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The Official Newsletter of the Palmetto State Airstream Club #022
Welcome to Camping in the Carolinas, Y'all!



I am deeply honored to be our **Palmetto State Airstream Club** President for 2026. I'm also very excited about what lies ahead for our wonderful club in 2026 and beyond. I want to say thank you for being a part of PSAC. It's always the people that make groups like this worthwhile and special.

Many of you were able to attend the recent Installation Rally in Mooresboro, NC. For those that were not in attendance, we missed you and hope to see you in Myrtle Beach, for our 2026 kick off rally.

Please stay tuned for email updates regarding key dates. We will need to act early and fast with some of our selected rally sites, **Streamin' with the White Squirrels** in Pisgah Forest, NC (Brevard) being the most critical. More to come on that. For now, just remember **February 8th!**

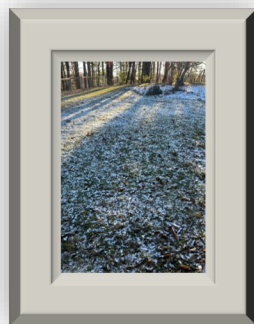
As December settles in, many of our Airstreams are winterized and ready for hibernation (we've already had one snow "dusting" in WNC), but the spirit of Airstream travel never rests. Just like the holiday lights that brighten our homes, the friendships we've built in the Palmetto State Airstream Club illuminate our journeys.

This year has been filled with rallies, laughter, and memories that remind us why we hitch up and head out together. As we gather with family and friends, may we also celebrate the fellowship of our club—the gift that keeps us connected no matter where the road leads.

Here's to a joyful holiday season and to the adventures waiting for us in 2026. May your days be merry, your travels safe, and your spirit always ready for the next rally.

I'm attaching a few photos here. **Eric Graham**, thank you once again for serving as our 2025 President! More corn hole competitions await us.

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2026 Palmetto State Airstream Club
Officers & Committees

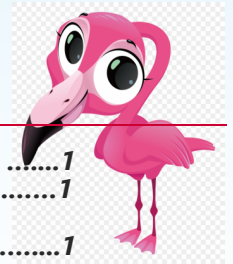
Board Members:

- President:** Charlie Purser
- 1st Vice President:** Joey Evans
- 2nd Vice President:** Kerstin Evans
- Past President:** Eric Graham
- Treasurer:** Sandee Welch
- Membership:** Mary Ann Purser
- Recording Secretary:** Vickie Lee
- Corresponding Secretary:** Kathy Welch
- Directors:** Bobby Puryear & Sia Pickell

Communications & Committees:

- Newsletter Editor/Public Relations:** Melia Jacobs
- Constitution & Bylaws:** Bobby Puryear
- Webmaster:** Bill Welch
- Webmaster Assist/Social:** Melia Jacobs
- Rally Team Chair:** Sandi Lee
- Rally Team Committee:**

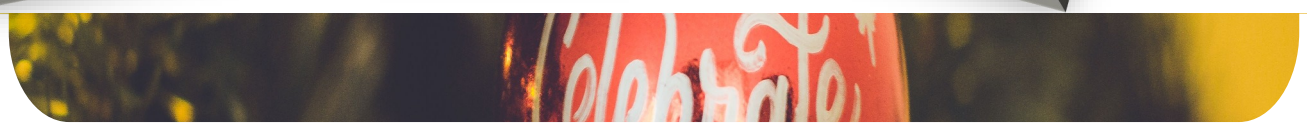
Love adventure and fun? Join our Rally Team!
Help plan exciting rallies and create unforgettable experiences for our Airstream family. It's your chance to bring ideas to life, make friends, and keep the spirit of the **Palmetto State Airstream Club** rolling strong!



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Nuts & Bolts



10 Tips & Tricks to Winterize Your Airstream

By: Melia Jacobs

As the leaves turn and the chill creeps in, it's time to prep your beloved Airstream for winter. Whether you're storing your Airstream for the season or planning frosty adventures, winterizing is essential to protect your rig and keep it road-ready. Here are my top 10 tried-and-true tips from the road:

1. Drain All Water Systems

Start by draining the fresh water tank, gray and black tanks, and water heater. Use the low-point drains and make sure no water is left to freeze and cause damage.

