



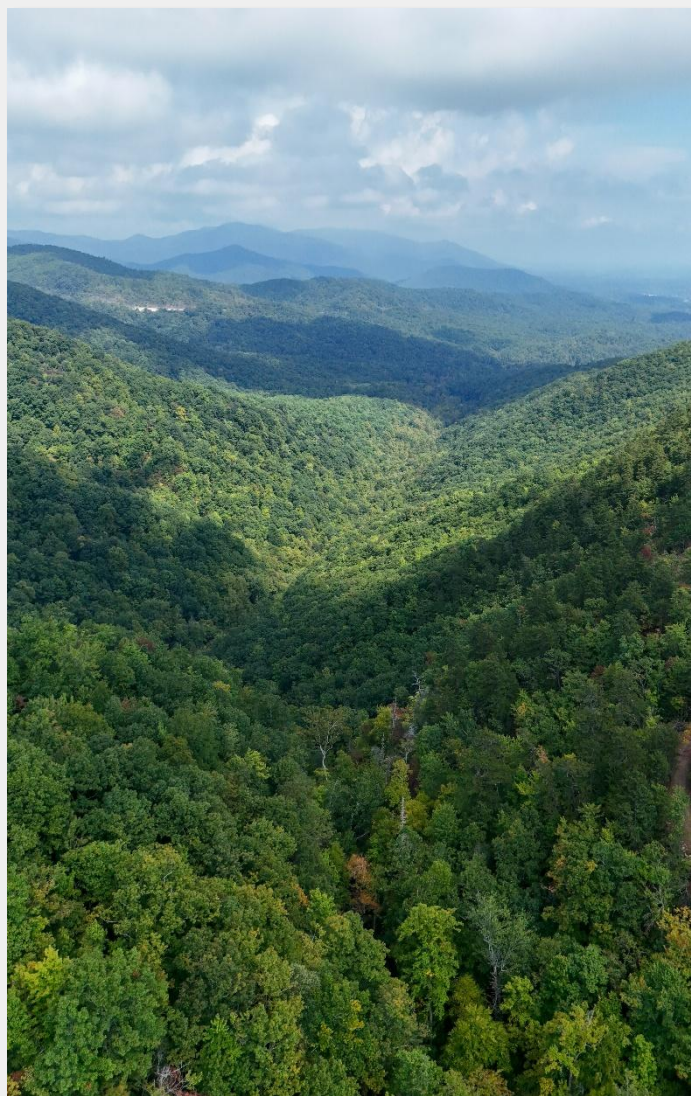
# Tarheel Traveler

CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> club of WBCCI, established in 1960



## January 2026



Drone shot of the mountains in North Carolina; Photo by Bart van Griensven on Unsplash



### President's Corner

**Roger Holland**

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Happy 2026 to everyone!

We are looking forward to another exciting year of rallies and activities with our Carolinas Airstream Club. Your 2026 Board has already hit the ground running as we try to develop new ways to develop more rallies to create additional opportunities for our members. Rallies are the life blood of our club where we have the chance to meet new Airstream friends and develop lifelong friendships with a shared interest. As one of the largest clubs in ACI, it is important for us to maintain the warmth and friendliness that has been responsible for our phenomenal growth over the last several years and be vigilant to recognize that with increased numbers we need to adapt accordingly. Our board will be focused on this as we look for ways to welcome our new members, increase our rally opportunities and not forget our past. I am excited about what we have ahead of us in 2026 and look forward to seeing you all down the road!



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### 2026 CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB LEADERSHIP TEAM

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## First Vice President's Corner

**John T. Hoffman**  
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We are beginning a new year of CAC rallies! 2026 will be loads of fun, with lots of interesting travels across the Carolinas and beyond! But you need to book campsites and register for CAC rallies you want to attend now, as many are filling up. Tanglewood and Shining in Shelby are already wait-list only.

