



Tarheel Traveler

November 2025

21st club established in the WBCCI in 1960

Celebrating Adventure & Community



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ray Combs

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What a fantastic 65th anniversary for the Carolinas Airstream Club. So many people did so much work there are too many to thank: Terry's team, Randy's team, George's team, Roger's team, Bill Brickey's team, cherylanne's team, and dozens of others who worked behind the scenes to make sure we had a fantastic rally.

Fresh out of college in the 1970s, I read a management book that had one simple rule of being a good leader, and that was to surround yourself with people smarter than you, make sure they know what their job is, and then get out of their way. I think that's exactly what happened over this past year. With Roger, John, and Bill now stepping up, as well as our new secretaries, Norma Thrower and Mary Shaw, things are going to be really great in 2026. Throw into that mix our directors and continuing committee chairs, and things will only get better. Thanks to you all. And thanks to all our members and our affiliate members for being a part of making 2025 a fantastic year.



Poster art for the Ocean Lakes Rally 65th Anniversary Celebration,
Created by Tabb Adams

2025 CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

Executive Board of Directors:

President – Ray Combs
First Vice President – Roger Holland
Second Vice President – John Hoffman
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New Member Engagement – Terry Sheally
65th Anniversary of CAC Celebration Chair – Terry Sheally
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Club Historian – John Carriker
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Webmaster & Online Store Manager – Wayne Clark



First Vice President's Corner

Roger Holland
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It is hard to believe we have wrapped up another year of rallies, and what a way to finish! Much has already been said about our incredible 65th anniversary celebration at Ocean Lakes and we had our incredible first Biltmore rally which included snow and the Aurora Borealis. All I can add is "Wow"!! To all those who made these and all the rallies throughout the year possible, we owe you a very heartfelt *thank you* and appreciate all the time and effort you gave to make incredible memories for our members. You all are the lifeblood of the Carolinas Airstream Club.

I am looking forward to stepping into my new role with the club with anticipation, excitement, and nerves! We have an incredible slate of officers and directors that I am honored to be working with as we navigate the coming year and plan for our future. As we move forward, my only request is for each of you to consider becoming involved through participation in hosting rallies and joining us on some of the amazing rallies planned for 2026. I can assure you that it will be an experience you won't forget, and you will realize that your investment in your Airstream goes far beyond the silver beauty you pull behind you. It includes a warm, giving community that is here to support you and help you at any time.

Happy Holidays, and I look forward to seeing you down the road!



Christmas at Biltmore Rally 2025 with snow one night and the Northern Lights the next!



Second Vice President's Corner

John T. Hoffman
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The Christmas at Biltmore Rally was a well-attended event for which we had numerous wait-listed Airstreamers. The week was eventful from several perspectives. First, it snowed! Temps dropped into the teens one night. Then the Northern Lights appeared brightly over our 30+ Airstreams one evening. The visit to the Biltmore Estate was great, including a good meal in the Stable Café Dining Room and then a wonderful evening tour of Biltmore House. There was a choir singing Christmas carols, candles and fireplaces were burning, and the entire house was decorated for Christmas, 1895 style! Biltmore has committed to the same event next year and we are working out the details now. Stay tuned!

ACI International at Minot, ND, is approaching. As we plan our CAC participation, we will implement an online JotForm-based survey that we ask all CAC members to complete. Even if you are not planning to attend, it is important that you submit a negative response on the JotForm. We are gathering as much information about CAC member plans and preferences to assist our planning. Everyone planning to attend the International Rally should begin preparations soon. Note that RV parks in the immediate Minot Region are already booking up with inbound Airstreams. The closest large RV park is the KOA in Bismark, ND. If you plan to use that as your last stop enroute, I suggest that you book a site there, Aug 19-21, 2026, right away. There are other smaller parks in the area, which may have fewer amenities.

Look for the CAC Minot International Rally Survey to be available online after Dec 1. Please go to the CAC website and complete the JotForm survey. There will be space provided for questions and suggestions. In early January 2026, we will provide additional CAC member travel planning guidance.