2. Flush with RV Antifreeze

Pump non-toxic RV antifreeze through your plumbing system to protect pipes and valves. Don't forget the toilet, shower, and outdoor shower if you have one!

3. Disconnect and Store Batteries

Remove batteries from smoke detectors, clocks, and other devices. For your main battery, either disconnect it or keep it on a trickle charger.

4. Seal Vents and Windows

Inspect all seals and weather stripping. Use vent pillows or covers to block drafts and prevent critters from sneaking in.

5. Clean and Dry Everything

Give your Shiny Hiney a deep clean inside and out. Moisture is your enemy—leave cabinets and fridge doors slightly open to prevent mold and mildew. Hack: Use Damp-Rid or a Dehumidifier.

6. Check Propane Systems

Turn off propane tanks and inspect lines for leaks. Store tanks in a safe, ventilated area if not attached.

7. Protect Soft Surfaces

Cover mattresses and cushions with breathable fabric or remove them entirely. This helps prevent moisture buildup and mildew.

8. Lubricate Locks and Hinges

Cold weather can stiffen locks and hinges. A little lubricant goes a long way in keeping things moving smoothly.

9. Critter-Proof Your Camper

Seal any gaps and use natural repellents like peppermint oil to deter mice. Store food in airtight containers or remove it altogether.

10. Rally-Ready Even in Winter! Even if you're not traveling, winter is a great time to plan your next rally. We're already dreaming of spring rallies.

Stay warm, stay safe, and keep those wheels ready to roll.

Just a reminder that next Saturday, December 13th is the Holiday Party at the Puryear's. **Robert & Arlene Puryear** open their home for our **Airstream** family to enjoy this festive season. The time is 11am -2pm. This is a potluck event, so please bring a covered dish or a dessert for everyone to enjoy. Feel free to use this thread to post your attendance and what you plan to bring. **Merry Christmas!!**



Reflections:

As Region 3 Vice President, I was honored and proud to install the new slate of officers for the **Palmetto State Airstream Club**. It was a festive rally with an excellent turnout. The food was outstanding, and the amenities at **Broad River Campground** were superb.

It was my pleasure to install our new President, **Charlie Purser**, who will bring strong leadership and confidence to our club. Our Vice Presidents, **Joey and Kerstin Evans**,

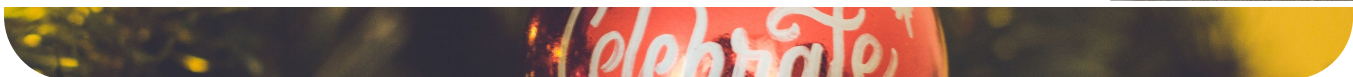
will serve as our first husband-and-wife team in many years. **Sandy Welch** will take on the role of Treasurer, **Vickie Lee** will serve as Recording Secretary, and **Kathy Welch** will continue as Corresponding Secretary.

Our new Directors are **Sia Pickell** and **Bobby Puryear**, with Bobby also serving as our Constitution and Bylaws Officer. **Bill Welch** will continue his excellent work as Webmaster, and **Melia Jacobs** will serve in dual roles as Newsletter Editor, Social Media and Public Relations. Last but certainly not least, **Mary Ann Purser** will be our Membership Chair, where she will work to grow and strengthen our membership.

I am proud of this dedicated group of officers, and I am confident that each of them will continue to serve with commitment and enthusiasm, ensuring that the **Palmetto State Airstream Club** remains the best club in all of Airstream.

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Burt Broadway
Region 3 2nd Vice President





2026 Rally Schedule

WELCOME TO CAMPING IN THE CAROLINAS, Y'ALL!



