaster & Online Store Manager – Wayne Clark

Have you seen our customizable CAC Memorabilia?

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, your trailer's name, 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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It's hard to believe we are about midway through our 2025 rally season and what an incredible job our hosts have done up to this point! We are preparing to leave, as I write this, for another Waterfalls Galore rally at the beautiful Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort. The Schoeneckers and the McMillans have a great rally planned for us this weekend and we can't wait to get back up there! This comes on the heels of another great rally in Galax, VA, at Cool Breeze Campground which has been a proverbial favorite over the years. The Cookes had a wonderful weekend planned with exciting new events to experience.

Our next rally will be at Kerr Lake Reservoir as we prepare for the travel to the International Rally in York, PA. Don't forget to sign up on our website under our rallies if you want to join us at any point on the journey so we can make plans for arriving as a CAC group! This means you have the month of July to vacation with family and friends whether you are in your Airstream or sitting on the deck at the beach or lake!

As our 2nd VP, John Hoffman, finally makes it back home after several months of his medical adventures, please reach out to support him as a host for any of his 2026 rallies or to offer assistance as he wraps up his 2026 rally plans!

We look forward to seeing everyone as we move toward our big 65th anniversary celebration at the end of the year! Terry Sheally and the 65th anniversary committee have an unbelievable rally of special events, displays, and fun planned for Ocean Lakes this year, and if you haven't already reserved your site and registered, you better do it today!



Membership Chair

Lee Dunn

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As of June 15, 2025, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 374 rigs and 699 members strong.

New ACI Member App

There have been emails and an article in the Blue Beret about the new ACI Member app, so I won't go into detail about it here. This app is replacing Evernote, which Carolinas Airstream Club has used for several years as a membership directory. As of June 15, 2025, I am no longer updating Evernote. However, I will still maintain pictures of CAC members for our Rally Photo Directories.

Lee Dunn
CAC Membership Chair

Welcome New Members

- Edith Nash, Mount Holly, NC, and her 1993 Classic
- Daniel and Jana Murphy, Raleigh, NC, and their 2006 Interstate 22
- Fredrick and Vickie Reese, Flat Rock, NC, and their 2022 Interstate
- Margaret and Robert Milbourn, Westfield, NC, and their 2025 Pottery Barn
- Affiliate members Cheryl and George Cannon, Laurens, SC, and their 2023 International
- Affiliate members Sean Holt and Terri Richards, Brevard, NC, and their 2025 Caravel
- Susan and Roger Bednarick, Mooresville, NC, and their 2022 Bambi
- Katherine and Anders Almhem, Belmont, NC, and their 2024 Flying Cloud
- Michael and Michelle Haller, Clayton, NC, and their 2023 Flying Cloud



Second Vice President's Corner

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Our 21 blocked campsites for the 2026 "May in Mayberry" rally booked up really fast, but don't despair! The campground has a total of 106 sites and if you say you're with the Carolinas Airstream Club when you call, they've promised to try to keep you close to the group. One of the events we're planning is a movie night featuring some classic episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show."

You can book your campsite now for the "Campfires in Cherokee" rally June 4-7, 2026. The Cherokee/Great Smokies KOA Holiday is a beautifully landscaped campground adjacent to the Raven Fork River in the Qualla Boundary, home to the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation. The list of fun things to do is nearly endless: fascinating museums, hiking and waterfalls to explore, fly fishing right in the campground, shopping for authentic one-of-a-kind Native American crafts, try your hand Harrah's casino, drive the southern end of the Blue Ridge Parkway or ride the Great Smoky Mountain Railway. We've reserved 38 sites in the center of the campground. Don't miss your chance to start your summer travels at a true gem of the mountains!

Plans for our other summer and fall rallies for 2026 are still in the works, as is a possible caravan to Minot for International in August. Stay tuned!

Want to get your ham radio license this year?

Contributed by Marcia Thompson

Want to get your ham radio license? Just study a bit before November and you can do it! ☺

All the *possible* questions and answers are downloadable, and a 74% passing rate is required. At the Ocean Lakes rally - **November 1, 2025, at 1:00 pm** - all license exams will be offered.



There are three exams:

- Technician <https://www.arrl.org/tech-question-pool> effective July 1, 2022, until June 30, 2026
- General <https://www.arrl.org/general-question-pool> effective July 1, 2023, until June 30, 2027
- Extra <http://www.arrl.org/extra-question-pool> effective July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2028

Recommended way to Pass the Test:

Study the Question Pool(s) to pass the exam, *THEN* learn everything about amateur radio as you enjoy the hobby.

