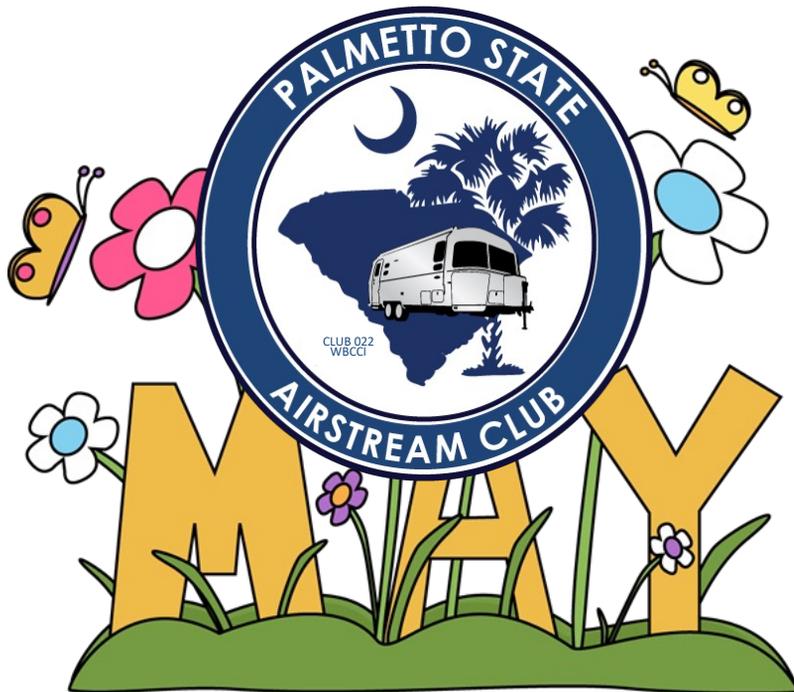


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PALMETTO STATE AIRSTREAM CLUB
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President’s Message:

by Donnie Lee (BRN 11798)



There is certainly a lot going on this Spring! Silver in the City was a big success and of course a big thank you to Terry & Annie Montgomery and John & Susan Leake for all their hard work and dedication to this amazing event!

Region 3 rally in Doswell, Va. was also a success! See page 13 for pictures and fun facts.

Speaking of rallies, Mountain Stream in Marion NC, hosted by Burt & Gail Broadway and Mike & Debbie Madden is just around the corner, and we hope to see you all there. I know Gail has something **fun** planned as always!!

Another effort that is worthy of mention is an “online link” to pay rally fees, see page 4. Most clubs are moving to this method to streamline the process. With a glance you can see who is planning on attending any rally scheduled. This will also be a big help to our hosts to help plan rally meals, not to mention Terry will no longer have to worry about rally fee collections! But it’s up to each and every one of us to use it consistently. This benefit is a result of a lot of hard work and effort by Bill Welch. He has worked with Terry Montgomery to make sure payment and payment methods can be tracked, traced, and credited to our account. Thank you, Bill.

Since the last paragraph mentioned online rally fees, don’t forget about our “Carolina Mountain Jamboree,” scheduled for September 19-22, 2024. Rally fees are \$65.00 per person and can be paid online now. Camping reservations are to be made separately and Palmetto Cove RV Park is accepting reservations now! So, get on the phone, call, and make your reservations at 864-836-6221. Vickie and I as well as others continue to work on the schedule of events, with lots of conversations and ideas being discussed.

One thing I have communicated to the other Carolina clubs is my idea of door prizes. I’m not talking about everyone getting a prize!! I know within our clubs lie a lot of talented folks and I think it’s an opportunity to showcase those talents. So, I’m asking all artisans within our 5 clubs to consider donating a handmade gift. It doesn’t matter if it’s paintings, pottery, wood, quilting, metal work, sculptures, wines, stained glass, etc. Handmade gifts come from the heart, and one thing I have seen is Airstreamers are givers and a good-hearted group. Consider helping me make this effort a success!

Lots of other rallies are scheduled; if you are interested see pages 6 & 7 in this newsletter.