Regarding the Punkin Chunkin Rally in October, campground reservation issues persist for the time being. The campground management advises us to standby, and they will soon start accepting reservations. We are monitoring this situation closely and have another campground option if the issues are not resolved with Valley River RV Park in the next 30 days.



65TH ANNIVERSARY – SPECIAL MESSAGE

FROM ACI LEADERSHIP

Contributed by Terry Sheally

From an email dated Saturday, October 25, 2025:

“Congratulations to the Carolinas Airstream Club on your milestone achievement celebrating 65 years as a local club of the Wally Byam Caravan Club International. It is through your passion and dedication that we can recognize this wonderful event, and on behalf of our entire membership, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Carolinas Airstream Club for remaining steadfast to the spirit and traditions of the Airstream Club International.”

Jenifer M. Schnettler
ACI International President
BRN #151



2025 has marked the 65th anniversary of the Carolinas Airstream Club's charter. To mark the milestone, Tarheel Traveler dedicated this section of the newsletter to the anniversary, and we have shared articles, links to photos, and other information throughout this year's newsletters. We hope you have enjoyed reminiscing and commemorating this achievement.

Carolinas Airstream Club



This segment featuring your travel-friendly recipes has been a fun supplement to this year's recognition of 65 years of adventure and community in our club. Thank you to each person who contributed!

CAROLINAS AIRSTREAMERS CAN COOK!

Hot Shrimp Dip

Contributed by Keith Cooke, BRN: 2695

Ingredients:

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| ½ cup butter | 2 teaspoons Creole seasoning |
| 8 green onions | 1 8-oz pkg cream cheese |
| 1 small green pepper | Chopped fresh parsley |
| 1 lb small shrimp or 2 cans canned shrimp | French bread baguette, sliced |
| 1 4-oz jar pimiento olives | |
| 2 garlic cloves | |

Directions:

On medium to med/low heat, melt butter in an open 8" cast iron frying pan. Add green onions and green pepper. Cook and stir until tender about 3-4 minutes. Add shrimp, pimiento olives, garlic, and Creole seasoning. Cook and stir until heated through. Stir in the cream cheese until melted. Top with parsley. Serve warm with baguette slices.





HERE'S TO 65 YEARS OF CELEBRATING ADVENTURE & COMMUNITY

Contributed by Terry Sheally

The Carolinas Airstream Club marked its 65th anniversary in 2025 with a year-long celebration, some parts of which are coming to an end: the anniversary logo will be retired, the signed anniversary rally banners will be archived, and the memorable year-end rally is in our rear-view mirror. However, the best parts of the anniversary were not confined to this year, and will live on as they have for 65 years: the new and renewed friendships that CAC fosters, the spirit of volunteerism and inclusion that keeps CAC viable, and the keen sense of responsibility demonstrated by CAC leaders to ensure the club meets the needs of its members. Although our anniversary slogan was new for this year, it was born of the history of CAC's past and its hope for the future. Here's to *another* 65 years of our Celebrating Adventure & Community!



Banners Signed by Members at Various Rallies
Throughout 2025 in Celebration of CAC's 65th Anniversary



2025 Ocean Lakes Rally in Myrtle Beach, SC, in Celebration of CAC's 65th Anniversary

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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MR AND MRS RAY FOWLER

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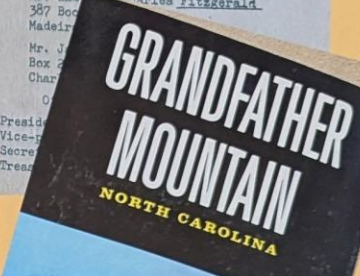
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CAROLINAS UNIT FROM HELEN BYAM SCHWAB BOON