If you have not registered for the May in Mayberry rally, nor booked your campsite at the Mayberry Campground, you need to do that soon, as well. While all the CAC reserved campsites are already booked, the campground still has some other campsites available.

Campfires in Cherokee in June and the Top of Georgia rally in July are both popular and will fill up fairly soon. Other rallies such as Holden Beach and Blue Ridge Waterfalls are just around the corner, so don't delay! It is also not too soon to book your campsite and register for the annual CAC rally in November at Ocean Lakes in Myrtle Beach, SC.

The Shining on the Pamlico Rally in September is still in development but nonetheless, the organizers in Washington, NC, have confirmed that it will be held. Stay tuned for more details and be prepared to register as soon as registration opens. This will be a fun event that you will not want to miss.

If you are interested in the Punkin' Chunkin' Rally in Brasstown, NC, you need to book your campsite at the Murphy KOA before the end of January to get the special CAC discounted rate. Once you have your campsite booked, then remember to register for the rally on the CAC website.

If you want the CAC Christmas at Biltmore experience, I strongly urge you to book your campsite and register on the CAC website for this popular rally very soon. More than half of the available spots are already booked, and this rally will likely be sold out in the next month or so.



The CAC Jotform survey about participation in the 2026 ACI International Rally in Minot, ND, is now live on our website. Please visit the following URL to complete the survey:

<https://www.jotform.com/build/252674807358165>.

Please Note: even if you are definitely not going to attend this year's International Rally, please let us know via this survey.



## Second Vice President's Corner

**Bill Brickey**  
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Welcome to 2026. As John Hoffman has already described, he and Renee have developed a very nice lineup of rallies for this year. I hope to see you when our rally season kicks off at James Island in March and/or at one of the many other rallies planned for this year.

I am just now getting my feet under me as your 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, but I have already started thinking about rally possibilities for 2027. The Board voted to begin using *Rally Managers* to help the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP plan and execute rallies beginning with the 2027 calendar year, and I am looking forward to working with our new Rally Managers, Larry Thrower and Nick Wylie. The three of us had our inaugural call in December and have a good start on rally possibilities for 2027; however, we would like to get broader input. To facilitate that, we plan to survey the CAC membership in Q1 Of 2026. Input we are looking for includes things like the number of rallies per year, suggestions on new locations/campgrounds, identification of hosts, rally activities, etc. An announcement about how to participate in the survey will be included in an upcoming newsletter and we hope to hear from every member.

Finally, remember to complete the CAC Jotform survey for the International Rally in Minot, ND (even if you do not plan to attend). This information will be very helpful as we begin to develop plans for the travelling group. You'll find the link to the survey in John Hoffman's message in this issue.

## Customize Your Own CAC Memorabilia

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>



# CAC News!

There is exciting news for members of the Carolinas Airstream Club. In addition to all the great rallies that the club is planning, we are now adding *expeditions*. Expeditions are similar to rolling rallies and in some cases caravans. The big difference is that expeditions go further, and you can expect to stay gone longer than when you're at a regular rally.

By now you should have heard about the CAC Newfoundland expedition for 2027. Check your email if you haven't. But wait, there's more! Plans are now in the works for a journey out west in 2028. Below you can read more information about this exciting possible CAC expedition.



Photo by Pei Yu on Unsplash

## Future Expeditions—*seeking your input*

Contributed by Valerie Cooke

During this current winter season, prime camping is over for most of us, our trailers are winterized, and thoughts turn to planning for destinations and rallies in the future. If you have places that you long to visit, our club wants to know about them.

As described above, our club is developing *expeditions* – longer rolling rallies with portions that will be similar to caravans. An expedition could be planned to one of your preferred destinations and you could host or co-host the trip and choose specific stops and sights along the way.



