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President's Message:

by Eric Graham (BRN #5097)

Hello PSAC,

June is proving to be one of the hottest months of the year, but our June rally was the perfect temperature!

We had a great turn-out, with some familiar faces we hadn't seen in a while—and a few pleasantly unexpected ones.

Although my time at the rally was short, I truly enjoyed seeing and spending time with everyone.

I want to thank all the volunteers and our gracious hosts, Bill & Sandee Welch and Amy Eckhardt & Tim Demurs for doing such a great job.

I also missed those who couldn't join us.

Now it's time to look ahead to our next exciting event at Emberglow Outdoor Resort. If you haven't already signed up, please go to our web site and register so we can prepare our hosts.

This rally will be a catered dinner, so it is crucial that we get a good head count!

I hope to see all of you there—it's going to be a great rally!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July Birthdays:

Michelle Efird – 4
Stephanie Tisch – 5
Eddie Lee – 8
Charlie Purser – 10
Arlene S Puryear – 15
Ted Cox – 18
Donn Gray – 18
Janice Beckett – 19
Hattie Prugh – 24
Sandi Lee – 25
Kate Robertson – 28
Donald Tyminski – 28



August Birthdays:

Deb Rogers – 2
Fran Herlong – 3
Amanda Schaal – 4
Marti Wallace – 7
Bob Wilson – 7
Tami Van Thof – 9
Gary Turner – 10
Renee Phillips – 11
Rhonda Menster – 16
Callie Rae Scurry – 18
Ed Baxley – 20
John Holden – 21
Jack Brooks – 23
Kevin Richards – 25
Phil Abernathy – 26
Ken Whitman – 28
Laurie Braun – 28
Sarah Rider – 28
Jim Schaal – 30
Kelly Brickey – 31

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!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July Anniversaries:

Gary & Patrica Turner – 1
Randy & Veronica Booth – 4
Chris & Janice Beckett – 5
Bill & Joyce Butucel – 7
Joey & Becky Fairey – 14
Barry & Carolyn Barta – 16
Ken & Barbara Whitman – 21
Paul & Kathy Welch – 25
Mac & Susan Baughman – 29

August Anniversaries:

Dane & Ashleigh Griffith – 4
Richard & Carrie Sandstrom – 6
Ansel (Sonny) & Linda Meadors – 6
Stuart & Kate Robertson – 8
Doug & Joanne Wallis – 9
John & Susan Leake – 16
Jerry & Rhonda Menster – 18
Bob & Jan Wilson – 20
Burt & Gail Broadway – 27
Paul & Laurie Braun – 30
Bill & Sandee Welch – 30



Cares and Prayers:

- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead/healing.
- Praise and continued prayers for Rick Wright and his wife Lisa as he continues to heal after his cancer treatments.
- Prayers for Mark Weaver for upcoming bypass surgery.
- Prayers for all Members & Affiliates that are needing healing!





July 10-13: Silver by the Creek Rally Schedule



EMBERGLOW

OUTDOOR RESORT



This campground has **NO** facilities or place to meet; a lot of what we do will be on your own or as people volunteer their campsite to have our gatherings, etc.

THURSDAY, July 10th

4:00 PM Social Hour --- Early arrivals

For early arrivers, there will very likely be a group happy hour somewhere nearby at 4:00.

FRIDAY, July 11th

4:00-5:00 PM Social Hour --- Official start of Rally

This will be determined by who has the best shade or open area. The place will be announced by word of mouth as people arrive. Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. Dinner will be on your own or a Pot-Luck for those that want to bring something to eat instead of going out to eat. There is nothing close by.

SATURDAY, July 12th

8:30 AM Breakfast

The place to be determined by whoever wants to offer their campsite. There is an Ingles grocery stores 7-8 miles away. Volunteers will be needed to go and pick up some breakfast items that morning. Bring you own drinks i.e. coffee, tea etc.

4:00-6:00 PM

Social Hour of shared snacks and your choice of beverage. Again, place TBD.

6:00 PM Dinner:

Catered in BBQ from a local restaurant, Cole Slaw, Biscuits, Tea (sweet & unsweet) plus more... The place to be determined by whoever wants to offer their campsite. Please feel free to bring a dessert to share.

SUNDAY, July 13th

8:30 AM Continental Breakfast --- Good-bye until next time...

We will have a prayer for the road. Place TBD. Leftovers from Saturday breakfast.

Hosts: Charlie & Mary Ann Purser





Carolina Mountain Jamboree/Joint Rally

September 17-21



Please come join us for the 3rd Annual Carolina Mountain Jamboree, Sept 17 – 21, 2025. Hosted by Lowcountry Airstream Club.

Registration Fee is \$65 per person

Please note the events/meals are still in the planning stages:



WEDNESDAY – If you arrive early, join us for Happy Hour under the Pavilion.

THURSDAY – Official Arrival Day, Happy Hour & Please bring Heavy Hors d'oeuvres to share under the pavilion.

FRIDAY – Morning, Biscuit Bar & Fruit and Coffee.