Vickie & I look forward to seeing you down the road!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays:

Kerstin Evans – 2
 Kathy Welch – 3
 Maggie Zerkus – 9
 Charlie Robertson – 9
 Barry Barta – 11
 Margaret Cook – 13
 Ashleigh Griffith – 14
 Sandy Steadman – 16
 Linda Meadors – 20
 David Matthews – 22
 Debra Peterson – 24
 Susan Smithson – 27

June Birthdays:

Joey Evans – 1
 Annie Montgomery – 1
 Jude Robertson – 1
 Jody Falkner – 6
 Jing XU Weaver – 10
 Sia Pickell – 10
 Jay DeVecchio – 12
 Melody Charles – 13
 Jerry Peterson – 20
 Mary Ann Purser – 27
 Betsy Stewart – 28
 James Switala – 28
 Deborah Brooks – 28
 Theresa Kirchner – 28



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May Anniversaries:

Brad & Tami van Thof – 5
 Eric & Donna Pollard – 9
 Jerry & Debra Peterson – 12
 David & Sia Pickell – 14
 Bobby & Arlene Puryear – 16
 Joey & Kirstin Evans – 19
 Marvin & Judy Snead – 20
 Jeff & Madalyn Morehead – 20
 Gary Prideaux & Pamela Parrish – 31

June Anniversaries:

Tom "Buddy" & Michelle Efird – 3
 James Switala & Hattie Prugh – 12
 Michael & Melody Charles – 15
 Michael & Debbie Madden – 17
 Jay & Roxanne DeVecchio – 21
 Phil Abernathy & Susan Smithson – 24
 Jim & Amanda Schaal – 26
 Mark & Jing XU Weaver – 26

Cares and Prayers:

- Continued prayers for Jeff Morehead for healing.
- Healing prayers for Burt & Gail Broadway.
- Prayers for Bill Butucel.



Nuts & Bolts

by Terry Montgomery (BRN 03156)

Ladders:

I bet you are wondering how I picked this subject for our Nuts and Bolts. Well, it was pretty easy, because my wife reminded me that it is ladder season. You know, cleaning out the gutters, and camping.

So, for our Nuts-and-Bolts topic, I want to talk about ladders and camping. I carry two ladders with me on every camping trip. My choices are a 14-foot telescoping ladder and a two-step Werner aluminum ladder. If you are certain that you will not be climbing onto the roof of your Airstream, you can leave the telescopic ladder at home.



The two-step Werner aluminum is a must have ladder, in my humble opinion. It comes in handy when deploying or closing your Zip-Dee awning. It is a lot more user friendly than that little rod with a hook on the end, which is guaranteed to scratch your shiny aluminum Airstream.



A couple of other uses for your two-stepper are as a chair or a table. It may not be the most comfortable seat, but it beats sitting on the ground. The two-step Werner is small, practical, light weight and easy to store. Pick up one before your next camping trip; you will be glad you did.

In closing, please be sure to follow all safety precautions when using any ladder. Keep your camping trip fun and enjoyable.

Rally Fees: Pay on-line!

Hello Palmetto State Airstreamers,
We now have online rally registration available.

We will now be registering online (and paying where necessary), via our club web pages on the airstreamclub.org website. It is very easy to use.

Steps:

1. Navigate to the "Event" on our club Airstream website.
2. Scroll to the "Register Button"
3. Follow the instructions. That's it.

Below I have included some details for getting to our "Event" website.

There are several ways to get to the website:

1.1 This link will take you directly to all our open events:

<https://airstreamclub.org/events?from=&to=&type=-1&state=-1&club=45917&list=1>

Afterwards, to use the link above again, remember to BOOKMARK this page.

1.2 To get to our home page within airstreamclub.org/palmetto-state, scroll down to the bottom left side.

This is where you can find our events for the NEXT 6 MONTHS.

Advantages:

Hosts now know how many to prepare for, event planners are better prepared, and it's more efficient. No more having to collect dues during the rallies!

This also includes our Carolina Mountain Jamboree Rally, which is scheduled for September at Palmetto Cove RV Park.

Just remember, this is just your rally fee, you still need to reserve your site!

Any questions, reach out to Bill Welch at (949) 395-2611 welch_consulting@yahoo.com



Mountain Stream Rally Schedule



May 16 – 19, 2024

Welcome to the “Prettiest Little Park This Side of Heaven!” There’s lots of things to do in the area like shopping or sightseeing in the town of Marion, golfing or sightseeing at Mount Mitchell, fishing, hiking, biking, wading in the rocky stream, or just relaxing by your beautiful babbling Creekside campsite! For more things to do, go to their website at <https://www.mountainstreamrvpark.com/nearbyattractions/>.

Whatever you choose to do, be safe and most of all...ENJOY!