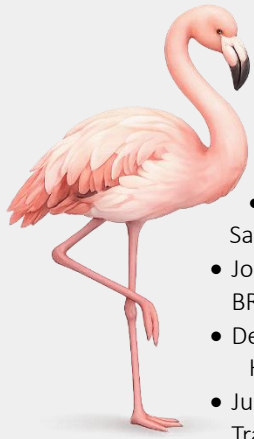
Photo by Isaiah Ransom on Unsplash

One favorite place of CAC member Keith Cooke is Philmont Scout Ranch in NM. He is developing a plan to retrace the northern route of the Santa Fe Trail, making a stopover at Philmont. In 2028, we hope to offer this trip to you as a 23-night expedition where we will meet and spend a few nights in Independence, MO, to begin the Santa Fe Trail. After that, the plan is to gradually make our way to Santa Fe, NM, where along the way we'll travel through Kansas and southeastern Colorado on our way. This expedition is still in its planning stages, but with thoughts of seeing wagon ruts in the Kansas prairielands, dinosaur tracks in Colorado, adobe ruins in New Mexico, and possibly having a western style chuckwagon bison BBQ dinner at the ranch, we almost can't wait to get rolling.

ACI's Balloon Fiesta National Airstream Rally (BFNAR) in Albuquerque, NM, is the first weekend in October and we are trying to coordinate the end of our trip to be within a week of this event. With the drive from Santa Fe to Albuquerque only being about an hour, going to the balloon fiesta at the end of our expedition would be an ideal next stop for you to do on your own. Slots for BFNAR are given out by lottery. Individuals who are interested may submit their entry for the lottery in January of the year they wish to attend.

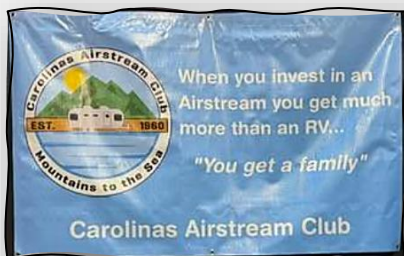
If you have thoughts or dreams for a CAC expedition, please contact any CAC officer.

"Travel as much as you can, as far as you can, as long as you can." —Anonymous



## WELCOME New Members

- Laureenne Douglas and Carl Doughty, San Diego, CA, 2025 Pottery Barn, BRN 25282
- John Hopkins, Asheville, NC, 2024 Classic, BRN 4464
- Dennis and Cortney Mondzak, Huntersville, NC, 2024 Bambi, BRN 7104
- Julie and Dennis Barrows, Terrell, NC, 2025 Trade Wind, BRN 11124
- Steve and Tamara Benefiel, Lewisville, NC, 2016 Flying Cloud, BRN 9310
- Bill and Laura Mooney, Pendleton, SC, 2024 International, BRN 12884
- David and Barbara Walton, Sanford, NC, 2025 Trade Wind, BRN 1348
- Kenny and Dara Smith, Mentone, AL, 2021 Flying Cloud, BRN 26798
- Brian and Karen Rakers, Snow Hill, NC, 2022 International, BRN 8525
- Kathleen and Jim Dorosiewicz, Jamestown, NC, 1986 Sovereign, BRN 6927
- Joseph and Joanne Pierro, St. Peters, MO, 2023 Globetrotter, BRN 6537
- Miguel and Susan Rodriguez, Havre de Grace, MD, 2022 Globetrotter, BRN 7035
- Mike and Jill Pastva, Kent, OH, 1999 Safari, BRN 204
- Terry Montgomery, Santa Rosa Beach, FL, 2012 Flying Cloud, BRN 3156
- Charles and Susan Nesbit, Pfafftown, NC, 2008 Safari, BRN 3823
- Jeff and Christine Fisher, Indialantic, FL, 2024 International, BRN 13101
- Eric and Donna Pollard, Fort Mill, SC, 2024 Rangeline, BRN 7218
- David and Debbie Stair, Knoxville, TN, 2017 Flying Cloud, BRN 7368
- Roger Sansom and Celeste Ziara, Eden, MD, 2019 Flying Cloud, BRN 02799
- Karen Fisher and Wallace Kimmell, Oxford, MI, 1988 Limited, BRN 00248, BRN 00155
- James Bevins and Lynn Alleva-Bevins, McCormick, SC, 2022 Classic, BRN 06848
- Charles and Angela Campbell, Durham, NC, 2024 International, BRN 27703
- Karen Lake, Indian Land, SC, 2024 Bambi, BRN 0977
- Lynn Melbourne and Eve Kym, Carrollton, TX, 2029 Classic, BRN 08351