Hike, Bike or Tea Plantation Tour / Evening,

Dinner: Weenie Roast w/ sides followed by ice cream.

Group Camp Music under the pavilion by all interested!

SATURDAY – Pancakes and Sausage & Coffee.

Bike, Hike or Pickleball.

Catered Dinner to be announced. Please bring a dessert to share.

J Creek Cloggers will delight us with their performance on Saturday evening.

SUNDAY MORNING: Coffee w/Pastries and a volunteer who would consider a short message before we depart.

Remember to bring your set-ups and choice of beverages to all meals.

Club Members, please consider volunteering to help with this event. Something as small as taking the trash out, sweeping or making coffee goes a long way.

A big thank-you to those that have offered to help.

Please call Palmetto Cove at 864-836-6221 to reserve your site before registering for the rally. They have reserved 100 sites for this rally.

Registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/251114652914149>

If you have any questions, please email them to lowcountryairstreamclub@gmail.com.





2025 Rally Schedule



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!

Call and check it out! Use the QR code to your right to book your site:

Book 5+ nights & get 20% off your entire stay, which ends up being one-night FREE!

HOSTS: Charlie & Mary Ann Purser



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!



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

Registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/251114652914149>



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 Get-together TBD





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 4-8: Region 3 Rally

SUN 'n FUN campground, home of the Aerospace Expo.
4075 James C. Ray Drive, Lakeland, FL 33811
Event Contact: Bob & Ginger at Phone # 828-443-7918



March 12-15: Silver on the Strand Rally

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.



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)





2026 Rally Schedule



June 11-14: Horsing Around Rally, **Croft State Park, Spartanburg**

450 Croft State Park Rd, Spartanburg, 29302, SC
There is a 13-month advance reservation window.

Reserve Now!

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.southcarolinaparks.com/croft) Guided tour of all campsites: [Croft State Park](https://www.southcarolinaparks.com/croft)



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 and 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).





2026 Rally Schedule



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



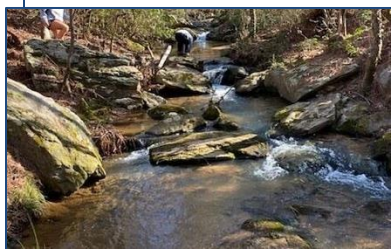
September 16-20: *Carolina Mountain Jamboree*, Palmetto Cove
521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC, 29635

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 the October Rally at Lake Hartwell.

Please let Eric Graham know if you would like to host for this rally.



Kings Mountain State Park Review submitted by Charlie Purser (BRN 28742)



We stayed at Kings Mountain State Park (KMSP) during the 2025 *Silver in the City* rally. I wanted to scout the park out as a potential PSAC rally site.

KMSP is an older park with a lot of history (see below). It seems SC is investing money in the park and modernizing things. Loop two of the campground seems to be the current focal point.

Sites 90-95 are newer and have 50 amp, as well as retaining walls, fresh gravel, etc. I would recommend those sites. They also have a new bathhouse near those 5 sites. We stayed at site #30 as we were not familiar with the park.

Only complaint I had is the dump station setup. They have two stations, and both were a mess (muddy, leaking faucets, tight entry/exit, etc.) They were built on gravel, and all the running water has created a big swampy mess. I hope they address that as it is a concern! The dumpsters and recycling bins are located in front of the dump stations.

The park has some good hiking and running areas. Based on my walkaround review, the best overall RV sites are: 71, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 93.

Covered picnic table areas are plentiful and would be great for group meals, events, etc. Some are large and could accommodate 50+ people.

The park is very quiet and peaceful. The long entrance into the park provides separation from everything else. A 15-mile drive from York and very close to I-85.



Kings Mountain State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The program was designed to provide employment during the Great Depression while addressing national needs in conservation and recreation.

The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's State Parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930's are still in use at this park.

• In 1934, 6,141 acres were donated by the US Government. In 1995 several land donations included: 268.5 acres donated by the Peeler Foundation; 109.9 acres donated by Carpenter, 33.27 acres donated by Van Dyke. Also in 1995, 332 acres were purchases from Whiteside.

• A popular attraction at Kings Mountain is the Living History Farm, a replica of a mid-19th century Yeoman Farm. The farm has a house, barn, cotton gin, farm animals, blacksmith and weave shop as well as a garden. For a lower-class Yeoman Farmer, it was essential to grow their own food for the family and animals, make their own medicines from herbs and grow enough cotton to make clothes. Visitors to the Living History Farm will see a variety of heirloom species of crops and herbs in the garden, in addition to fruit trees and a small grape vineyard. (the Living History Farm is very close to KMSP Campground, on the same entry road)





June 19-22: Silver in the Smokies | The Great Outdoors RV Resort



Missing from picture: Alan & Theresa Kirchner, Ron & Denise Sims, Keith & Victoria Basnett and Eric Graham & Allison Love.



