



## May 2022 Newsletter <https://airstreamclub.org/piedmont-north-carolina>

Region 3, Unit 161

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### May 2022 President's Report

Hi Piedmont Club,

I've attended webinars and Zoom meeting, attended presentations at Region 3 rally, sent and received many emails, and discussed via phone with the chair of the committee proposing the upcoming constitutional amendments to the International Airstream Club constitution. I've provided feedback and suggestions and asked a lot of questions. You will soon have an opportunity to vote on the 2 constitutional amendments. I will vote as delegate at the upcoming International Board of Trustees at the rally in Fryeburg, ME based on your vote. Please take time to review the amendments being proposed and vote when the balloting takes place.

Diane and I have been down for a while so that she could get her knee replacement (marvels of modern medicine). It has been totally successful and she is at her last physical therapy as I'm writing this. We are looking forward to getting back on the road. We plan to attend the upcoming June rally in Waynesville on our return trip from the %mothership+in Jackson Center - our last warranty visit to get a couple of minor things fixed.

Speaking of rallies, Mike Bizon and Gaile Broom had glowing feedback from the May rally in Hot Springs hosted by Todd and Debbie Stroud. Todd and Debbie are the gold standard when it comes to rally hosts. Diane and I, in our short time in the club, have attended 2 rallies hosted by them and both were great. Thank you Todd and Debbie for doing such a great job and for your commitment to the club!!!

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I know we're all thinking of the growing price of fuel and how that affects the bottom line when we're budgeting for our travel. I've seen many opinions and analyses of this and how it will affect the RV industry. Diane and I are co-leading the Sho-Me the Ozarks caravan and I've had concerns that it might cause people to drop out due to the rising cost but so far everyone is still a go. Just as many of you have probably done, I've looked at what I speculate the cost to travel based on distance, mpg, and speculative cost of fuel. Round numbers it might be a couple hundred per 1000 miles of travel. I believe most of us would not let \$200-\$400 stop us from going a trip we may have planned for a long time. But I do think, even though the incremental fuel cost may be small in comparison to the overall cost of a trip, there is a psychological aspect that might come into play. I'm not sure I have a good analogy but it's something like you pay \$10 for an item but if the price is \$11 I'm not going to buy it. So for each of us, who want to go travel via camping, there is a point where we say we're not going to pay that small incremental amount. There's another factor which the news media loves to spread is the fear about there might be fuel shortages. I hope for each of you, you are able to absorb the incremental fuel cost and have not reached the point we're not willing to pay that much. Life is short take advantage of all the opportunities you can!!

Take care and I hope to see you soon.

Bill Byrum

President, PASC





## **PIEDMONT NC AIRSTREAM CLUB RALLY**

*June 23-26, 2022*

### *Preliminary Schedule*

*(Final Schedule will be emailed to rally attendees on 6-17-2022)*

#### **Thursday - 6/23**

4:30-ish **Happy Hour at Picnic Pavilion in campground**

Bring:

- Appetizer to share
- Dinner set ups
- Beverages
- Folding chairs

6:00 p.m. **Dinner provided by Hosts at Picnic Pavilion** (Rec Hall if raining)

8:00 p.m. Fire Pit

#### **Friday – 6/24**

**Breakfast & Lunch on your own**

##### **Daytime Activities**

- **Wheels Through Time Museum** - <https://wheelsthroughtime.com/> \$12
- **Visit & Tour Shelton House** - <https://sheltonhouse.org/visit/> \$7 Each
- **Group Tasting at B&C Winery** - <http://bcwinerync.com/> \$6 Each
- **Bear Waters Brewing Company** - Food & Craft Beer with possible Live Music at their Creekside location at 4352 Soco Road in Maggie Valley

**Dinner on your own**

##### **Evening Activities**

- **Hart Theatre** - *“Steel Magnolias”* at 7:30 p.m. Reservations Recommended

\$25 - \$35 tickets. Text Jim Mount at 919-270-9171 if interested in attending the play.

