

*Happy
Valentine's Day*



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President’s Message:

by Donnie Lee (BRN 11798)



Is it just me or is time flying by? It seems it was just yesterday we brought in 2024 with a bang, yet here we are rapidly approaching February!

As always, with a new month comes new opportunities and February is no different. Vickie and I are excited and looking forward to our Valentine’s luncheon coming up soon. We are fortunate again this year to have great hosts to plan this year’s event.

There are several campgrounds local to the area. If you are interested in camping and attending the luncheon, you can contact Burt Broadway or me for more information.



We currently have 25 folks, on our calendar planning to attend. If your plans change and you wish to attend, come on and join us for all the fun.

Also, keep in mind our upcoming rally and actually my 1st “real” rally at Ocean Lakes campground on March 14-17 hosted by Bill & Sandee Welch and Eric Graham. We have 2 open sites. I would love to fill these and ask for more sites, yippee!!! Our reserved site status changes on February 16.

A lot of progress has been made on our planning of the 2nd annual Carolina Mountain Jamboree Rally at Palmetto Cove RV park. More information will be coming in-the-near-future. Mark your calendars now for September 19-22.

Look at the word Rally and you see the word “all” and you all help make a great rally.

See you down the road.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February Birthdays

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



March Birthdays

Mark Weaver – 9
James T Schaal – 13
Cheryl Smithson – 14
Jan Wilson – 14
Lisa Holden – 20
Julie Gray – 21
Allen Kirchner – 22
Michael Miller – 22
Rob Eggebrecht – 27



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February Anniversaries:

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

March Anniversaries:

Chris & Maggie Zerkus – 13
Donnie & Vickie Lee - 25

Valentine Luncheon
February 10, 2024
(11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Please text Donnie Lee at
803-984-6748 or email him
at dllakewsc@yahoo.com
if you plan to attend.



Cares and Prayers:

- Prayers for Ann Miller's family as she passed away last month due to cancer.
- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead for healing.
- Healing prayers for Burt & Gail Broadway.
- Prayers for Bill Butucel as his results were cancer. Prayers that it has not metastasized.

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

Airstream's Electrical System – Part 7

What is small and unappreciated that may save your batteries? It's a DC-to-DC charger.

Let's find out if you need one.

What is the purpose of a DC-to-DC charger? It can protect your batteries from being over/under charged and provide the correct voltage output from the tow-vehicle's electrical system. To really understand the importance of the need you must understand how the Airstream's batteries receive power from the tow-vehicle.

A vehicle's alternator is responsible for recharging the vehicle's battery while the engine is running and will produce enough power to send to your Airstream batteries. An alternator's power will vary based on engine speed and can change as much as 13.8 to 14.4 volts. This power is unregulated as it enters your Airstream's batteries and there are several issues that can cost you a lot of money.



Your batteries can be overcharged from the tow vehicle, especially on long trips, or depleted batteries can absorb more power than the alternator can produce, adding stress to the vehicle's alternator and electrical system.

Some modern vehicles use "smart alternators" that regulate their output based on the vehicle's engine power and needs to reduce fuel consumption. This can potentially create a damaging undervoltage charge. Smart alternators produce very high voltage during engine startup to power the vehicle's high energy electronics. This energy output can be as high as 18 volts and can damage deep cycle batteries over time.

You never want to use an isolated DC-to-DC charger with a smart alternator or damage to vehicle electrical system may happen.

A quality DC-to-DC charger will offer three stage charging, protecting your batteries on a long road trip and your vehicle's electrical system is protected by regulating the current to your batteries. If you have lithium batteries a DC to DC Charger must be used. Lithium batteries charge at a different voltage than most alternators produce.

DC to DC chargers is something that is easily overlooked but this small inexpensive device will increase the life of your batteries and protect your vehicle's electrical system in the long term.



Valentine Luncheon

February 10, 2024 (11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

Tega Cay Shore Club, 15083 Molokai Drive, Tega Cay, SC 29708

We have reservations at the beautiful Shore Club in Tega Cay which is the perfect setting to celebrate Valentine's Day.