FEBRUARY
Valentines Luncheon
STAY TUNED



MARCH
4-8, 2026
Silver in the Sunshine State
Region 3 Rally
SUN 'b FUN Aerospace Expo Campground
Lakeland, FL



AUGUST
13-16, 2026
Stream'n with the White Squirrels
Davidson River Campground
Pisgah Forest, NC



12-15, 2026
Silver on the Strand
Myrtle Beach Travel Park
North Myrtle Beach, SC



22- 27, 2026
69th Airstream Club International Rally
North Dakota State Fairgrounds
2003 E Burdick Expy
Minot, ND 58701
airstreamclub.org/rally2026



APRIL
16-19, 2026
Silver in the City
Historic Downtown
York, SC



SEPTEMBER
4-7, 2026
Carolina Mountain Jamboree Joint Rally
STAY TUNED

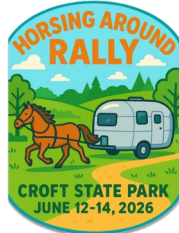
MAY
14-17, 2026
Shiny Apple Stream'N Rally
Orchard Lake Campground
Saluda, NC



OCTOBER
1-4, 2026
Silver in the Pines
522 Boyd Pond Road
Aiken, SC



JUNE
12-15, 2026
Horsing Around Rally
Croft State Park
Spartanburg, SC



NOVEMBER
6-8, 2026 (Installation Rally)
Silver on the Broad
Broad River Campground
Mooresboro, NC



JULY
9-12, 2026
Back2Bear Park Rally
Creekview Farm RV Park
Waynesville, NC



Make 2026 Unforgettable!
Host a rally and create lasting memories. **The Rally Team** will help with all the details!

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Welcome to the Sidewalk Café!

Adventures Begin Here—Southern Style!

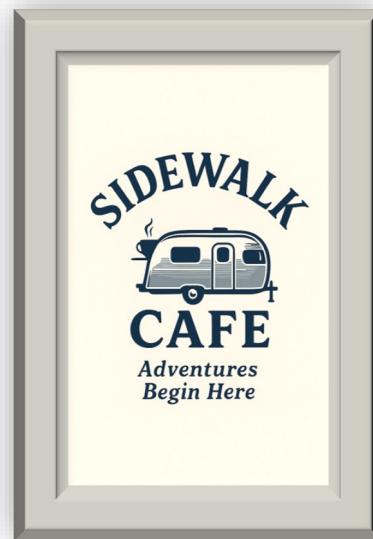
Picture this, y'all: It's a golden Carolina afternoon, the air sweet with proud Palmetto trees, casting long shadows over a circle of gleaming Airstreams and the laughter of friends old and new. The air is filled with the scent of Carolina barbecue and the sound of laughter drifting on a gentle southern breeze. Instead of the usual Happy Hour, our rally brings you the Sidewalk Café—a tradition with roots as deep as the Palmetto itself.

The **Sidewalk Café** began in 1956, when Wally Byam's Airstream Caravan rolled through Paris, France. Caravanners, inspired by the city's lively outdoor bistros, pulled up their own chairs and tables, shared refreshments, and watched the world go by. It was more than a social hour—it was a way to connect, swap stories, and make important decisions, all with a dash of European flair.

But here in the Palmetto State, we add our own flavor. Picture gathering beneath the swaying fronds of Palmetto trees, sipping sweet tea or a cool mint julep, and sharing tales of the open road. Each Airstream brings its own table, chairs, and favorite local treats—maybe a basket of hushpuppies or a pitcher of lemonade.

The spirit is the same: camaraderie, southern hospitality, and a celebration of adventure.

Whether you're serving wine like the Parisians, a Cuba libre in Havana, cerveza in Mexico, or—true to our roots—a cold Coca-Cola or a classic southern cocktail, the Sidewalk Café is about making everyone feel right at home. It's a tradition that's traveled from the Bois de Boulogne in Paris to the heart of Carolinas, and now, it's yours to enjoy at our rally.



Calling all Palmetto State Airstream Club Members! We'd love to feature your adventures, favorite recipes, and photos in the next Bell Ringer. Please send your write-ups, recipes, and pictures by the 15th of each month.
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“Wishing all Palmetto State Airstream Club Members a very Merry Christmas and a joyful holiday season! May your travels be bright, your gatherings filled with laughter, and your hearts warmed by the spirit of friendship and adventure. Here's to creating wonderful memories on the road and sharing the joy of the season together!”