- **Elk Watch at Dusk** - <https://visitcherokeenc.com/itinerary-builder/poi/park-visitor-center/>

(Researching other location options)

## **Saturday – 6/25**

**Breakfast & Lunch on our own**

### **Daytime Activities**

- Check out the area – Lake Junaluska, Maggie Valley, Canton or Cherokee
- Waterfall Hikes

5:00 p.m. **Happy Hour at Picnic Pavilion**

Bring:

- Dinner set ups
- Beverages
- Folding chairs

6:00 p.m. **Catered Dinner at Picnic Pavilion** (Rec Hall if raining)

7:30 p.m. **Game Night at Picnic Pavilion or Rec Hall**

Bring your favorite Card or Board Game

## **Sunday – 6/26**

8:30 a.m. **Light Breakfast Provided by Hosts at Picnic Pavilion** (Rec Hall if raining)



**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
**PIEDMONT NORTH CAROLINA AIRSTREAM CLUB**  
**May 12, 2022**  
**By Amy Mount**

**Current membership in Piedmont NC Airstream Club is 137 total members, which include 5 Lifetime & 132 Regular members. There are 73 Airstream RVs in the Piedmont Club.**

**Piedmont NC Airstream Club ALSO has 20 Affiliate members with 11 Airstream RVs.**

<b>Lifetime Members</b>	<b>Big Red Number</b>
Joseph Schradie	9000
Joyce Plaxco	4736
Leland Tucker	2167
Robert Bennett	701
Ernest Bauer	241

(Names **highlighted** below joined Piedmont NC Airstream Club since June 2021)

<b>Regular Members</b>	<b>Big Red Number</b>
Edward & Ann Albee	5581
Dan & Diana Amburn	6626
Madaline Bauer	241
James & Mary Lynne Baxter	14736
Marge Bennett	701
Mike Bizon & Gaile Broom	4168
Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe	6693
Bill & Diane Byrum	23618
<b>Donald &amp; Mary Ann Campbell</b>	10782
<b>Peter &amp; Bonnie Cap</b>	3352
David & Dee Ann Cherveney	3170
Vic Cocowitch & Dawn Erikson	2103
Terry & Nicki Cormier	3692
John & Christy Shi Day	2956
<b>Connie &amp; James Dean</b>	5194
Hunter & Julie Dockery	4146
Donna & Dana (Coach) Edwards	16910
Greyton & Lisa Flanagan	1910
<b>Peter &amp; Phyllis Fulton</b>	2427
David & Denise Funaro	31933
Hunter & Debbie Galloway	10483
Robin & Bogdan Gieniewski	18404
Carroll & Jane Haines	26004
Jim & Margaret Banke-Hamernick	9520

Carla Harper	4628
Marcel & Brandi Hebert	8388
Robert Hendrickson & Emily Smathers	7604
Susan Hollobaugh	5474
Alan & Jane Hvizdak	2362
Tom Jacobs	7364
David & Michi Johnson	5836
Andrew & Karen Karakos	2308
Donna Keiran & Chuck Depew	5465
Bernie & Ann Lackmann	5987
Mark & Maria LeBlanc	4729
John & Dee Lloyd	3272
Steven & Leslie Ann Lovett	22659
Dick & Becky Martin	2753
Gary & Christine Mauger	3522
Ann & J. Marvin McBride	7988
Milton & Regina McCoy	2123
Ralph & Ruth Meeks	6601
Jim & Stephanie Minter	12070
Jim & Amy Mount	3998
Carl & Karen Newton	1619
Cathy & Jeffrey Pascoe	3646
Cheryl & Andy Pigott	3276
John oMartö & Carolyn Plaxco	13517
Greg Porter & Terri Sharpe	11373
Michael & Sue Presley	3420
Delia & Robert Rati	3748
Gregory Ray	5218
Fredrick & Vickie Reese	14033
Hal & Betsy Rhoads	1969
Goran Rohman & Corie Gream	13123
William Rowse	5388
Thomas Rydzewski	4819
Cynthia Salzhauer	3195
Bill & Frances Sanislow	4339
Marge Schradie	9000
Jeffrey & Sheri Skeahan	7150
Jerry & Jessica Smith	20703
Dick & Wardene Statham	1410
April Strader Bullin & Chris Bullin	16263
Timothy & Susan Strong	12084
Debra & Todd Stroud	3846
David & Debbie Stubbs	6582
Bill & Shelley Townsend	27070
Gail Tucker	2167
Don & Beverly Waters	4115
Michael & Jennifer Williamson	9790
Dean Woods	14029