MYRTLE BEACH S.C.
MAY, 1964



- CHARTER MEMBERS of the CAROLINAS UNIT of the WALLY BYAM CARAVAN CLUB
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Waynesville, North Carolina | 4241 Mr. and Mrs. Seth Haynie (Lorane)
Hemlock Inn
Bryson City, North Carolina |
| 3948 Dr. and Mrs. Joe Bryson (Dinnie)
104 Lake Crest Drive
Greenville, South Carolina | 4239 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hunt (Sue)
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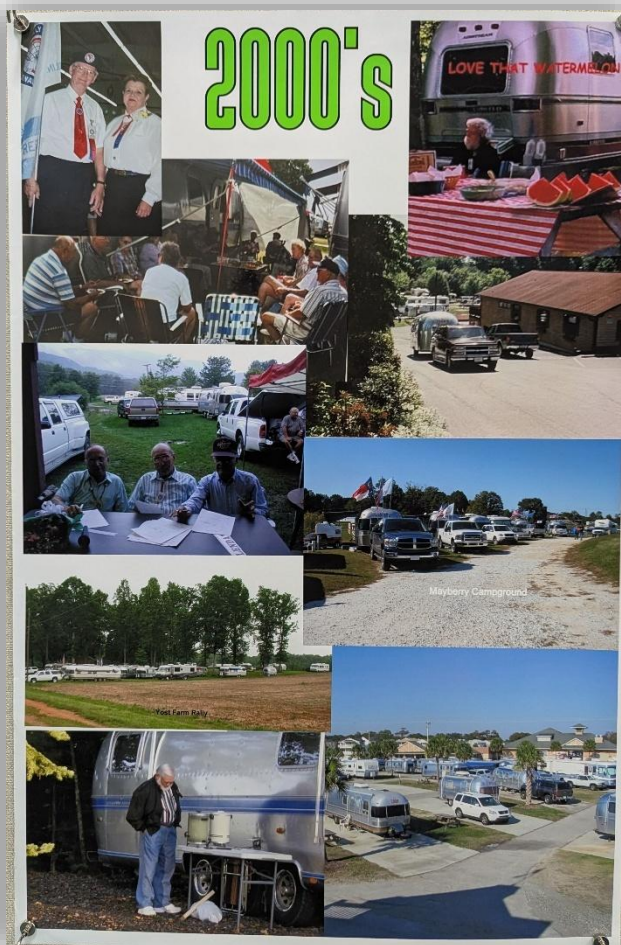
6th INTERNATIONAL RALLY
BENDON, MINN. 1963

LOUISE AND WALTER RENEKER
CHARTER MEMBERS

BEACH COMBERS HUNTING SHARKS TEETH
RED MAGGIE STRICKLAND, ANN MOORE, EDITH LEWIS,
INDIA & JAMES ROBBINS



Poster art for the Ocean Lakes Rally 65th Anniversary Celebration Created by Tabb Adams



Ocean Lakes Rally 2025



Our Club's Charitable Donations

Contributed by Janice Overcash, Treasurer

Thank you to all CAC members who were generous in their purchases of Opportunity Drawing tickets and Photo Booth prints at our 65th anniversary celebration last month in Myrtle Beach. We collected a total of \$2,231 from the sale of tickets and photos.

The Officers and Board Members agreed use club funds to round up that amount to \$2,400. Two Asheville-area nonprofits had been previously selected as recipients of our donations. The area continues to face challenges as they recover from the destruction that Hurricane Helene brought to western North Carolina in 2024. Our club donated \$1,200 to **Brother Wolf Animal Rescue** and \$1,200 to **MANNA FoodBank** with the money generously given at the Ocean Lakes Rally.



John Hoffman presenting our donation to Mr. Joe Beckler, Chief Development Officer for MANNA FoodBank



John Hoffman presenting our donation to Leah Craig Chumbley (on his right), CEO for Brother Wolf Animal Rescue



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:
<https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/65th-Anniversary-the-Carolina-Airstream-Club/7533616>



TorkLift GlowStep Giveaway

This giveaway is likely first-come/first-served, so read carefully if you're interested. Interested members should contact **Jenne Klotz** by email at jendon1979@gmail.com.