Advice: [How To Study and Pass Your Ham Radio Exam](#)

Highly Recommended:

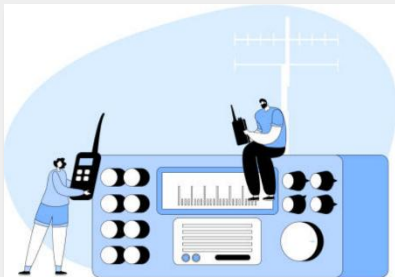
- www.HamStudy.org Create a *free* account to track your progress.
- Use the Ham Radio Crash Course on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FktSv3tDwA8>

The online www.HamStudy.org website is free, but the app for your Apple or Android phone costs \$3.99.

FCC Registration Number (FRN)

- Get a FRN (free, **required** for exam)
- Click on the REGISTER button and create free account.
- Video on how to obtain your FRN - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaHcLG9cLS0>
- Once you have created an account, you will receive an email from the FCC to confirm the account and apply for an FRN.

Be sure to copy the FRN number you are issued and *bring* it with you to the testing location.



More ways to learn :

<https://w4nc.com/getstarted/>

Why wait? Join the fun this year!



Thinking of ordering personalized stickers?



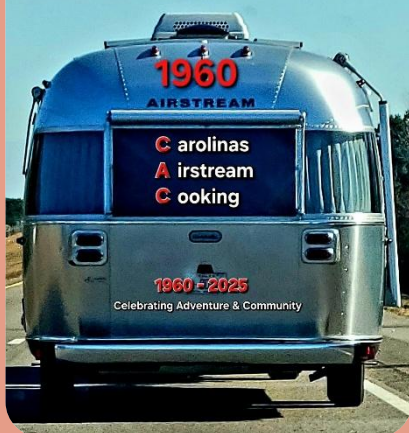
For anyone wanting to add their Big Red Numbers to the 65th anniversary logo or the regular club logo, reach out to **Tabb Adams** at crosscuttabb@gmail.com and he will add your numbers to the logo so that you can have it as a digital file. He recommends **stickermule.com** to have your stickers made. The minimum quantity is 10 stickers. If you need any help with that process, don't hesitate to ask Tabb.





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.

Carolinas Airstream Club



While the 65th anniversary is a celebration of the past, we are also initiating some new traditions for the future. Among those is the sharing of travel-friendly recipes, such as this one. 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!

TAKING A LOOK BACK BY LENDING AN EAR

Contributed by Terry Sheally

In celebration of the 65th Anniversary of the Carolinas Airstream Club in 2025, listen in to Chuck Fishel, John Carriker, and Robin Holland reminisce about club memories. How did they stay informed before texting and What's App? Pop the hood on the discussion of what's under the hood of tow vehicles. There was even a club member who pulled his trailer with a bike.



Click to listen!



[Longstanding Member Chat](#)

*This recording was produced with a little love from [@TheRivetedwithChrisandGina](#).



CAROLINAS AIRSTREAMERS CAN COOK!

Green Chili Cheese Grits

Contributed by Kelly and Bill Brickey, BRN 7350

Ingredients:

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| 1 four-ounce can of chopped green chilies | 2 tablespoons of butter |
| 4 cups of chicken stock | 2 cups of grated cheddar cheese |
| 1 cup of quick cooking grits | 2 large eggs, beaten |

Directions:

1. Pre-heat oven to 350 Degrees F.
2. In a three- to four-quart pan, bring chicken stock to a boil over high heat. Add grits, reduce to medium heat and stir until stock is absorbed (5 to 6 minutes). Stir in butter, cheese, chilies.
3. In a small bowl, whisk 1/2 cup of the cooked grits into the beaten eggs. When blended, stir this mixture back into the pan with the rest of the grits.
4. Pour mixture into a greased 2-quart casserole dish.
5. Bake at 350° F until set (25 to 30 minutes).

CAC's 2025 Rally and Caravan Schedule

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

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, SC Rally October 29-November 2](#)

November 2025

Christmas At Biltmore Estate Rally November 10-13



Rally-Round-The-Campfire

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Randy & Shari Hord – BRN 5724 – their sweet little dog, Henry, crossed the Rainbow Bridge recently. He is most assuredly chasing butterflies and bees to his heart's content. We will miss his scruffy face.

SHOUT OUT!

George (Margie) Lamb – BRN 1190 – has overseen the cooking of the low-country boil at Ocean Lakes for MANY years; he recruited his helpers, bought all the necessary groceries, and cooked to have the meal ready on time for all the attendees to enjoy. And all for no pay!! We THANK YOU, George!! This year George is passing the low-country boil baton to Randy Hord – BRN 5724 – while he takes on a pancake breakfast. Looking forward to enjoying breakfast with you George – of course, this will be a little too early for me! – but I know everyone else will be gobbling up your delish pancakes!

