



Just when one year begins, it's often already time to start planning for the next—and that certainly holds true for both business and the Palmetto State Airstream Club!

I'm excited to share that our **2027 rally schedule is already complete**, and I want to extend a special **thank you to our Vice Presidents, Joey and Kerstin Evans**, for the great job they did putting together such a well-planned and exciting schedule for the year ahead. We'll also soon

begin planning for next year's club officers, rally hosts, and more. Staying ahead of these important details allows everyone to plan ahead, mark their calendars, and enjoy the anticipation of the journey. It also helps reduce stress for those who work hard behind the scenes selecting sites, organizing rallies, and hosting our events—thank you to all who make it happen!

We are also currently **finalizing the agenda for our June Business Meeting**. Please watch your inbox for details, including the date and time, along with the complete agenda. A few highlights will include **updates to the Constitution and By-Laws**, and I'd like to recognize **our Director, Bobby Puryear**, for his diligent work on these important updates. We'll also be discussing **open roles for 2027** and other key club matters. Your participation and input are always valued as we plan for the future of our club.

I'd also like to extend a heartfelt **thank you to everyone who has attended our 2026 rallies so far**. Your enthusiasm, teamwork, and willingness to pitch in truly make each rally special, fun, and smooth-running.

One highlight worth mentioning is our recent team project at the **Shiny Apple Rally**, where members came together to install a new Zip Dee awning "hinge" attachment. It was a memorable experience and a great reminder that *many hands truly do make light work*—and make it enjoyable too!

We've put a lot of care into keeping everyone informed and connected through our **Palmetto State Airstream Club website, Facebook page, and the Bell Ringer newsletter**. I encourage you to explore these resources regularly—especially the events page—where you'll find helpful details about upcoming rallies, important dates, and last-minute updates.

I'm also thrilled to report that **our club continues to grow**, with **15 new BRNs joining us so far this year**. We love welcoming new members, seeing new faces at our rallies, and building lasting friendships. To our newest members—welcome! We hope you feel right at home.

Looking ahead, our next stop is the **Horsing Around Rally at Croft State Park in Spartanburg**. A big thank you to **the Van Thofs for hosting** what promises to be a fun and memorable rally! Be sure to **check the last page of this newsletter** for all the exciting details and activities planned—we hope to see you there or at one of our upcoming rallies down the road.

Until then, **safe travels to all**.

Welcome to Camping in the Carolinas, Y'all —and don't forget to *make it fun!*

Be blessed,

Charlie

Charlie Purser

BRN **28742**

2026 PSAC President



2026 Palmetto State Airstream Club Officers & Committees

Board Members:

President: Charlie Purser

1st Vice President: Joey Evans

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Past President: Eric Graham

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Rally Team Chair: Sandi Lee



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Reflection: Shiny Apply Rally

May 16-19, 2026

Saluda, NC

Joyce Butucel, BRN 10113

What an amazing club we have!



Bill and I recently went to one of our rallies up in **Saluda, NC**. The rally was our **Shiny Apple Rally**, which was May 14-17, 2026. As probably most of you know, Bill is not doing well physically, and we needed help with our long awning on the drivers side. It had dry rotted and had torn at one end when we were at our **Silver on the Strand Rally** in Myrtle Beach. We kept it rolled up and locked it down until we could figure out how to fix it.

Bill purchased the fabric piece that needed to slide into the old housing, but we had no idea how we were going to be able to do this project by ourselves. I brought our dilemma up to Charlie Purser when we first arrived at the **Shiny Apple Rally** and Charlie offered to help.

Friday evening at our get-together Charlie mentioned the situation to the group and asked if anyone was able to help Saturday morning. WOW! Five of the gentlemen had no issues with offering up their help and expertise. Right after breakfast, Saturday morning they all gathered at our Airstream and put their heads together and dug right in.

I'm sure they would have preferred to be doing anything else, but they took the time out of their relaxing camping day and spent time working on taking the old torn piece out and replacing it with the new piece. It was not an easy task! It took time to uncrimp the old and to slide and crimp the new piece in. They even cleaned the old track out, so it was all nice and clean, which looked amazing because it was really, really dirty! **Charlie Purser** lead the charge and they all worked together to get it done! Bill and I can't thank these gentlemen enough! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Charlie Purser, Donnie Lee, Allen Kirchner, Bobby Puryear, and our newest member, Blaise Keen.



Spotlight: Back2Bear Park

July 9-12, 2026

Creekwood Farm RV Park

Waynesville, NC 28785



Burt & Gail Broadway are rolling out the red, white, and blue carpet as they host our **July "Celebrate America" Rally at Back2Bear Park**—and it's shaping up to be a star-spangled good time!

In honor of our nation's 250th anniversary spirit, it's time to break out your most festive patriotic gear and **decorate those beautiful Airstreams!** Whether you go classic Americana or over-the-top creative, the **Best Decorated Rig** will take home bragging rights—and maybe a prize!

Rally Highlights:

- Delicious all-American meals
- Patriotic trivia
- Fun and games for everyone
- A one-of-a-kind Patriotic Duck Race

Registration Reminder:

Be sure to make your campground reservations at **Creekwood Farm RV Park**, then follow up by registering for the rally. This helps the hosts plan a fantastic experience for everyone and keeps our group together.