Get Ready to **“FLAMINGLE!”**   We’re doing the **“PINK FLAMINGO”** thing! So, wear your best **flamingo** shirt, dress, or whatever!! Also, just anything **PINK!!!** It’s **PINK PARTY TIME!**



THURSDAY, May 16th - 4:30 PM --- **FLOCK TIME**  --- Early arrivals

An informal meet and greet at the **BIG PICNIC SHELTER**. Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share. Dinner on your own.

FRIDAY, May 17th - 4:30 PM--- Official Start of Rally

Strut yourselves to the **BIG PICNIC SHELTER** and be sure to bring your setups. Bring your favorite beverage and perhaps some hors d’oeuvres to share. Dinner will be **“FLAMINGO”** stew and **“PALMETTO”** toast!

SATURDAY, May 18th - 8:30 AM --- BREAKFAST will be served!

Once again, we will **FLOCK** together at the **BIG PICNIC SHELTER**. Bring your setups! The menu will be Breakfast Casserole, Sausage Gravy, Biscuits, Seasonal Fruit, Coffee, and Juice.

4:30 PM --- **IT’s FLOCK TIME**  **AGAIN!**

We will strut to the **BIG PICNIC SHELTER** to **FLAMINGLE** amongst ourselves. We want people to really **PINK OUT!!!** Bring your favorite beverage, hors d’oeuvres, or perhaps a dessert for after our dinner!

6:00 PM --- **DINNER TIME**

We will have hotdogs with chili and coleslaw, baked beans, and potato salad. Don’t forget to consider a dessert to share, please! Bring your setups!

SUNDAY, May 19th – 8:30 AM Continental Breakfast --- *Good-bye until next time...*

DEVOTION held at the **BIG PICNIC SHELTER** with Coffee, Doughnuts, Etc.

Hosts: Burt & Gail Broadway and Mike & Debbie Madden



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. Make sure to 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. ********

May 16 – 19 Mountain Stream Rally

Mountain Stream RV Park, 6954 Buck Creek Road, Marion, NC
 Mountain Stream Rally currently has one opening; if interested, call the campground at **828-724-9013** and ask for Shelby. Ask for Palmetto State reservations or ask for a standby status.
Hosts: Burt & Gail Broadway and Mike & Debbie Madden

June 6 – 9 Lake Hartwell State Park Rally

19138 S Hwy 11, Fair Play, SC
 All requested sites are full. If you wish to join us, call **864-972-3352** and ask for site availability adjoining our Palmetto State Airstream rally or ask for a standby status to join in.
Hosts: John & Susan Leake and Terry & Annie Montgomery

July 19 – 21 Creekwood Farm RV Park

4696 Jonathon Creek Road, Waynesville, NC
 Don't miss the performance by **Anna Rose Nicholson**. Anna Rose is the granddaughter of Bob & Jan Wilson, and she will be performing Saturday night, July 20 at 6:30 pm.
 There are 25 sites reserved and they are being held until May 31st. We currently have 10 sites remaining. If you are interested in attending this rally, please call Creekwood Farms at **828-926-7977** and reserve your site. Then, let Donnie Lee know at dllakewsc@yahoo.com, if you have made reservations.
Hosts: Charlie & Mary Ann Purser and Joey & Kerstin Evans

Anna will be performing at our Creekwood Rally on Saturday evening, July 20th at 6:30 pm.



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2024 Rally Schedule



August 22 – 25

Allison Creek County Park

2499 Viesta Road, York, SC

****Reservation deadline was MARCH 31**.**

If you are interested in attending, please call **803-366-6554** for reservations. If you book a site, please let Donnie Lee know at dllakewsc@yahoo.com. We currently have 13 registered.

Hosts: John & Susan Leake and Terry & Annie Montgomery



September 18 – 22

Carolina Mountain Jamboree/Joint Rally

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

Reservations started April 1st. Call 864-836-6221.

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



Cape Hatteras RV Resort

organized by our 1st VP Eric Graham (BRN 05097)

Hello Palmetto State Airstreamers!



We have another year of exciting rallies ahead of us. As many of you know there are a lot of moving parts involved in planning a rally, and 2025 will be no different! At the installation rally in November, I proposed a destination of the Outer Banks in North Carolina. Everyone in attendance voted unanimously on the location, and since then, I have been looking into some details. This will be a memorable vacation!

Our club has an opportunity to caravan, not only to increase our safety, but to also experience this kind of travel. The one-way trip is approximately an 8-hour drive. The plan is to stop somewhere after 4 hours, spend the night, and continue the following day.