Please text or email Donnie Lee if you plan to attend at dllakewsc@yahoo.com or **803-984-6748**.

Hosts: Burt & Gail Broadway

We trust you all had a wonderful and blessed holiday season! Now, we are ready to make some great Airstream memories again this New Year! Let's start off with a fabulous **Valentine Luncheon** at the Shore Club in Tega Cay on Saturday, February 10th, from 11:00-2:00.

The Shore Club offers breathtaking views and outstanding service! The menu provides a variety of dishes ranging from seafood, steaks and sushi to sandwiches, burgers and salads.



Please RSVP on our Palmetto Facebook event page or Please text or email Donnie Lee if you plan to attend at dllakewsc@yahoo.com or **803-984-6748**.



We're looking for a good turnout to have lots of fun, love, and club support and fellowship! Don't miss it!

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

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 Mike & Debbie Madden

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

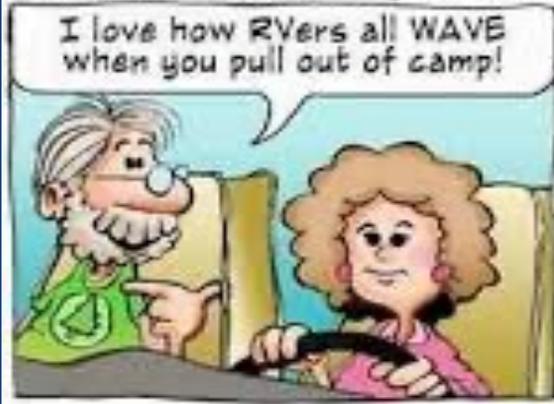
December 6 – 8 Christmas Rally

Optional: Camping can be December 6, 7 or 8

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

Hosts: Bobby & Arlene Puryear





SOME OF OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 2



February 4

- Homemade Soup Day

February 9

- Pizza Day

February 14

- Valentine's Day



February 19

- Presidents Day

February 22

- Margarita Day



February 24

- Tortilla Chip Day

February 26

- Set a Good Example Day

February 27

- Pancake Day

February 29



Welcome New Affiliate Members

Jerry Menster jerrymenster@msn.com

Rhonda Menster rhondamenster@msn.com

BRN 01301 (2023 Flying Cloud 27')

Rock Hill, SC

Welcome New Transfer Members

Gaynelle Bain scarolinagirl@comcast.net

BRN 12246 (2021 Globetrotter 25')

Green Cove Springs, FL

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!



Where Two or More are Gathered

by John Leake (BRN 00268)

Let there be a Rally!!

Let's talk about Rallies:



Just what are they, how do they work, why are they important, and how can you help?

First, the back story. Rallies are not unique to the Airstream Club, but they just may have originated here. The Airstream Club International (ACI) was founded in 1955 as a Caravan Club by friends of Wally Byam, founder of the Airstream we all know today. Wally led Caravans of Airstreams all over the globe, most lasting weeks, with many lasting months. Lifelong friendships were formed by the participants

and they became a second family to each other.

As the Airstream Club grew, members soon realized there was a need for another method of gathering on a regular basis, but for shorter periods of time, and at different locations so more people could participate. The "Rally" concept was born.



So now..... just what is a rally?

A rally is more like a family reunion, not so different from a "Smith or Jones" family reunion. Typically held on a monthly or even an annual basis, they provide the opportunity to gather with this extended family to catch up, to share stories, ideas, memories, trouble shoot technical issues, but most of all, to enjoy the fellowship of like-minded people. Rallies range in size from just a few rigs to hundreds of rigs. They often offer the opportunity for travel across a state, a region, or across the Country.



So.... How does a rally work?



While there are no guidelines or set procedures, most rallies have a host, or hosts, that make and coordinate a plan. The plan may include provided meals or potlucks, seminars, crafts, games, contests, and of course...group therapy (happy hours). Or.... They may be a "No host Rally" where the plan develops as things unfold, spontaneous: Having fun is the #1 priority. With many folks still working, the "official" start of a monthly rally usually begins on Friday, although many drift in on Thursday. The rally typically ends on Sunday. The rally might be held in a State Park, private RV park, Fair Grounds, a city street, or someone's back yard. Remember..... It is not WHERE you park, but WHO you park with.

