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The Official Newsletter of the Palmetto State Airstream Club #022

Welcome to Camping in the Carolinas, Y'all!



It's been seven weeks since our Installation Rally and I have to admit that it feels a little strange being the current President of PSAC. Airstream BRN 28742 is now hibernating in our yard and rally activity has ceased for 2025.

There are still many things going on, though:

Mark your calendar: February 8th! That's the date that we can start reserving sites for our 2026 *Streamin' with The White Squirrels Rally*. As mentioned earlier, this campground is in VERY high demand and it will fill up quickly. You can access the Davidson River Recreation Area Campground here: [National Forests in North Carolina](#) | [Davidson River Recreation Area](#) | [Forest Service](#)

The Shiny Apple Rally (Orchard Lake Campground, Saluda, [NC](#)) sites are sold out. You can contact the campground for cancelled reservation availability, however. It's a large campground and I'm confident there will be additional openings as the calendar pages turn.

The *Installation Rally* for 2026 will return to the Broad River Campground in Mooresboro, NC. The dates are **October 22-25**.

Thanks to **Jennifer Olsem**, we now have PSAC branded merchandise available! This link will take you directly to the PSAC branded items: <https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Palmetto-State-Airstream-Club-Logo/7878385> More details on the last page of this newsletter.

2026 will be here soon and I'm super excited about our events. I'm more excited about seeing familiar faces again and enjoying time together. As we all asked when we were younger, "Are we there yet?"

Be blessed,

Charlie

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2026 PSAC President

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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



Airstream Camping New Year's Resolution Ideas

By: Melia Jacobs

"Happy New Year, As we roll into 2026, let's make some camping resolutions: explore new destinations, spend more time under the stars, share more campfire stories, and create unforgettable adventures with friends old and new. Here's to a year filled with open roads and endless memories!"

1. Purge and Organize Your Rig

Do an annual purge: Empty every drawer, cabinet, and compartment in your Airstream. Remove items you haven't used, don't need, or that add unnecessary weight. This makes travel easier and more enjoyable.

2. Upgrade or Replace Gear

Inspect all equipment and gear. Replace worn-out items, upgrade essentials, and refill consumables like lubricants and cleaners. Consider investing in a tire pressure monitoring system for safety.

3. Travel More and Explore New Destinations

Make it a goal to visit at least one new campground or region this year. New scenery brings new energy and stories. Even short trips count—build a habit of stepping outside whenever you can.

4. Eat Well and Cook Creatively

Try new recipes in your Airstream, use slow cookers or other easy tools to make healthy meals on the road. Diversify your menu with local or international cuisine.

5. Keep a Camping Journal

Track your adventures, what works, what doesn't, and memories you want to keep. Use a notebook or a notes app to record highlights from each trip.

6. Volunteer and Give Back

Help others in the camping community or local areas you visit. Volunteer, donate, or simply pick up trash to leave places better than you found them.

7. Take Family Adventures

Plan trips that include family or friends. Teach children about the joy of camping and the outdoors. Start new traditions or honor old ones.

8. Stick to a Consistent Outdoor Routine

Set weekly or monthly goals for outdoor activities—hiking, biking, or nature walks. Join camping groups or clubs to stay motivated.

9. Learn About Nature

Use field guides or apps to identify wildlife and plants during your travels. Volunteer for conservation initiatives to deepen your connection with nature.

10. Express Your Creativity

Renovate a vintage Airstream, paint, write, or start a blog about your travels. Creativity adds joy and meaning to your camping lifestyle.



Valentine's Luncheon – RSVP by January 31!

Our annual Valentine's Day gathering will be held **February 7** in Greenwood! A big thank you to **Dave & Sia Pickell** for hosting. We'll meet in a private room at The OG Mexican Restaurant, followed by an optional get-together at the Pickell home (just 10 minutes away).



SPOTLIGHT:

Silver in the Sunshine State: Region 3 Rally – March 4–8, 2026

Get ready, Airstreamers! The much-anticipated **Region 3 Rally** is just around the corner, and it promises to be an unforgettable experience. Mark your calendars for **March 4–8, 2026**, as we gather at the **SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo Campground**, located at **4075 James C. Ray Drive, Lakeland, FL 33811**.