We have  
a new banner  
for our club!



## Rally-Round-The-Campfire

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Well **HELLO 2026** & all you Streamers!

I hope the year is off to a good start and you have got your spots reserved on the many rallies planned for this year.

This week I had the privilege of seeing the Buddhist monks on their Walk for Peace in Charlotte, NC. What an amazing sight to see and such an amazing group of men spreading the message of mindfulness and peace. If they are in your vicinity as they travel on foot to Washington, DC, I encourage you to have this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

No news is good news. Hoping everyone is in good health at the start of this new year. Please feel free to contact me with any news you'd like to share with our membership.

### SHOUT OUT!

Roger Holland—our new President – and his wife, Robin Holland – BRN# 5796—for taking on the task of leading the Carolinas Airstream Club this year. This is no small undertaking as it is a 3-year commitment to arrive at President. They will do an awesome job guiding us Streamers through this next year. Thank you for taking this on and for your commitment to CAC! We are here to support you.

"Today is going to be my peaceful day." - Bhikkhu Pannakara

## CAC at Two RV Shows

Contributed by Keith and Valerie Cooke

CAC represented Airstream Club International at the recent Progressive RV Show in Greensboro, NC. In addition to promoting our fabulous club, CAC assisted Airstream of Greensboro in promoting the *Airstream Explorer* program that provides the first year of ACI membership when a new owner buys an Airstream!

Weather permitting, our club will again represent ACI at the Progressive RV Show in Charlotte, NC, Jan 30-Feb 1 supporting Airstream of Charlotte in the promotion of the *Airstream Explorer* program. If you happen to be nearby that weekend, come on by and say hello to those at our table! We hope to have club members John and Renee Hoffman, Keith Cooke, and Roger and Robin Holland stationed at our table, and we would love to see you there.



Valerie and Keith Cooke at the Greensboro RV Show

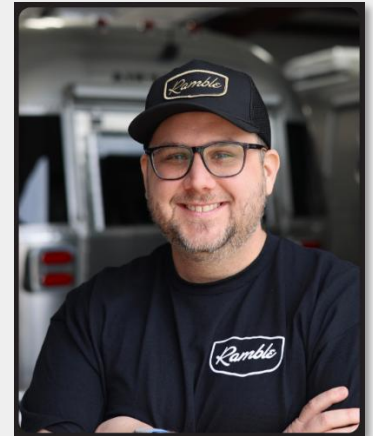


# CAC Invitation! ↔ Ramble NC Grand Opening



The Carolinas Airstream Club is invited to a grand opening celebration for Ramble Trailerworks North Carolina, a new Airstream-focused service and upgrade center. Ramble NC is owned and operated by Chad Watson. Chad and his wife, Laura, are CAC members, BRN #8489.

This grand opening celebration is for CAC members only. We'll have Brad Driver from *Thirteen Adventures* on-site for a short seminar! Jonathan Penn, co-founder of Ramble Trailerworks and owner of Ramble Texas, will also be in attendance along with his wife. This is a BYOC (bring your own chair) event! If you plan to attend, you'll need to RSVP (see link below).