Jenne and her husband Don (BRN 27171) are affiliate members of the Carolinas Airstream Club. They live in Virginia, and last summer they were winners of a TorkLift gift certificate at the CAC Waterfalls Galore rally. They purchased a set of steps but decided not to install because they're considering a different trailer and no longer need them. Jenne and Don would generously like to offer the steps—a \$650+ value—to a member of our club! All they ask is that you cover the cost for shipping.

Each SmartStep® GlowStep RV step system is built in the USA from corrosion-resistant, aircraft-grade aluminum and stainless steel, designed to handle any terrain - from campsites to steep off-road conditions. The patented, fully adjustable and ground-supported technology connects your RV entry step or truck camper step directly to the ground, eliminating dangerous shake, bounce, or flex often found in traditional hanging steps.



Jenne and Don's set includes a shim adapter kit for Airstreams that do not have the traditional aluminum steps. They also have the shoe brush add-on to get dirt off your shoes.



Rally-Round-The-Campfire

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Gobble! Gobble! Streamers! Our tables are soon to be covered in turkeys and Thanksgiving feasts.

Wishing everyone safe travels this holiday season.

The 65th Anniversary Celebration at Ocean Lakes was a great success! Thanks to everyone that jumped in to help with setting up the dining room tables/chairs/décor. We have an incredible group of streamers always at the ready to help wherever needed.

Sharon Carriker (John)—BRN# 3679—had a successful knee replacement surgery and is on the mend. She is now a bionic woman!

SHOUT OUT!

A very special THANK YOU! To Terry Sheally (Benson)—BRN# 28115—for her tireless efforts over the past year assembling a



Membership Chair

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November 2025

As of November 14, 2025, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 392 rigs and 738 members strong.

ACI Member App Update

At the Ocean Lakes Rally, I gave a presentation about the ACI Member App update. Here are some of the highlights:

- The app went live in May 2025
- The app was created by a third-party company who is developing it at no cost to ACI
- Anyone can download the app but only ACI members can log in and use it
 - Runs on iOS and Android devices
 - Search for 'Airstream Club' in the app store
- Over 5000+ of the approximately 10,350 members have logged into the app
- It is a great app to enter a Big Red Number and find out who it is
- The app is new; it's not perfect but updates are coming, so give it a chance
- You can only send someone a private message if they have logged into the app
- So, to really make this app as valuable as possible, download it and log in.
- The app contains 'Help' information. Just tap the circle with the question mark in it at the top of the screen.
- To learn more about the app click [here](#).



team, organizing and coordinating the caterer, DJ, opportunity drawing items, World of History posters, memorabilia items and so much more, to plan the Ocean Lakes Rally 65th Anniversary celebration of the Carolinas Airstream Club. She spent countless hours planning this once-in-a-lifetime event. Terry's attention to detail and organization is an incredible asset to our club. Please be sure to say thank you the next time you see Terry. Terry and Benson were unable to attend the 65th Anniversary Rally due to her father's passing. Our condolences, thoughts, and prayers are shared with Terry and her family.

Our 2026 Club Officers

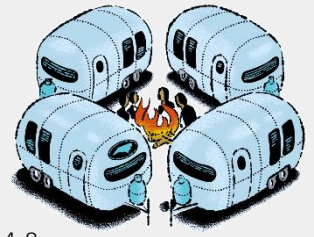
The individuals listed below were approved by vote and were installed as CAC officers for the calendar year 2026 at the Ocean Lakes Rally Business Meeting on October 31, 2025.

President	Roger Holland
1st Vice President	John Hoffman
2nd Vice President	Bill Brickey
Treasurer	Janice Overcash
Recording Secretary	Mary Shaw
Corresponding Secretary	Norma Thrower
Director	Terry Sheally
Director	Keith Cooke
Director	Vic Fordham
Director	Jim Plyler



L to R: Val and Keith Cooke, Norma and Larry Thrower, Mary Shaw, Ray Combs, Kelly and Bill Brickey, Renee and John Hoffman, and Robin and Roger Holland

Rallies and Caravans coming in 2026 . . .



