





## Tarheel Traveler

July 2025

21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960

Celebrating Adventure & Community



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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July has sure come in with a bang. I am hoping you all are safe from the crazy rains. We are off to an awesome start with rallies. Next up is Kerr Lake and the traveling group to York.

Carol and I are excited so many of our club are going to the International Rally. At the latest count, we are bringing over 50 rigs from CAC. That is fantastic! For those of you going, please download the Cvent app—there you can see who else is going, what the sessions are, and plan your time. On Tuesday, August 26, please come to our Carolinas Airstream Club Social from 5 - 6:60pm at the Memorial Hall West Dining area. In the meantime, if you would like to park with our club check in with Roger Holland, our First VP, as you will probably need to arrive with the club travel group.

We hope to camp with you at a rally soon; in the meantime, stay cool!

Ray

### 2025 CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

### **Executive Board of Directors:**

President - Ray Combs
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Director (1-Year) - Björn Kasper
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"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 BRN 5796

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As we now move into the dog days of summer, I hope everyone has enjoyed family and friends during these long, hot days and rested up for a busy CAC rally schedule as we move towards our <a href="big 65th anniversary celebration at Ocean Lakes">big 65th anniversary celebration at Ocean Lakes</a> in October/November! There are still spots they are holding for us, so if you haven't signed up yet, you still have time!

We had an incredible rally last month at Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort hosted by Dave & Sue Schoenecker and Wanda & Layne McMillan. They created an incredible fun-filled experience all weekend highlighted by an authentic Italian dinner complete with Italian music, beautiful tables & centerpieces, and of course delicious food!

We look forward to heading out in a few weeks to Kerr Lake for a restful weekend as many of us continue on to the International Rally in York, PA. It's still not too late to join us anywhere along the way and camp with our CAC members together for the rally.

We have a busy fall coming up from the Wagon Wheel rally in Mills River to the Carolinas Joint Rally in Palmetto Cove to a relaxing getaway at Broad River Campground in Boiling Springs, NC, and then onto our 65th anniversary celebration at Ocean Lakes! Don't miss out on these opportunities as there are still sites available at Broad River for a few more weeks along with room at several of the others!

We look forward to seeing many of you as the year progresses down the road!



### Membership Chair

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As of July 15, 2025, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 383 rigs and 717 members strong.

Lee Dunn
CAC Membership Chair



## Welcome New Members

- Robb and Cindy Dussault, Wake Forest, NC, and their 2016 International
- James and Linda Rose, Raleigh, NC, and their 2022 Globetrotter
- Affiliate members Alan and Sherrie Schork, Winston-Salem,
   NC, and their 2025 Trade Wind
- CM Trefzer, Surfside Beach, SC, and their 2017 Interstate
- Chuck and Valerie Hudock, Chapel Hill, NC, and their 2024
   Flying Cloud
- Ronnie Miller, Fleetwood, NC and his 2025 Globetrotter



## Second Vice President's Corner

John T. Hoffman
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Our Club rallies for 2026 are proving popular, so if you want to attend any of these events, it would be wise to register soon to assure your spot. To review the rallies for the rest of 2025 and 2026 and to register for any of these rallies, go to: <a href="Event Calendar">Event Calendar</a> | ACI.

Here is information about the New 2026 rally in Cherokee, NC, June 4-7: 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. Learn about their rich history at the Museum of the Cherokee People (<a href="https://motcp.org/">https://motcp.org/</a>). Fish for trout right in the campground on the annually stocked river. Take home an authentic one-of-a-kind treasure from the Qualla Arts and Crafts gift shop (<a href="https://quallaartsandcrafts.org/">https://quallaartsandcrafts.org/</a>) or the Native American Craft Shop (<a href="https://nativeamericancraftshop.com/">https://nativeamericancraftshop.com/</a>). A short hike brings you to Mingo Falls, at 120 feet, one of the tallest and most spectacular in the southern Appalachians.