The dates are May 10th through May 18th, 2025. NOTE: The timeline is longer due to the travel time.

Camp Hatteras RV Resort

24798 NC HWY 12

Rodanthe, NC 27968

Booking Contact: Jen Carlson

Phone: 252-987-2777 ext. 105

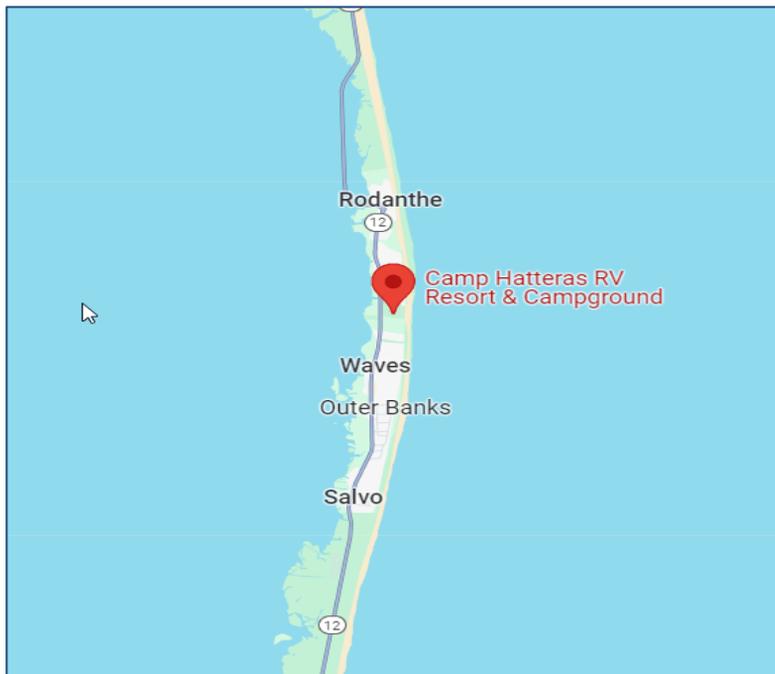
camphatteras.com

Sound Side Sites: 20% discount.

\$80 per night plus one-time \$3.50

Sound Front Sites: 15% discount.

\$107 per night plus onetime \$3.50



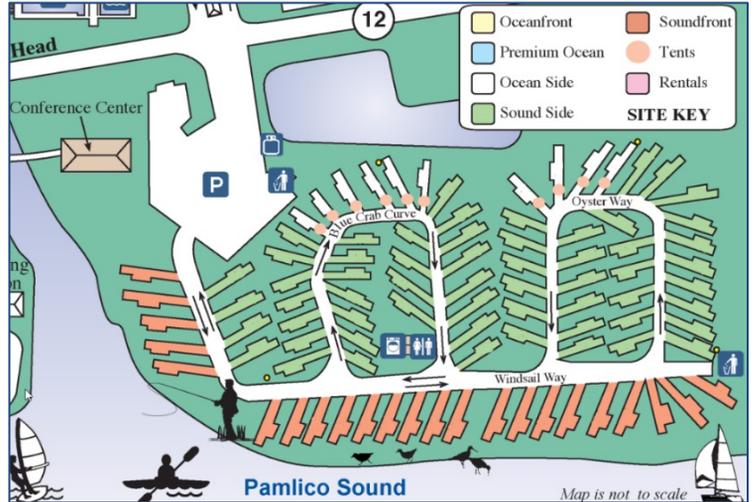
Cape Hatteras RV Resort submitted by 1st VP: Eric Graham (BRN 05097)

Camp Hatteras RV Resort has a total of 35 sites reserved for us. Campground rules only allow a total of 10 discounted “sound front” sites to be reserved for a rally and they are first come, first served. There are more than 10 “sound front” sites available, but at the regular rate. An additional 25 discounted sites can be reserved within the “sound side.”

We have access to the conference center with a fully equipped kitchen.

A few of the amenities:

- Cable and Wi-Fi
- Full hook-ups (50/30 amps)
- Game Room
- 3 Pools
- Shuffleboard
- Pickleball
- Bike and Watercraft Rentals
- Dog Park
- And more... visit the web site for all the benefits.



Please let me know if you are planning to attend and if you would like to take part in the caravan. Reservation details to follow.

Please take a moment to help by completing the 3-question survey. Your feedback and suggestions are appreciated.

