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**PALMETTO STATE AIRSTREAM CLUB
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President’s Message:

by Donnie Lee (BRN 11798)



By the time you are reading this message, Christmas 2023 will be history and I hope lots of forever memories as well. It’s been a very busy December leading up to this point. We enjoyed our family Christmas at our home on the 17th with some sick grandchildren as well as moms and dads.

We enjoyed a gift to visit NarroWay Productions in Fort Mill for dinner and a live production of “The Real Story of Christmas” on the 21st with 3 sick grandchildren. I will come back to this a little later in my message.

On the 23rd we enjoyed dinner with Vickie’s mom, family, and friends. We have enjoyed every minute of our family gatherings and somehow we have managed to stay healthy through all the sickness.

Throughout the last several weeks I have had multiple doctor visits with my back issue. I am on the mend and feel much better, nothing serious, except maybe my first, and I hope last kidney stone.

And now the rest of the story! Following our visit to NarroWay on the 21st, take a time lapse journey to Sunday morning the 24th. Vickie said, “Don, I need to tell you something.” She does this to me often, so I knew it was bad. She had lost her diamond ring 3 days ago and was just now telling me! “Didn’t want to worry me”, she said!

After tearing her car apart, flashlight in hand (1PM) while searching every inch of the garage, I find her ring. I was certainly relieved, but nothing in comparison to how relieved Vickie was! I told her she “owed me big time.” She has been offering me little chocolates ever since. 😊

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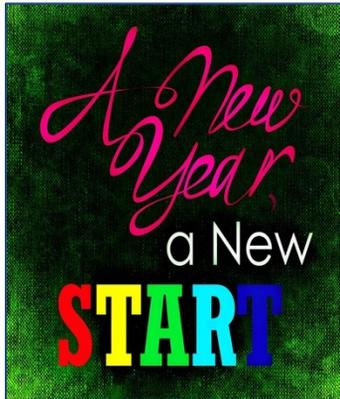
January Birthdays

- Kathleen Tyminski – 1
- Steve Schnaubelt – 5
- Chris Zerkus – 7
- Eric Pollard – 9
- Paul Welch – 16
- Gail Broadway – 20
- Scott Falkner – 21
- Terry Montgomery – 22

- Susan Leake – 24
- Donna Pollard – 26
- Jo Jones – 26
- Bill Welch – 31

February Birthdays

- David Pickell – 2
- Judy Snead – 3
- Nancy Suttlemyre – 4
- Joann Wallis – 4
- Sue Miller – 4
- Charlotte Reeves – 7
- Alfred Sineath – 27



Happy Anniversary!

January Anniversaries:

None

February Anniversaries:

- Ted & Britt Cox – 3
- Mike & Sue Miller – 14
- Tom & Nancy Suttlemyre – 19
- Scott & Jody Falkner – 21

Cares and Prayers:

- Prayers for Ann Miller who has cancer.
- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead for healing.
- Healing prayers for Eric Graham after his recent surgery.
- Healing prayers for Burt & Gail Broadway.
- Prayers for Bill Butucel for positive results on his biopsies.



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We have been so blessed throughout all these seemingly troubled times and we know that some if not most of you have been through similar situations. So, I think, in the near future we may have our own "Storytelling" rally, coming soon. It will be fun, and maybe even funny. Have your story ready for our March "Ocean Lakes Rally" coming to a beach near you on March 14 through 17. If you haven't reserved your spot, the cutoff date is February 16th. Reserved sites will be opened to the public.

As John would say, "Oh, I have one more thing." Don't forget about our Valentine luncheon at the Shore Club in Tega Cay coming up on February 10th from 11 AM until 2 PM. Bring your appetite and your Valentine for a good time. ❤️

Announcement!

The PSAC will no longer send out birthday and anniversary cards to our members starting January 1, 2024.

Our club has grown, which is an awesome thing, but it has become too expensive to continue this practice.



However, you will still be mentioned in the month of your birthdays and anniversaries in our newsletter!



If you are not mentioned in the month of your celebration, it means I do not have this information. If you would like to be recognized for your day of celebration, please send me this information so that I can add them to the newsletter on the month and day you were born and the month and day you celebrate your anniversary.



Washing your Airstream Travel Trailer

Abrasive polishes or cleaning solvents such as automatic dishwasher or acid etch cleaners should never be used. You should begin the process by rinsing all grit from the surface of your Airstream before washing.

The process of washing should be done using soft rags or wash mitts. Always move lengthwise with the grain of the trailer. Never rub hard on the coating. Even the softest of rags can damage the coating if excess pressure is applied. Always clean your trailer in the shade or on a cloudy day and when the skin is cool. Oil, grease and dirt may be removed by washing with any mild non-abrasive soap or detergent.