The charming towns of Bryson City, Sylva, and Maggie Valley are a short drive away. The southern terminus of the Blue Ridge Parkway is in Cherokee, so you can start or end a trip with this rally! We've reserved 38 sites in the center of the campground (those in light pink on the website's campground map). All sites are pull through, full hookup, 50/30 Amp, and paved with a picnic table and firepit. We are getting a group discount of 15% so make sure you say you're with the Carolinas Airstream Club when you call. The sooner you book, the better, as you can lock in this year's rate. You can cancel up to one week out with only a \$20 fee. Come join us in beautiful Cherokee.

And by popular demand, we're returning to Blue Ridge Falls RV Resort near Lake Toxaway from June 11-14, 2026! Don't miss your chance to start next summer's travels at two true gems of the NC mountains!



## Let's talk about Alumapalooza!

Contributed by Brett Greiveldinger, R&B Events, LLC, BRN #5501; background photo by Allison Turner

Many ACI members have heard about <u>Alumapalooza</u> but have not yet attended one. This year, there is a special offer for members to "Rally Hop" from the International Rally in York, PA, to Alumapalooza, which will be held at Jackson Center, OH, after the International Rally ends! There is a special offer—if you pre-register for Alumapalooza, Early Parking will be added to your Alumapalooza registration for free, a \$50.00 value. Registrations close in mid-August.

For those of you that have not had the chance to attend, you should put this year's Alumapalooza on your list to attend. The event dates are September 2, 2025, to September 7, 2025. But with the early parking option, you can come in starting on Friday, August 29th.

Each year is different; they try to keep things fresh! There will be lots of learning opportunities from great presenters discussing many different facets of the RV lifestyle including tech. Airstream holds factory tour spots for us for that week, and there will be busses to move you from the campsite to the new plant.

There will be plenty of music to enjoy, including an open mic so those among us that want the big stage can perform. There will be entertainment from near and far. One of the confirmed entertainers is our trailer park friend Antsy McClain, and a Bluegrass band is still in the works to possibly be our opening night's entertainment.

There will be food! A Labor Day picnic will be held for the early parked attendees. There will be a WBCCI pizza party, a chicken lunch for charity, a free breakfast at the Legion Hall, an Airstream cookout, and a catered dinner.

We will have fun, you will learn something new, and you may just make new lifelong friends.

Pricing is \$50.00 for early parking (fee waived if you let us know in advance that you have attended the International Rally). Finding campgrounds on this holiday weekend can be difficult.

### COST TO ATTEND:

One attendee in a trailer \$450.00
Two attendees in a trailer \$545.00
Additional adults \$140.00 each
Kids under 16 Free

Begin your registration at <a href="www.alumapalooza.com">www.alumapalooza.com</a> and click on the registration button. Forward your York International Rally receipt to <a href="mailto:info@randbevents.com">info@randbevents.com</a> to get the free early parking offer or to ask questions.

The Alumapalooza team looks forward to seeing you in Ohio!

Please check out the FAQs online at <a href="https://alumaevents.com/frequently-asked-questions/">https://alumaevents.com/frequently-asked-questions/</a> to learn more about this amazing event.



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

The Carolinas Airstream Club has not thrived for 65 years by accident, but by the diligence and dedication of the club's officers and volunteers. Click here to listen to three former CAC presidents — George Lamb (2011), Bruce Thompson (2021), and Steve Thompson (2024) — chat about their experiences as presidents, navigating the growth of CAC, their different paths to the presidency, and what they see down the road for the club. (On a side note, their speculation about robots is purely fiction.) Many thanks to the Fox Team for facilitating and recording the discussion.



Click to listen!



**Longstanding Member Chat** 

\*This recording was produced with a little love from <a>@TheRivetedwithChrisandGina</a>.

## CAROLINAS AIRSTREAMERS CAN COOK!

### **Smoked Salmon Appetizer**

Contributed by cherylanne weaver, BRN 9883

You can make various amounts of this appetizer depending on the size of the smoked salmon you purchase. I do all the prep prior to heading out to a rally which makes this an easy to assemble appetizer.