CAC has amazing members that are ready & willing to step up and help where needed. If you want to participate in any rally activity to assist in organizing, cooking, cleaning, etc., please reach out to the Rally Host. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Hosts and attendees.

“See the world. It’s more fantastic than any dream.” – Ray Bradbury

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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

Many Thanks to our CAC Family

Contributed by Shari Hord



We just wanted to thank all of you for the kindness, belly rubs and concern you gave to Henry (our 15½ year old mixed Terrier) over the last six years. We're sad to say that he passed away mid-May. For those who don't know his back story...he was my mother's dog for 10 years when he came to live with us. Up until then, it was just him and Mom, and aside from visits from family or to the vet, he didn't see much of anyone else. He and the Chihuahua next door used to run up and down the fence and bark like mad at each other. Randy and I had been members of CAC about 3 years then and were trying to go to any rally we could (while still working). We had serious reservations about how he would do with lots of riding in the truck, staying in the trailer, and being around lots of new faces and other dogs. His first rally was Ocean Lakes, and our CAC family reached out to him, loved him, and ignored his barking at new people and pets. His first walk on the beach was quite a disaster as he was jumped by two large black labs who were off leash. As he pulled out of his collar and took off over the dunes (thankfully back into the campground), our CAC family helped us round him up. YOU turned him into a great traveling companion—so great that he's been to numerous club rallies, international rallies, and four national caravans. And it was YOU, my fellow CAC members, who helped acclimate him to a new life with continuous new people and dogs. We are beyond grateful and thankful for all you did for our Henry, and ultimately, for us. With much love, Shari and Randy Hord, BRN 5724.



Royce Burns

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.

Don and Sue Burns

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1994 360 Classic Airstream Motorhome

Don and Sue Burns are rolling history, heart, and humor into every mile they travel. Proud owners of a meticulously restored **1994 360 Classic Airstream motorhome**, lovingly named **Lewis**, they've been living the Airstream life since **October 2020** with **Royce the Havashu** curled up nearby and a red Mini Cooper toad named **Clarke** tagging along.

The names? A nod to great explorers—and great movies. “Lewis” honors Sue’s father and grandfather, both adventurous spirits. “Clarke” was inspired by both *Lewis & Clark* and the classic comedy *Vacation*. It’s a tribute to their sense of fun, history, and the road ahead.

Don and Sue’s journey and longtime love for Airstream actually began in the early 1990s. Though they’ve owned a variety of RVs over the years—including a spacious 40’ quad-slide—they always came back to Airstream. Why? It’s the craftsmanship, the community, and the undeniable cool factor.

Their current Classic is a showstopper: gleaming aluminum, interior thoughtfully updated, and every detail crafted with care. It’s not just a rig—it’s a reflection of their journey, their style, and their shared love of the open road.

Since joining **ACI and CAC in November 2020**, Don and Sue have fully embraced the rally experience—from the large-scale **Region 3 events** to smaller, more personal **CAC gatherings**. They value the knowledge shared between members and the friendships that have grown through miles, meals, and meetups. “It’s the people that make it,” says Sue. “And the laughter. Always the laughter.”

In terms of **Tips & Travel Philosophy**, Don’s advice? Always do a full walkaround before you pull out—check hitch, wires, antenna, steps, and anything else that might snag or drag. “It only takes five minutes,” he says, “but it can save you hours of trouble.” **Sue’s words of wisdom?** She says to stay flexible. Some of their best memories come from detours and unplanned stops, like recreating the Eagles’ *Take It Easy* moment in Winslow, AZ, or pulling over just to get that perfect photo for their granddaughter of a giant saguaro.

When it comes to trip planning, they combine **RV Trip Wizard**, **Google Maps**, and old-fashioned paper charts. Don handles the logistics, and Sue handles the vibe—together, it’s a winning combo.

Is there life beyond their Airstream? When not traveling, the Burns enjoy restoring RVs, especially vintage interiors, and spending time with their church community and three grandkids. Whether at home or on the road, they’re grounded by faith, fueled by curiosity, and always ready for the next leg of the journey. Sue sums it up best. There’s not much in their lives that people would find surprising...they are “pretty normal for old people.” We suspect that’s just modesty talking. Don and Sue are living proof that adventure—and joy—never go out of style.



Royce, Don, and Sue Burns



Takeaways from Lake Toxaway

Rally hosts Sue & Dave Schoenecker and Wanda & Layne McMillan held an Italian-themed celebration right in the midst of the Land of Waterfalls at this year's Blue Ridge Waterfalls Galore rally in Lake Toxaway, NC. Their dinner theme included red tablecloths, fresh basil table centerpieces, and Italian music playing in the background to complete the ambiance. They celebrated the 65th anniversary of the club with a specialty Airstream cake!



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:
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