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



"The only constant is change." Heraclitus gave us that well-quoted saying around 500 BC. Fast-forward to 2026, and it still applies perfectly. Here in WNC, we woke up to about an inch of solid ice this morning. The forecasted snow missed our area; however, I know many

of you saw both snow and ice when you woke up on Saturday, January 25th. We hope you and your families are safe and well.

Speaking of change, we are adjusting the date of our Installation Rally back to our traditional first week of November—November 5–8. Earlier, we had planned to move the rally to late October, but availability conflicts with the Broad River Campground (Mooresboro, NC) made that difficult.

Many of you have been asking about the Carolina Mountain Jamboree, and we now have confirmed details. The Piedmont Airstream Club will host the **Carolina Jamboree - September 16–20, 2026** Carolina's 5 Unit Rally
Yogi Bear's Jelly Stone Park Camp and Resort
964 Crestview Church Rd.
Asheboro, NC 27205

As mentioned before, we are looking for rally hosts for our 2026 events. To make this a less daunting request, please consider providing just a meal for one of our rallies. You do not need to provide food for the entire rally. If our rally site does not have a kitchen, catering or carryout is a great backup option—or precooked food that only needs to be heated. We have a dedicated group of members who are always ready to assist with setup, cleanup, and anything in between.

Finally, please review the **2026 Rally Schedule** and reserve your campground sites soon. Many of our rally locations are popular destinations and may fill up quickly. Davidson River Recreation Area—site of the *Streamin' with White Squirrels Rally*—is especially popular. **February 8th** is the date you can reserve sites for that rally. I strongly recommend reserving on Feb 8th, as the campground fills quickly. There are also a limited number of sites with electricity and water. Website: [National Forests in North Carolina](#) | [Davidson River Recreation Area](#) | [Forest Service](#). I recommend targeting the Sycamore, Dogwood, or Hemlock loops, but please pay close attention to individual site amenities.

Before closing, I want to extend a **thank you to Bill Welch** for serving as our Webmaster for the past five years. We are grateful for the time and talent Bill has generously contributed.

Our season opening PSAC rally will be here before we know it.

Be blessed,
Charlie
Charlie Purser

2026 PSAC President
club022@airstreamclub.org



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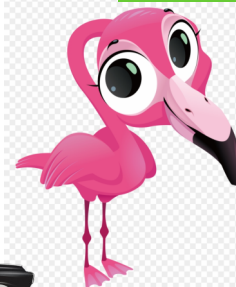
Love adventure and fun? Join our Rally Team!

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



Getting Your Airstream Ready for Camping Season

By: Terry Montgomery

Camping season is just around the corner—which means it's time to wake up those aluminum beauties from their winter naps and get them road-ready! Whether you're a seasoned full-timer or a weekend wanderer, a little pre-season TLC goes a long way toward smooth travels and stress-free fun.

Here are some easy, satisfying tasks to get your rig sparkling, safe, and adventure-ready:

Shine On

Wash & wax your Airstream to keep that iconic shine glowing and protected

- Check for oxidation or spots and give them a little buff

- Clean windows & mirrors—you'll want crystal clear views of those campfire sunsets

Rigs, Tires & Tow Prep

Inspect your tires for age, cracks, and pressure

- Check your lug nuts—torque as needed

- Examine the hitch & coupler for wear, rust, or loose bolts

- Test your brake controller before you hit the road

Seals & Screens

Treat window and door seals with silicone to prevent sticking or cracking

- Inspect seals for gaps or wear—a quick fix now saves headaches later

- Tighten screen door screws and check that the latch still behaves

Power Up

Charge your batteries fully and check water levels if applicable

- Test all interior & exterior lights (bonus: replace with LEDs if you're upgrading!)

- Check your shore power cord for damage or corrosion

- Check propane levels and inspect pigtails for cracking

- Vacuum vents and clean filters to improve airflow

Odds & Ends That Make a Big Difference

Lubricate stabilizer jacks

- Test smoke, propane & CO detectors

- Restock your tool kit & spare parts box

- Refresh your first-aid kit

- Check your awning for tears, mold, or grumpy hardware

Make It Fun!

Turn your tune-up day into a mini adventure.

Pour a favorite beverage, put on some music, and enjoy the ritual of preparing your home on wheels for the road ahead. Before long, you'll be rolling into a rally, waving to friends, and basking in the glow of your beautifully prepped rig.



SPOTLIGHT:

Welcome to Camping Season - it's just 32 days away!

The days are getting longer, the air is warming up, and our shiny hiniies are itching to hit the road once again! As we roll into another fantastic year of adventure, community, and the open highway, we want to welcome *you* to the upcoming camping season with the Palmetto State Airstream Club.

There's no better time than now to reconnect with friends, discover new destinations, and make memories that will last long after the campfire fades. All upcoming rallies are posted on the **Palmetto State Airstream Club Rally Page**, so be sure to take a peek and start planning your next getaway.

Interested in hosting or co-hosting a rally?

We would *love* to have more members take part in shaping this year's adventures! Hosting is a wonderful way to bring your ideas to life, choose a favorite destination, or simply share your passion for fun, fellowship, and Airstreaming. Browse the Rally Schedule and see where your availability lines up—you might just inspire the next unforgettable club adventure!