March 2026

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

April 2026

Tanglewood Park NC Rally, April 16-19
Trot In To Tryon NC Rally, April 23-26
SeaBreeze, Holden Beach NC Rally, April 30-May 3

May 2026

Shining in Shelby Urban Rally, Shelby, NC, May 7-10
May in Mayberry NC Rally, May 14-17



From a previous year's Shining in Shelby Urban Rally

June 2026

Campfires in Cherokee NC Rally June 4-7
NC Blue Ridge Waterfalls Galore Rally June 11-14

July 2026

Top Of Georgia Rally, Helen, GA, July 9-12

August 2026

Traveling Group to International, August 14-21

September 2026

Little Washington NC Waterfront River Walk Urban Rally, September 10-13
Carolina Mountain Jamboree Joint Rally, TBD NC, September 17-20
Coastal Plains WillowTree Rally, Longs, SC, September 24-27

October 2026

NC Blue Ridge Waterfalls & Leaves Galore (Autumn Edition) Rally, Lake Toxaway, NC, October 1-4
Mills River NC Wagon Wheel Rally, October 8-11
Punkin Chunkin Festival and Chili Cook-Off Rally, Marble, NC, October 15-18

November 2026

Ocean Lakes – Myrtle Beach Rally November 4-8, 2026
Christmas At Biltmore Estate Rally, Asheville, NC, November 16-19

Have you seen our online store?



Check out our club's online store where 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 more.

Go here to get started:

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

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Contributed by Björn Kasper

We would love to feature YOU in a future Member Spotlight!

Contact Björn at bkasperfl@yahoo.com to express interest.

Jill Roberson and Petina Sloan

BRN 3092

2022 Flying Cloud 23FBQ



Jill Roberson and Petina Sloan first hit the road in the late 1990s with a 1998 *Excelsa 34 CB*, pulled by a Ram truck outfitted with a Viper engine. They traveled with their three toddlers in tow—an unforgettable sight rolling into any campground. At the time, they often wondered why everyone stopped to watch them arrive. Looking back... well, the answer seems pretty clear!

As their children grew and careers intensified, camping faded into the background. They attempted a comeback in 2008 with a *Safari 25CB*, but family schedules made it tough to keep that dream rolling.

They tried again in 2019 with a teardrop—an experiment that ended abruptly after a near-heat stroke experience in the middle of July. As they recovered, they looked at each other and said, “*What are we doing? Let’s go get an Airstream!*”

By Wednesday of that same week, their 2022 Flying Cloud 23FBQ was in the driveway. Since then, they have upgraded to front twin beds and swapped the dinette for a sofa, a modification they describe as *game-changing*.

Jill and Petina were encouraged to join ACI and CAC by an Airstream couple they met on the road—travelers fresh off a caravan and heading home to California. The couple had been “flamingoed” by Jill and Petina: a tradition in which they gift fellow Airstreamers a painted rubber grommet used to prevent door lockout. The couple’s enthusiasm for CAC convinced Jill and Petina to join in 2023, and they’ve since participated in several rallies, forming friendships along the way. One milestone they’ll never forget: the day their Big Red Number arrived—BRN 3092.

Their Airstream is named RRR-Geaux, pronounced *Argo (silver)*. Their three children all have names beginning with R, and Jill is an LSU alum—so the name honors both family and Tiger pride.

Jill and Petina have learned over the years that preparation and calm confidence make all the difference on the road. They believe in understanding every aspect of their Airstream’s maintenance, keeping a reliable checklist close at hand, and above all—never panicking. As Petina likes to say, they’ve found the secret is simply to “drive your own rig.”

When they’re not rolling down the highway, Jill and Petina enjoy spending time outdoors hiking, as well as training (and spoiling) their Brittany Spaniels. They love the thrill of discovering hidden treasures while thrifting and are always ready for their next adventure to Disney World.

Many are surprised to learn that Jill and Petina have each ridden on Mardi Gras floats—twice! They even had the unforgettable honor of toasting a Mardi Gras Krewe alongside the Mayor of New Orleans.