[2025 Outer Banks Survey](https://forms.office.com/r/efeK4b8k3R)
<https://forms.office.com/r/efeK4b8k3R>

Scan QR CODE with your phone camera to open link!





Silver in the City ...York, SC

Friday Night Fun!

April 11-14, 2024



Silver in the City ...Yorke, SC



April 11-14, 2024



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Silver in the City ...York, SC

April 11-14, 2024





Region 3 'Streams and Meadows

April 17-21, 2024

Some fun facts from Region 3:

A total of 107 Rigs were in attendance in Doswell VA.

6 Presidents from Region 3 were there!

Top % of members:

- 3. Tidewater
- 2. North Virginia
- 1. Spirit of Virginia

Top Number of Rigs per club:

- 3. Top of Georgia
- 2. North Virginia
- 1. Carolina

Region 2, 4 and Members at Large were also in attendance!



York,
SC



SOME OF OUR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS IN MAY

May 1

- May Day

May 4

- Kentucky Derby

May 5

- Cinco de Mayo

May 9

- Ascension Day

May 12

- Mother's Day

May 18

- Armed Forces Day

May 24

- Brother's Day

May 27

- Memorial Day

May 31

- Smile Day



Welcome New Affiliate Members

Chris Modly chris.modly@gmail.com

Lori Modly modlypnp@gmail.com

BRN 09874 (2024 Flying Cloud FBT 30'')

Dacula, GA



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!



Must-Visit Campground by Charlie & Mary Ann Purser (BRN 28742)

McDowell Nature Center and Preserve Campground is a small, Mecklenburg County-run campground surrounded by huge amounts of forest and trails. We stayed here while visiting family in Charlotte. From points west of Charlotte, it is very easy to access, and traffic was light (for the Charlotte area). It's located off NC Highway 49 near the South Carolina line...

15222 York Road / Charlotte, NC 28278. [\(704\) 583-1284](tel:7045831284).

The campground has two gates that limit unwanted traffic within the campground. So, the place is peaceful and quiet. Here are the notes I took during our trip:

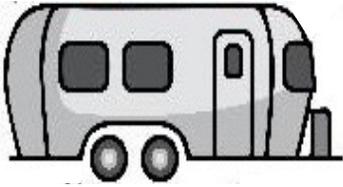


Dates of our stay: March 3-5, 2023. On the shores of Lake Wylie.

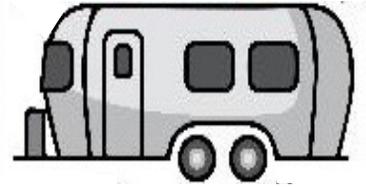
7+ miles of trails in the park. The Kingfisher and Chestnut Trails seem to be the best and longest. Best campsites: R11 (ours), R7, R8, R2 and R5 (the only one with onsite septic). The centralized dump station, near the bathhouse, is not very well placed. That's the only downside to the campground. Plenty of stores and services nearby. York Road is full of restaurants, stores, etc.

Overall running/hiking score: 4.5

A Little Something About Us by Stuart & Kate Robertson (BRN 03642)



Hello &
welcome



We have lived in Kansas City for 9 years and my sister lives in Madison, WI. In 2018, we went to the Door County Cherry Picking Rally and met our first Airstream friends! We joined WI as an affiliate at that point and camp with them about once a year.

We love all the small world connections!

We are excited to meet everyone! We won't be in town for the first few events but once we are in Charleston this summer, we hope to get involved with the Palmetto club!

We are a family of 6 (plus a dog and two cats!) who have been Airstreaming for about 10 years! We have four kiddos – ages 18 months, age 11, 13 and 16. We've been all over the US in our 30' bunk and even to Mexico on a Caravan in 2022.

We're moving back to Charleston in May to help my husband's ailing parents. We can't wait.



Recipe

submitted by Donna Pollard (BRN 07218)



Southern Fried Salmon Patties

Ingredients:

- 1 (14 $\frac{3}{4}$ oz.) canned Salmon
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup onion, finely chopped
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup cornmeal
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup flour
- 1 egg
- 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise

Instructions:

1. Open Salmon and drain thoroughly.
2. Place Salmon in mixing bowl and flake evenly with fork.
3. Add onion, corn meal, flour, mayonnaise and egg.
4. Stir until well blended.
5. Shape the mixture into patties about the size of an average burger or less.
6. Cook in oil in a skillet over medium heat until browned on each side.
7. Turn while frying.
8. Enjoy!