Chad Watson, Ramble Co-Founder



Date: Saturday, February 21  
Time: Starting at 1pm and ending at 4pm  
Place: [Ramble Trailerworks](#)  
1323 S Park Dr  
Kernersville NC 27284

Please RSVP at the following link or via the QR code: <https://forms.gle/V57bPUjR8hnXd837>



Jonathan Penn  
Ramble Co-Founder



Brad Driver  
Thirteen Adventures

## Membership Chair

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### January 2026

As of January 15, 2026, the Carolinas Airstream Club is 388 rigs and 730 members strong.

### ACI Member App

Did you notice there were a few upgrades to the ACI Member App recently? You should be running Version 1.0.10. If not, you should update the app on your smart device.

### Airstream Club International Benefits

For many, the main reasons for joining an Airstream Club are the camaraderie and meeting people with like interests at rallies. However, there are product discounts available to Airstream Club International members. You can check these out by logging in at: <https://airstreamclub.org/benefits>. Take a look. You might be surprised by what you have access to.

Questions about anything dealing with membership? Please email me at [021membership@gmail.com](mailto:021membership@gmail.com).

Airstream Club International membership benefits extend far beyond access to Events and Caravans. These benefits are associated with owning, operating and maintaining your Airstream and are from some of the top travel-related companies.





Scott and Laurie Davis

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Contributed by Björn Kasper

We would love to feature YOU in a future Member Spotlight!  
Contact Björn at [bkasperfl@yahoo.com](mailto:bkasperfl@yahoo.com) to express interest.

**Scott and Laurie Davis**  
**BRN 14024**  
**Globetrotter 25'**

Just one year ago, a simple conversation about camping turned into a life-changing adventure. Scott and Laurie had never camped—never owned an RV, never even *considered* it seriously—when they decided to stop by a dealership “just to look” at Airstreams. Famous last words! They walked in curious and walked out proud owners of a 25-foot Globetrotter. And just like that, their Airstream journey began.

Knowing they were total beginners, Scott and Laurie joined Airstream Club International and the Carolinas Airstream Club with one goal in mind: learn from those who had been there, done that. Just as important, they wanted to be part of the larger Airstream community, and rallies quickly became their classroom and their social hub. From picking up tips and tricks to sharing stories around the campfire, rallies have helped them grow in confidence while discovering some truly amazing places along the way.

Their Globetrotter, affectionately known as “The Tin Can,” has already proven to be the perfect travel companion. Along the way, they’ve picked up a few favorite upgrades and lessons learned: a countertop ice maker is a must-have, upgrading the mattress is worth every penny, and a quick test run before each trip can save the day. And when something inevitably goes wrong? Don’t sweat it—solving little problems is all part of the fun.

When they’re not Airstreaming, Scott and Laurie stay busy with fly fishing, golf, skiing and snowboarding, target shooting (not hunting), and real estate. Fly fishing deserves a special mention—Laurie introduced Scott to the sport after he confidently declared he *didn’t need another hobby*. Fast forward to today and he’s completely obsessed. That passion even led them to become founding members of The Fly Fishing Airstream Club, combining two of their favorite things: the open road and great water.



Scott and Laurie are proof that you don’t need years of experience to jump into the Airstream lifestyle—just a little curiosity, a sense of adventure, and a willingness to learn along the way. If you see The Tin Can (BRN 14024) at an upcoming rally, be sure to stop by and say hello!



# Rallies and Caravans for 2026



The 2026 Region 3 Rally is SOLD OUT!  
[Click here to add yourself to the WAITLIST.](#)

## 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 Into Tryon NC Rally, April 23-26 (\*TBD)  
 SeaBreeze, Holden Beach NC Rally, April 30-May 3

## May 2026

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

## 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  
 ACI International Rally, Minot, ND, August 22-27

## September 2026

Shining on the Pamlico Rally, Washington, NC, 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  
 Christmas At Biltmore Estate Rally, Asheville, NC, November 16-19



Considering going to Minot in 2026?  
[Click here to learn about registration, deadline dates, fees, and more.](#)

## 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](mailto: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>
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