Event Highlights

- **Theme:** *Silver in the Sunshine State*
- **Location:** SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo Campground – a premier venue with full RV hookups, shower facilities, and easy access to Lakeland's vibrant downtown.
- **Activities:**
 - Camaraderie and entertainment with fellow Airstreamers
 - Onsite vendors and seminars
 - Meals, campfires, and special guest appearances from **Airstream, Inc.** and **Airstream of Tampa**
- **Nearby Attractions:**
 - 45 minutes to Disney World and Disney Springs
 - 20 minutes to the Florida Strawberry Festival
 - Historic Downtown Lakeland and Lake Mirror Promenade, Frank Lloyd Wright architecture at Florida Southern College

Important Notes

Registration: The rally is **SOLD OUT**, but you can still join the **WAITLIST** [here](#).

- **Deadline:** February 16, 2026, for waitlist submissions

Event Contacts: Bob & Ginger Ealy – region03@airstreamclub.org | (828) 443-7918



Palmetto State Airstream Club Connection

Our club is excited to participate! If you're attending, let **Charlie Purser** know—we may organize a **caravan** for those heading south together. This is a fantastic opportunity to represent PSAC and enjoy fellowship under Florida's sunny skies.



2026 Rally Schedule



WELCOME TO CAMPING IN THE CAROLINAS, Y'ALL!



Make 2026 Unforgettable!

Host a rally and create lasting memories. **The Rally Team** will help with all the details! Contact:

Sandi at iamsandilee@gmail.com or **Charlie** at cpurser7@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

7, 2026

Valentines Luncheon

The OG Mexican Restaurant
Greenwood, SC

Please RSVP by January 31 to **Sia Pickell** @
anastasiapickell@gmail.com or 864-993-9687

MARCH

4-8, 2026

Silver in the Sunshine State

Region 3 Rally
SUN 'N FUN Aerospace Expo
Campground
Lakeland, FL

12-15, 2026

Silver on the Strand

Myrtle Beach Travel Park
North Myrtle Beach, SC

APRIL

16-19, 2026

Silver in the City

Historic Downtown
York, SC

MAY

14-17, 2026

Shiny Apple Stream'n Rally

Orchard Lake Campground
Saluda, NC

JUNE

12-15, 2026

Horsing Around Rally

Croft State Park
Spartanburg, SC

JULY

9-12, 2026

Back2Bear Park Rally

Creekview Farm RV Park
Waynesville, NC



AUGUST

13-16, 2026

Stream'n with the White Squirrels

Davidson River Campground
Pisgah Forest, NC



22- 27, 2026

Magic in Minot

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



SEPTEMBER

16-20, 2026

Carolina Mountain Jamboree

STAY TUNED



OCTOBER

1-4, 2026

Silver in the Pines

522 Boyd Pond Road
Aiken, SC



22-25, 2026

(Installation Rally)

Silver on the Broad

Broad River Campground
Mooresboro, NC





Exciting Opportunity Just In Time For Camping Season!

- Most items are **completely customizable**. Don't want your name or BRN? Just click "**Customize It**" and remove any text boxes you don't need.
- Need help? Contact **youcustomizeit.com** — a real person will assist you Monday-Friday and respond to emails any day of the week.
- This is a **small business owned by a fellow Airstreamer**, which makes this collaboration extra special. Let's show our support and make these items uniquely yours!
- Many thanks to our very own **Jennifer Olsem**, who made this special collaboration possible for the **Palmetto State Airstream Club**!
- **Shop Now:** <https://www.youcustomizeit.com/des/Palmetto-State-Airstream-Club-Logo/7878385>



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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Interested in Visiting the ARK Encounter?

We're exploring the possibility of organizing a trip to the **ARK Encounter in Kentucky**—a spectacular attraction featuring:

- **A full-size replica of Noah's Ark**
- **Interactive exhibits** and educational displays
 Beautiful grounds and family-friendly experiences
- At this stage, we're simply checking for interest—**no dates have been set yet**.

Please email your interest to: Donnie & Vicki Lee <vickie_leern@yahoo.com>

Learn more about the ARK Encounter:

https://arkencounter.com/plan-your-visit/?utm_source=googleads&utm_medium=performancemax&utm_campaign=cqr_retargeting&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21194885475&gclid=Cj0KCQiA6sjKBhCSARIsAJvYcpNeLC3Fe9YmDeLE858r95H4RrLNpcpvJA_LgG7LUSEDVfifPL_7g3OEaAs4HEALw_wcB