Cleaning should be followed by a thorough clean water rinse. Drying the unit with a

chamois or microfiber cloth may prevent spots and streaks. After drying, a good grade of paste or liquid wax will increase the life of the finish. I usually wax my trailer at least 2 times per year. Waxing also helps protect the shell from minor scratches and makes the next cleaning much easier.

Hopefully, you will find these few tips helpful.



2024 Rally Schedule

For **ALL** 2024 rallies, email Donnie Lee at dllakewsc@yahoo.com or text him at **803-984-6748**. Let him know you made your reservation, for what rally and how many days you will be attending. Also, make sure to give him your site number. Always, when making your reservations, let the campground know you are from the Palmetto State Airstream Club.

Ask if they have a senior citizen or South Carolina resident discount.

**** In order to help the hosts for the rallies, it is very important to know how many people will be attending so they know how to prepare. ****

February 10 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Valentine Luncheon



Tega Cay Shore Club, 15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC

We will make reservations at the beautiful Shore Club in Tega Cay again this year, which has been the perfect setting to celebrate Valentine's Day. **It is imperative that we have an accurate head count**, so let Donnie Lee know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

Hosts: Burt & Gail Broadway

March 14 – 17 Silver in the Sand Rally

Ocean Lakes Family Campground, 6001 S. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC

Let's celebrate St. Paddy's again this year and dress in green and decorate to "Do the GREEN thing!" You can make your reservations now, the sooner the better to get a good spot by the ocean!

Be sure to ask for section H, held for Palmetto State Airstream Club. Be sure to make your reservations now, **cutoff date for holding our spots is February 16th**. Be sure to ask about the \$2 discount for PSAC. We currently have 13 rigs signed up. **Call 800-722-1451**

Hosts: Bill & Sandee Welch and Eric Graham

April 11 – 14 Silver in the City Rally

Downtown York, SC

An urban rally hosted by Palmetto State Airstream Club #22. Please let Terry Montgomery know if you are planning to attend by emailing him at terrymontgomery31@gmail.com.

Hosts: John & Susan Leake, Terry & Annie Montgomery and PSAC members

April 17 – 21 Region 3 Rally

Meadow Event Park, Doswell, Virginia.

May 16 – 19 Mountain Stream Rally

Mountain Stream RV Park, 6954 Buck Creek Road, Marion, NC

Twenty-three Airstreams have signed up, and 2 spots remain. Call Shelby at **828-724-9013** or Mountainstreamrvpark.com to make your reservations.

Hosts: Burt & Gail Broadway **and ???**

June 6 – 9 Lake Hartwell State Park Rally

19138 S Hwy 11, Fair Play, SC

Sites 32 thru 59 are being held for this rally. We currently have 22 rigs signed up and have 1 spot remaining. **864-972-3352** or go to www.SouthCarolinaParks.com. Other nearby sites are available as well. Let's make this peninsula shine with "silver!"

Hosts Needed:

We need HOSTS for the 2024 Rally Schedule. Please review the schedule and let Donnie Lee know what rally you would like to host.

2024 Rally Schedule

July 19 – 21 Creekwood Farm RV Park

4696 Jonathon Creek Road, Waynesville, NC

At Creekwood Farm you will see all well-maintained spacious sites. Make your reservation early to get your prime Creekwood spot! Call now to book your site at **(828) 926-7977**. It's not too late to make your reservations for a site of your choice.

Hosts Needed:

August 22 – 25 Allison Creek County Park

2499 Viesta Road, York, SC

We have sites 1-26 reserved, except for site #4, which is the camp host spot!

You can call **(803) 323-2035** or go by the park to reserve your site.

NOTE: You are not able to make your reservations on-line.

If you plan to attend, please let Donnie Lee know.

Hosts Needed:



September 18 – 22 Carolina Mountain Jamboree/Joint Rally

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC

Donnie Lee needs host committee members for planning; if interested, please let him know. Reservations may be made after April 2024. Put this on your calendars!

Hosts: Palmetto State Airstream Club. Let Donnie Lee know if you are willing to serve on our planning committee at dllakewsc@yahoo.com.

October 5 – 10 International Rally – Sedalia, MO

See the Blue Beret for details.

October 24 – 27 Alumalina Buddy Rally

Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 Hwy 70 West, Marion, NC

A Carolina Airstream gathering. Four days of food, fun, fellowship, seminars, craft fair/flea market, beer swaps, bourbon trails, walking, talking, biking, hiking, paddling, picking, grinning, campfires, miles of aluminum, and lots of paroozing. Details to come on airforums.com.



November 1 – 3 Installation Rally

Palmetto Cove RV Park, 521 Table Rock Road, Cleveland, SC

Please call Palmetto Cove directly at **864-836-6221** to make your own reservations.