So polish up that **aluminum**, grab your party hat, and get ready to rally like it's 250 years of freedom in the making. This is one celebration you won't want to miss!



2026 Rally Schedule

WELCOME TO CAMPING IN THE CAROLINAS, Y'ALL!

Make 2026 Unforgettable!

RALLY HOSTS NEEDED! Contact: club022@airstreamclub.org



JUNE

11-14, 2026

Horsing Around Rally
HOSTS: Van Thofs

Croft State Park
Spartanburg, SC 29302



SEPTEMBER

10-13, 2026

First Hitch Festival
HOSTS: Welches & Maddens

Palmetto Cove RV Park
521 Table Rock Road
Cleveland, SC 29625



JULY

9-12, 2026

Back2Bear Park Rally
HOSTS: Broadways

Creekwood Farm RV Park
Waynesville, NC 28785



AUGUST

13-16, 2026

Stream'n with White Squirrels Rally
CANCELLED

Davidson River Campground
Pisgah Forest, NC 28768



OCTOBER

1-4, 2026

Silver in the Pines SOLD OUT!
Farm of Allen & Theresa Kirchner

Boondocking Rally
522 Boyd Pond Road
Aiken, SC 29803



13-16, 2026

Unhitched at Hartwell Rally
Hosts Needed

Unhitched Lake Hartwell
330 Hart State Park Road
Hartwell, GA 30643



NOVEMBER

5-8, 2026

Silver on the Broad

Installation Rally
Broad River Campground
Mooresboro, NC 28114



22- 27, 2026

Magic in Minot
Let us know if you are Attending!

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



DECEMBER

5, 2026

A Lee's Farm Christmas
Farm of Don & Vickie Lee

5090 Lockhart Road
Sharon, SC 29742



Come roll with us—adventure awaits!





"Horsing Around Rally"

Croft State Park

450 Croft State Park Rd.

Spartanburg, SC, 29302



🐾 "A Horsing Around Rally—Where Fun Comes in Gallops!" 🐾

Saddle up, Airstreamers!

Get ready for a rootin'-tootin' good time as we gather for fun, friendship, and a whole lot of horsing around! Between Croft State Park adventures and downtown Spartanburg happenings, there's something for every trail rider.

🐾 Rally Round-Up Schedule

Thursday, June 11 – "Circle the Wagons"

2:00 PM – Check-In Opens

4:30 PM – Early Birds Gathering

Campground 2 *Between Sites 30 & 31 – on the Lake*. Bring a drink and a snack to share. Casual meet and greet to hang with the Early Birds

Look for the red, white & blue spinners! Kick up your boots and meet your fellow riders!

Friday, June 12 – "Meet the Herd & Game Night"

Spend the day exploring:

Hiking trails, biking, kayaking, fishing... or just relax by your rig

2:00 PM – Check-In Opens

▫ 5:00 PM – Sidewalk Café (Lakefront Shelter #2)

Bring:

- An appetizer to share
- Your own Dinner & Drink

▫ Meet new faces, catch up with old trail buddies

▫ **Game Night to follow—bring your best competitive spirit!**

Saturday, June 13 – "From Sunrise to Campfire"

▫ **Day of Leisure**

Roam the park, explore Spartanburg, or enjoy a good ol' afternoon siesta

▫ 9:00 AM – Trail Boss Breakfast (Shelter #3)

Menu:

- Fresh-milled French toast
- Scrambled eggs Fruit Coffee

Bring your own setup & mug

6:00 PM – Chuckwagon Dinner (Shelter #3)

Catered meal + sweet dessert

▫ **Campfire & Hoedown Fun**

- Bring instruments for music around the fire
- Dress up in your best "Horsey Duds" (think Western, Derby, or downright silly!)
- Prize awarded for the **Best Dressed Rider!**

Sunday, June 14 – "Ride On Home"

▫ 9:00 AM – "Donuts, Devotion & Directions"

Campground 2 *Between Sites 30 & 31 – on the Lake*. Donuts provided—bring your own drink.

Enjoy a short *Word for the Road*, hugs all around, and plans for the next rally.

- Light continental breakfast

- Short devotion
- Prayer for safe travels

Hugs, handshakes, and "see you down the trail"

📍 Spartanburg Side Trails (Optional Fun in Town!)

Take a ride into town and enjoy:

🐾 Thursday – Music on Main

Live music, toe-tappin' fun, and tasty food trucks

🐾 Saturday Morning – Hub City Farmers Market

Fresh fruits, local meats, baked goods, and handmade treasures

⚠️ Croft State Park Adventures

(Reserve through the park – fees apply)

🌿 Thursday, June 11 | 4:00–5:00 PM

Invasive Species Presentation

Learn about critters and plants that don't belong in our pasture

🛶 Friday, June 12 | 7:30–9:00 PM

Sunset Paddle

Enjoy a peaceful ride on the water (kayak, paddle & life jacket included)

🕒 Monday, June 15 | 3:00–4:40 PM

Bird Watching Program

📖 Important Notes from the Trail Boss

- Make campsite reservations directly with Croft State Park
- Please register for the Rally online as soon as you make your campsite reservations
- Park activities require advance sign-up & fees

🐾 Final Word

Whether you're galloping into every activity or just grazing by the fire, this rally is all about good company, great memories, and plenty of **horsing around**.