TO Our Hosts for this Rally!
Bill & Sandee Welch and
Amy Eckhardt & Tim Demurs



Nuts & Bolts



Raffle Time



Word for the Road

Our Club Website: airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state



June 19-22: Silver in the Smokies | The Great Outdoors RV Resort



Our Club Website: airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state



Welcome New Affiliate Members

Walter Hopkins: cotthopkins2300@gmail.com

Velma Moss: velmoss1726@gmail.com

Mount Holly, NC

(BRN #08523) 2020 Interstate 19

SOME OF OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN JULY

July 2

- Fried Clam Day



July 4

- Independence Day

July 7

- Rock 'N' Roll Day

July 11

- Mojito Day



July 15

- Give Something Away Day

July 17

- Peach Ice Cream Day

July 20

- Moon Day



July 23

- Gorgeous Grandma Day

July 25

- Wine & Cheese Day

July 27

- Korean War Veterans Armistice Day



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!

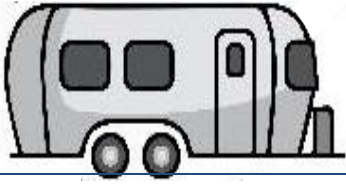
At every rally there will be this box to put your donations in, so you can donate at anytime!



Our Club Website: airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state



A Little Something About Us by Bill & Kelly Brickey (BRN 07350)



Hello &
welcome



We got introduced to the Palmetto AS Club at the Palmetto Cove Rally in 2024. The Palmetto Club seems like the place to be, so we joined as Affiliate members. Our Primary club is Carolina's AS club. We have been Airstreaming since August 2022.

My wife Kelly and I, our dog Bella travel extensively in our 2025 28 ft International Airstream during winters and summers.

Spring and Fall we are hanging close to our home in Moncure, NC (25 miles south of Chapel Hill, NC) and attending AS rallies in North and South Carolina.

We have 2 grown children - Julia and Jackson.



2026 National Caravans Region 3

Thoughts on Airstream Caravans — Diane Byrum Piedmont Airstream Club Region 3 Caravan Chair

This month's VP Thoughts is all about Airstream caravans. In the last three newsletters I have discussed rallies, hosts and participants. Airstream Caravans are another way to travel in groups with other Airstreamers. "At a weekend rally you meet new people, on a caravan you are likely to make life-long friends" (<https://airstreamclub.org/events/caravan-exploration/caravan-information-members>).

Airstream caravans have a rich history, starting with Wally Byam's first caravan in 1951. Wally Byam lead the first caravan from Texas to Nicaragua. A magazine picked up the caravan story and soon 63 brave Airstreamer trailers showed up to start the trip. The route was challenging (no google maps or GPS) and the roads often almost impassible.

This was the beginning of group travel for Airstream owners, and it's been a fun tradition ever since.



Joining a caravan is all about Adventure, Fun and Fellowship...Caravan leaders customize the adventures based on an area or region, doing all the planning, scheduling and booking of campgrounds, meals and activities. If you enjoy traveling but do not enjoy the planning, scheduling, booking campgrounds, finding activities, etc.....then ACI National Caravans are for you.

Caravans can last 10 days to 80 days in all parts of the US, Canada and Mexico. Explore the ACI website for all the National Caravans and availability.

1. Use your phone's camera to scan QR code above
2. Sign in to ACI using your email and password
3. Click EVENTS; from dropdown menu click Caravans
4. Click down arrow under SCROLL (middle of the screen)
5. Right side of page see EVENTS – Click events
6. The page below will appear

7. Use Map view or List view; Use drop down menus to choose dates, even types, state/province
8. Have additional help email me dbyrumis@gmail.com

If you are new to Airstreaming, or new to Airstream Caravans See 2026 Region 3 Caravans page for some awesome caravans and leaders close to home.

Diane Byrum
Piedmont NC Airstream Club VP
Region 3 Caravan Chair



2026 National Caravans Region 3

USE QR codes to check out 2026 National Caravans occurring in Region 3



Taste of the Blue Ridge (TOBR) 2026

Leaders: Steve and Leslie Lovett



Georgia on My Mind 2026

Leaders: Jim & Vicki Prasch

Karl & Cindy Weisenberger



2026 Florida Coastal Caravan

no 2026 dates posted

Leaders: Bob and Caroline Barnes



2026 Southeast Coastal Crawl
Leaders: Gary/Rose Marie Anderson & Ray/Carol Combs



Recipe

Submitted by Anabel Evans (BRN 08007)



Anabel's Famous Guacamole

Ingredients:

1 - 2 Avocados
1/2 Jalapeño (add more if you like heat)
1/4 - 1/2 Red Onion, chopped
1 Tomato, vine ripe, chopped
1/2 Bunch of Cilantro, chopped
3 - 4 Garlic Gloves, minced
2 Fresh Limes, juiced
Salt and Pepper to taste

Instructions:

Add avocados to a bowl with the fresh lime juice and mash. Make sure there are still some chunks.

Chop up all other ingredients and add to bowl.

Season with salt and pepper to taste.