Hosts: Brad & Tami Van Thof and Bill & Joyce Butucel

December 6 – 8 Christmas Rally

Optional: Camping can be December 6, 7 or 8

Christmas Luncheon: December 7, Noon – 2:00 pm

Hosts: Bobby & Arlene Puryear



Let's rally
together in
2024!



SOME OF OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN JANUARY

January 1

- New Year's Day



January 5

- Bird Day

January 10

- Houseplant Appreciation Day

January 16

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 19

- Popcorn Day



January 20

- Cheese Lover's Day

January 21

- Grandma's Day

January 24

- National Compliment Day

January 27

- International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 31

- Hot Chocolate Day



Welcome New Affiliate Members

Charles Pickeral billatlanta@gmail.com

Cory Barger cjbarger76@gmail.com

BRN 11485 (2004 Land Yacht 396XL 39.5")

Clermont, GA

David & Denise Funaro dfunaro@sbcglobal.net

BRN 31933 (2017 Flying Cloud 25')

Wake Forest, NC

Welcome New Transfer Members

Jennifer Olsem jenniferolsem@yahoo.com

BRN 10113 (2021 International 27')

Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Stuart Robertson sturobertson40@gmail.com

Kate Robertson robertson.k8@gmail.com

BRN 03642 (2018 International 25')

Prairie Village, KS

DONATE

Anyone can donate anything at anytime as a door prize.

Donate whatever you'd like, such as a craft, or something you think would be a nice door prize. It's always fun to give and receive.

Please bring your donation(s) to the next rally that you attend!

At every rally there will be this box to put your donations in, so you can donate at anytime!

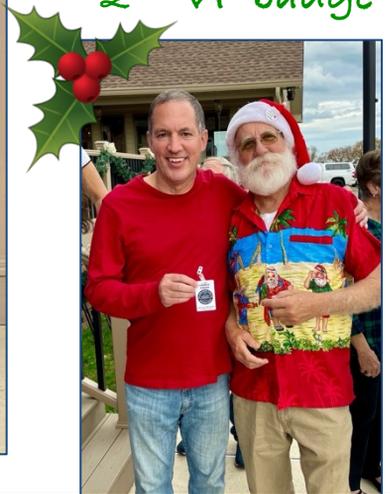


Christmas at the Puryears'



Christmas Rally
December 9, 2023

Charlie got his
2nd VP badge

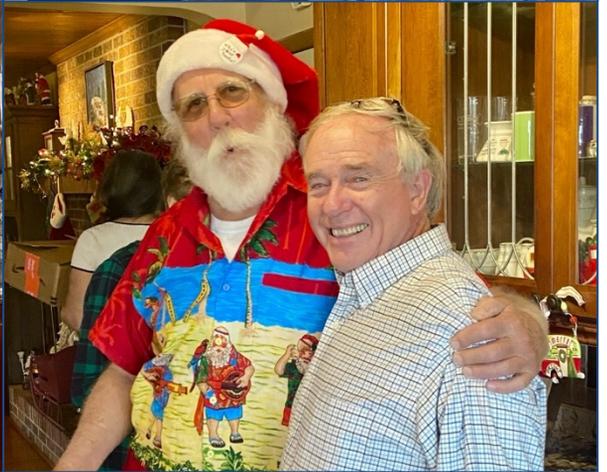


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**Christmas Rally
December 9, 2023**



Thank
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Hosts
Bobby &
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Airstream Adventure

by Bill & Sandee Welch (BRN 01399)

There is so much more to Chattanooga, TN than just the “choo choo.”

A couple of months ago, Bill and I had the chance to spend a few days visiting this interesting city and would highly recommend checking it out. We stayed at Harrison Bay State Park which is located about 30 minutes outside of Chattanooga. There are 128 RV campsites, all with water and electrical hookups and many of the sites have a view of Chickamauga Lake.

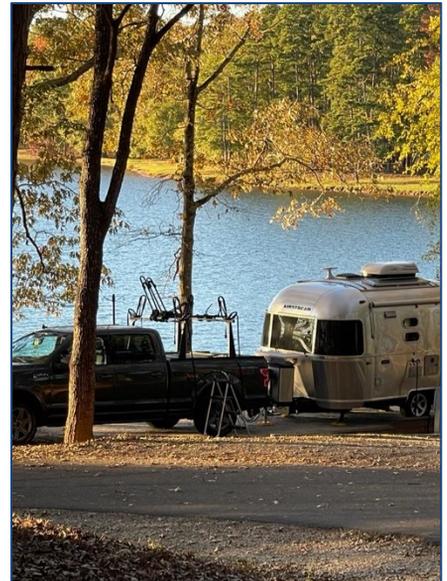


The drive into the city is easy and we had no problem finding a place to park within walking distance of some of the downtown area attractions such as the Walnut St. Bridge. Erected in 1891, it is one of the world’s longest pedestrian bridges. It connects downtown Chattanooga to the North Shore and offers a great view of the Tennessee river.