### Ingredients:

Smoked Salmon (size chosen for the crowd size)
Minced red onion
Chopped egg whites
Black pepper grinder

Water crackers

Capers

Dip—Duke's mayo with horseradish (the real stuff, not the sauce) mixed to taste depending on how hot you want it. Make as much or as little dip as you need, depending on the size of the smoked salmon.

### Directions:

- 1. Refrigerate everything until the big event.
- 2. Place the smoked salmon on a platter for the Airstream, I usually have a disposable foil pan that I can toss when all the goodness has been devoured. If the salmon is not pre-sliced, I score it multiple times in both directions for easy picking.
- 3. Arrange a pile each of the red onion and chopped egg whites around the salmon.
- 4. Crack some pepper over the salmon.
- 5. Sprinkle capers over the salmon.
- 6. Add the crackers around the salmon or place them in a side basket.
- 7. Place the mayo horseradish dip in a side dish.
- 8. I have a fork for the salmon, a spoon for the red onion and egg whites, and a spoon for the mayo horseradish dip.

### Assembly:

Place a piece of the salmon on a cracker. Add some mayo horseradish dip. Top with red onions and egg whites. Bon Appetit!

# CAC's 2025 Rally and Caravan Schedule

Full details on Rallies and Caravans can be found by <u>Clicking Here</u>.

### 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

## 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 NC Blue Ridge Waterfalls Galore Rally June 11-14, 2026

### November 2026

Ocean Lakes - Myrtle Beach Rally November 4-8, 2026



Poster art by Tabb Adams



### Rally-Round-The-Campfire

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Robert 'Butch' Weaver (Lynne) – BRN 5394 – passed away on July 3, 2025, following a brief illness. Butch and Lynne were married in 1975 and have 3 daughters and 2 granddaughters. A few of Butch's favorite quotes include: "Pain is an expedient teacher," "I've never been unhappy with more," and "We can do this the easy way or the hard way." Carolinas Airstream Club has donated to American Whitewater in Butch's honor. Please keep Lynne and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

### SHOUT OUT!

John Hoffman (Renee) – BRN 11416 – is our 2nd Vice President. He and Renee have been working to get all our 2026 rallies planned. This is an amazing effort as they must communicate with each of the campgrounds, secure sites, scout out new locations for rallies, and work with our IT folks to publish this information on our website. Next time you see John and Renee, give them a BIG THANK YOU! We are looking forward to a year of great rallies in 2026!

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

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

Getting to Know Your 2025 Carolinas Airstream Club Executive Board

Thank you to each one for volunteering for our club!

This month, we're turning the spotlight onto the wonderful people steering our Carolinas Airstream Club forward in 2025! From vintage rigs to brand-new beauties, from beach rallies to mountain caravans—our board is full of passionate streamers with stories to tell. Let's meet your Executive Board and hear a few favorite memories they've shared along the way!







Ray Combs

### ## President: Ray Combs & Carol BRN #822 | 25' Flying Cloud | Oak Ridge, NC

Ray and Carol are longtime members who've made countless memories on the road—but one rally rises above the rest: Kerr Lake 2024. With its perfect campsites, scenic beauty, and unforgettable friendships, it was a standout. (Good news—we're headed back there again soon!)



First Vice President: Roger Holland & Robin

### BRN #5796 | Airstreams: 2012 19' International → 2024 25' Trade Wind | Shelby, NC

Roger and Robin have been members since 2015 and say their favorite part of CAC life is witnessing the heart of the community—how members go out of their way to help one another, from patching up rigs to lending a hand during health challenges. This kind of caring is what makes the Club family.



























### Second Vice President: John Hoffman & Renee BRN #11416 | 27FBT Globetrotter | Black Mountain, NC

After 15 years of sailing a 31' Catalina, John and Renee decided they could see more of the US as landlubbers. As Airstream was the only choice for discerning travelers, they purchased a 25FB International in 2015 and have since traversed the country, visiting North Carolina, Yellowstone National Park, Maine, the Florida Keys, and more. After meeting several members of CAC at the 2017 International rally, they joined and hit the ground running. They love Airstreaming so much, this year they traded up to their 27FBT Globetrotter.

