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Where Two or More are Gathered by John Leake (BRN 00268)

OK.... Why are Rallies so important?

For the very same reason family reunions are so important: They provide that opportunity to gather, support each other, and stay connected. Just like your family at home, rallies are critical to the health and well-being of our Club and the members in the club. Airstreamers are naturally a very social group. We enjoy getting together at campgrounds, restaurants, or at someone's home. Did you know that the Airstream Club International is officially chartered in the State of Ohio as a Social Club? Yep.... Emphasis on "Social".



Well then.....Who can host a rally?

ANYONE can host! There is no seniority or pecking order, and no experience is necessary, although you are probably already an experienced Rally host, but just didn't know it. Have you ever hosted a bridal shower or birthday party? How about a Christmas party or a Thanksgiving dinner? A luncheon, your book club, or a graduation party; a retirement party, project completion party, or a dinner party? How about a study group?

No doubt, everyone has hosted some type of "rally" many times. You took a head count, developed a plan, likely enlisted the help of a friend or two, made a few arrangements, and pulled it off like a pro.



We need you.....

Please consider hosting a rally sometime, and don't be afraid to ask for help. Keep things simple. Meals of soups and stews, "Manwich", hotdogs, loaded baked potatoes, tacos, or a pancake supper are just a few examples of quick and easy. Potlucks share the love. Or, if there are restaurants nearby, folks can simply go out to eat. Coffee, juice, and pastries at breakfast are always good, with lunch on your own.



So.....

Come join us at the next rally. We will be thrilled to see you, and you will be glad you came. And when the time is right, grab a partner and host your own party!!!

See ya there.

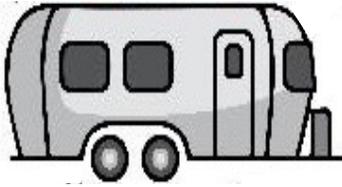
John and Susan Leake

Proud members of the Palmetto State Airstream Club.



Please note! There have been so many wonderful hosts for our Rallies, I could have filled up this whole newsletter with pictures of all the helpful hands.

A Little Something About Us by Lew & Ty Walker (BRN 02027)



Hello &
welcome



Lew and Ty Walker
Home: Myrtle Beach, SC

Email:
baggywrinkle@outlook.com

(2019 Flying Cloud 25' Rear Bedroom, named "Nimbus")
Nimbus regularly hums "I've been everywhere man" —
You may hear him sometime.

We are members of the SC Coastal Airstream Club and affiliates with the Carolinas Airstream Club and now the Palmetto State Airstream Club.



Recipe

submitted by Donna Pollard (BRN 07218)

White Trash Chex Mix (24 servings)

Ingredients:

- 2 cups rice Chex mix
- 2 cups Cheerios
- 2 cups mini pretzels
- 2 cups lightly salted peanuts
- 2-1/2 to 3 cups m&m candies
- 22 to 24 oz white chocolate chips
- 2 tsp vegetable oil



Instructions:

1. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets (or 1 very large baking sheet) with wax paper. Set aside.
2. Add rice Chex, cheerios, pretzels, peanuts and m&m candies in a very large bowl and stir to combine.
3. In a large microwave-safe bowl, add white chocolate and vegetable oil. Microwave on MED power (50%) for 1 minute 30 seconds, stirring every 30 seconds.
4. If needed, microwave again, in 15 second intervals, stirring after each cooking interval, until chocolate is JUST melted.
5. Pour melted chocolate over ingredients in large mixing bowl and use a rubber spatula to gently stir, until all ingredients are coated.
6. Spread out onto prepared baking sheet(s) in an even layer. Let sit for 1 hour, or until set and hard. You can refrigerate the baking sheet(s) to speed up this process if you'd like.
7. Break apart into pieces and enjoy!