While we enjoy seeing water life from the vantage point of our kayaks, the Chattanooga aquarium is also a wonderful way to view what our Southern waterways have to offer. It includes the freshwater exhibits in the River Journey

building and the saltwater exhibits in the Ocean Journey building.

For those looking for something a little more “artsy” the Hunter Museum of American Art showcase is 100 years of architecture and houses the finest collection of American art in the Southeast.



building and the saltwater exhibits in the Ocean Journey



And of course, there is an opportunity to get that “Chattanooga Choo-Choo” experience with a visit to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM). Visitors to the TVRM can explore a range of exhibits, including historic railway cars and locomotives. Train excursions are also available such as the “Missionary Ridge Local.”

If you happen to be in Chattanooga on a Sunday, you can visit the Chattanooga Market. Open from April until November, it features over 50 farms bringing a variety produce, meats, and cheeses and over 130 artisans offering their unique crafts, arts, and farm-fresh goods.

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Airstream Adventure by Bill & Sandee Welch (BRN 01399)



Of all the places we visited, our absolute favorite was “Rock City.” It will amaze you! Located atop Lookout Mountain, “Rock City” is just 6 miles from downtown Chattanooga. It first opened to the public on May 21, 1932, when owners Garnet and Frieda Carter decided to share their “backyard” with guests. It is a true marvel of nature and features massive ancient rock formations, gardens with over 400 native plant species and a breathtaking seven-state panoramic view. Pets are welcome, so you can bring your furry friends. Our Fiona and Benny joined us while we explored this unique and beautiful place.

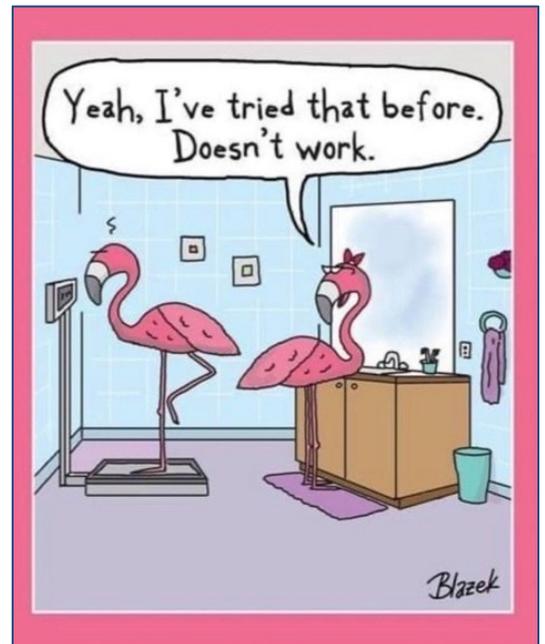
After all the sightseeing, the perfect spot to stop for something yummy to eat is Niedlov’s Bakery and Café.

We happened to be there when their delicious pastries were half price. My sweet tooth certainly made sure that I took advantage of that deal!

Our trip to Chattanooga was indeed an entertaining and memorable one. There are still things we’d like to see and do in this fun city, so another visit is on our travel calendar!



CAMPING RULES
NAP OFTEN WATCH THE SUNSET
WAKE UP SMILING
SIT BY THE FIRE
RELAX AND UNWIND
EAT S'MORES MAKE MEMORIES
DRINK A COLD ONE
VISIT WITH FRIENDS
BE GRATEFUL FOR THIS DAY



A Little Something About Us by Eddie & Sandi Lee (BRN 07735)

Hello &
welcome



I am a night shift Nursing House Supervisor at our local hospital and my husband, Eddie, is a Lieutenant with the SC Department of Natural Resources. We have two sons, a daughter, a granddaughter and a French Bulldog named Ginger.

Our shared love for Airstream camping started early on – Eddie has childhood memories of camping in an Airstream at



the beach with his grandparents and I enjoyed Airstream camping with my children when they were young.

This mutual love for Airstreams led us to the dream of creating our own Airstream memories. In 2021, that dream became reality when we got our little 19' Victorinox and we love it!

For now, we camp when we can and look forward to retirement, allowing more time to travel and see this beautiful country - from an Airstream, of course!

We emailed today about joining the Silver if the City Rally if there is still available space and hope to see you then, if not before!



Creamy Potato Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 32 oz. bag hashbrowns (Southern style)
- 1 32 oz. box chicken broth
- ½ stick butter
- 1 8 oz. cream cheese, cubed
- 1 pint half & half
- 8 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Instructions:

1. Place hashbrowns and broth in a large pot. Bring to a boil, turn down to simmer for 20-25 minutes.
2. Add butter and cubed softened cream cheese, shredded cheddar cheese and half & half.
3. Simmer until everything is melted and creamy.

Makes 10 1-1/2 cup servings.