A Few Important To-Dos Before We Hit the Road

Before you throw the gear in the trailer and fire up the tow vehicle, please take a moment to visit your

Membership Dashboard on the Airstream Club International website.

Renew here: <https://airstreamclub.org/members/dashboard>

A quick checkup helps us keep communication strong, membership benefits active, and our community connected.

Please remember to:

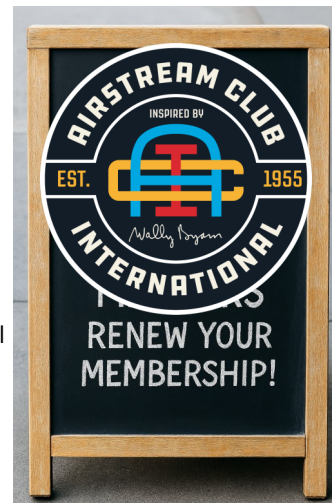
- **Verify your contact information** so nothing misses your inbox
- **Upload a photo**—it's great knowing the face behind the name at rallies
- **Update your rig details** (especially if you've added a new member to your driveway!)
- **Check your privacy settings**—if you keep your info private but still want newsletters or updates, send your contact details to club022@airstreamclub.org

Get Ready for Another Amazing Season!

Whether you're a weekend wanderer, a seasoned road warrior, or someone who simply loves the sparkle of aluminum, this is *your* community. Let's fill this year with campfires, laughter, beautiful parks, and the joy of traveling together.

Dust off your camp chairs, air out the awnings, and shine up those iconic curves—the open road is calling, and we can't wait to see you out there!

Here's to another season of adventures in our beloved **shiny hiniies**.
See you down the road!



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: club022@airstreamclub.org



FEBRUARY 7, 2026 11:00am

Valentine's Luncheon

The OG Mexican Restaurant
Greenwood, SC
Please RSVP to Sia Pickell at
anastasiapickell@gmail.com or
864-993-9687

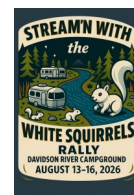


AUGUST

13-16, 2026

Stream'n with White Squirrels

Davidson River Campground
Pisgah Forest, NC



MARCH

4-8, 2026

Silver in the Sunshine State

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



22- 27, 2026

Magic in Minot

69th Airstream Club International Rally
North Dakota State Fairgrounds
2003 E Burdick Expy
Minot, ND 58701



12-15, 2026

Silver on the Strand

Myrtle Beach Travel Park
North Myrtle Beach, SC



SEPTEMBER

16-20, 2026

Carolina Jamboree

Carolina's 5 Unit Rally
964 Crestview Church Rd.
Asheboro, NC 27205



APRIL

16-19, 2026

Silver in the City

Urban Rally
Historic Downtown
York, SC



OCTOBER

1-4, 2026

Silver in the Pines

Boondocking Rally
522 Boyd Pond Road
Aiken, SC



MAY

14-17, 2026

Shiny Apple Stream'N Rally

Orchard Lake Campground
Saluda, NC



NOVEMBER

5-8, 2026

Silver on the Broad

Installation Rally
Broad River Campground
Mooresboro, NC

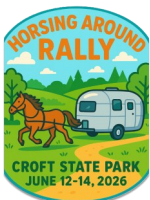


JUNE

11-14, 2026

Horsing Around Rally

Croft State Park
Spartanburg, SC



JULY

9-12, 2026

Back2Bear Park Rally

Creekwood Farm RV Park
Waynesville, NC





ACI MEMBER APP

Members-Only Access

To log in, you must:

1. Be a current ACI member in good standing
2. Have a **unique email address** on file with HQ (*Shared partner emails will only allow one login. Contact HQ to update your information if needed.*)

Built By and For Airstreamers

This app was made possible by a generous, anonymous donation— with no cost to the Club or its members.

Special thanks to Kendall Felder for spearheading this initiative and bringing the App to life. This new member benefit reflects the spirit of our community: generous, innovative, and focused on bringing people together.

Ready to Explore?

The ACI Member App is available for **iOS and Android** devices.

We're thrilled to announce a major milestone in how we connect and stay informed as a community — the launch of the **new Airstream Club International Member App!**

Developed *exclusively* for ACI members and completely free to use, the app puts essential club tools, event info, and member connections right at your fingertips — whether you're at home, on the road, or camped with your favorite Airstreamers.

What You Can Do in the App:

- Access your **member profile** and update info
- Use **Quick BRN Lookup** to match Big Red Numbers with member names
- Browse and register for **events, rallies, and caravans**
- View **club documents, bylaws, and policies**
- Stay up to date with **announcements and alerts from HQ**
- Connect with fellow members via the **Membership Directory**
- Join open discussions in the **Campfire forum**
- Send private, secure messages using **Whispers**
- And much more — with features like a **club blog, courtesy parking**, and even **emergency assistance** tools!



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.

Melia Jacobs
Bell Ringer Editor
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Download the ACI Member App for iOS

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For technical support, please contact Kendall Felder at kfelder@airstreamclub.org.
Let's take our connection on the road, into the campground, and everywhere our Airstreams take us.

See you in the app!

Airstream Club International