Janice Overcash

### Treasurer: Janice Overcash & Doyle BRN #2349 | 1978 31' Sovereign | Shallotte, NC

Still rocking their original Airstream—a true vintage gem that was once just a dusty dream in a storage lot. Bought in 2016 as Doyle's retirement project, they've spent years polishing it into rally-ready shape. Their first CAC event? The 2018 Region 3 Rally at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach—a memory they'll always cherish.

































## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT continued



### Recording Secretary: Shari Hord & Randy BRN #5724 | 1977 23' Safari (Previously: 1975 Argosy) | Harrisburg, NC

It all started with a parts run and a chance meeting with Burl Hammock over 10 years ago. One lunch invite later, they joined the Club...and on the drive home, they wondered, "What did we just do?" Answer: they joined something special. And they've never looked back!



### Corresponding Secretary & Email Admin: Lee Dunn & Dawn BRN #27312 | 2023 25' Flying Cloud | Pittsboro, NC

Lee and Dawn took a leap of faith in May 2021 by attending their very first rally at Palmetto Cove. They didn't know what to expect—but found instant friendship and fun. That first weekend led to lasting connections they now treasure rally after rally.



Director (2-Year): Vic Fordham & Claudia BRN #24127 | 1971 20' Land Yacht Safari | Goldsboro, NC

With their trusty dachshund Heidi riding shotgun, Vic and Claudia are always up for an adventure. One of their top highlights? The epic caravan to the 2022 International Rally in Maine—truly a road trip to remember!



### Director (2-Year): Jim Plyler & Kathleen BRN #12283 | 2020 International Serenity 28RB | Wake Forest, NC

Jim and Kathleen had a BLAST at their very first CAC rally at Red Gate Farms in Savannah, Georgia. The club immediately welcomed them, and the rally was an immersive introduction to the great folks that make up our Unit. Before 2020, they were proud parents of a 2019 Flying Cloud 23CB.





👺 Director (1-Year): Björn Kasper & Nicole BRN #20197 | 2023 Land Yacht 396 XL Class A | Belmont, NC

Alongside their tiny travel buddy, Yorkie Bella Grace, Björn and Nicole are all about fun, friendship, and unforgettable rallies. Their favorite? Hosting the 2023 Top of Georgia Rally, complete with a German dinner, door prizes, yoga, and—yes—the chicken dance! They love connecting with fellow members and making magic happen wherever the road leads.



🎉 Director (1-Year): Jack Grimes & Linda BRN #2514 | Chapin, SC

Jack is serving his second year as Director of the Club. He is currently traveling and was unable to submit his details.









## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT continued



Coming Up Next Month...

We'll have another amazing highlight of one of your fellow Carolinas Airstream Club members. We would love to spotlight YOU in a future newsletter. Please send an email to Björn Kasper at bkasperfl@yahoo.com if you're willing to participate, and he'll get back to you with next steps. Until then, stay safe, stay shiny, and keep streaming!  $\rightleftharpoons$ 

### Airstream For Sale

\$52,500

2020 22FB Caravel with three awnings, solar panels, and convection/microwave oven upgrades. Also included are all the accessories and equipment needed to hook up and hit the road. Additional upgrades include Battle Born lithium-ion batteries and associated electronics, soft start on AC (can run AC on 120 outlet or 2000-watt generator), tire pressure monitor, rear backup camera, and upgraded locks.

Contact Pamela Shea at pamelajshea@gmail.com for more photos or more information. Let her know you saw the ad in the Carolinas Airstream Club newsletter.







## Where You Can Find Us

Carolinas Airstream Club website:

https://airstreamclub.org/carolinas

Carolinas Airstream Club Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/NCUnit21Wbcci/

Carolinas Airstream Club email:

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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