<b>Affiliate Members</b>	<b>Big Red Number</b>
John & Nancy Becker	2048
Fred Brandt	3641
Robert & Ginger Ealy	9919
Dennis & Barbara Hackett	7355
Sara & Brent Hubbell	27511
John & Susan Leake	268
John & Victoria Magnacca	5591
Amanda & Ray Nimocks	4248
Joe & Mary Scudder	8624
Oliver Stoutner	24159
Brad & Kathy Tilley	6018

Since November 6, 2021, our Club membership has decreased from 141 to 137 but our Affiliate membership has increased from 16 to 20.

The decrease in regular membership within the Piedmont NC Airstream Club has been from a variety of reasons ó

- 4 Club members (Paige & Gray Flippin and James & Amanda Schaal) have transferred to another Airstream Club
- 5 Club members sold their Airstream trailers (Alice Barefoot, Bruce & Kelly Radford, Sean & Debra Speck)
- 14 Club members have not renewed in 2022 (Jeffrey & Margaret Choate, Darla & Todd Lewis, Bud & Donna Moore, Paul & Pam Richmond, Rick & Anne Schmidt, Elizabeth & Douglas Whitley, William & Linda Wilson)

### **So how does Piedmont NC Airstream Club get new members?**

Airstream Club International (ACI) sends an email to Amy Mount, Bill Byrum and Stedman Brown when a new member selects Piedmont NC Airstream Club as their òLocal Club.ö Amy then documents the new member's contact information (name, address, phone number & email address), Big Red Number (BRN), type of Airstream RV and date of membership within an Excel spreadsheet. Gregory Ray, Piedmont Club Corresponding Secretary, is then emailed the contact information for the new member so they can be included in the distribution list for the monthly Piedmont NC Club newsletter. Amy mails a òWelcome Letterö to the new member that includes a list of Piedmont NC Club rallies for the current year and contact information for our Club President, Bill Byrum, and Amy Mount, Club Membership. ACI sends each new member a òWelcome Packet,ö which includes a set of the Big Red Numbers, ACI name badges, a set of decals and the latest edition of the *Blue Beret* magazine.

Amy also sends letters, emails and texts to Club & Affiliate members to remind them to renew their Piedmont NC Club membership throughout the year. Club members will also receive an email from ACI when it is time to renew since ember

renewal dates are now aligned with the date they joined Airstream Club International. However, Club members that joined **BEFORE** July 1, 2021 will still have a membership renewal date of January 1 each year.

Remember, ACI and Piedmont Club membership only lasts for *one calendar year*. If a member lets their membership lapse for more than 60 days, then they will be moved to a new renewal date and possibly a new Big Red Number if they return as a current ACI & Club member. Members may renew their membership through the ACI website, but ACI Membership will accept checks and payment with a credit card over the phone. ACI membership will continue to be \$75. Local Airstream Club dues, as well as Affiliate Member fees, will continue to be \$15 each. ACI members can be Affiliate members to multiple clubs.

The ACI Membership Directory on Airstream Club's website is a GREAT resource for every Piedmont Club member. You may search for a specific Club member by using their first and last name or Big Red Number and even get a list of Piedmont Club members and their contact information.

If a Club member provided an email address and/or phone number when becoming a "Primary Member" or "Partner Member" then that information is now available within the online ACI Membership Directory. However, if a member did not include an email address and/or phone number for the "Partner" member, then no communication will be sent to that Club member via email from ACI. **Airstream encourages EVERY Club member, especially a "Partner Member" to include a valid email address as part of the member's contact information. This will allow BOTH the "Primary Member" and "Partner Member" to participate in Airstream Club International elections, receive Club communications, ACI promotions, etc.** If you want to add a "Partner Member" email address, please contact Airstream headquarters via email at [membership@airstreamclub.org](mailto:membership@airstreamclub.org) or call Amanda Hughes, ACI Membership Coordinator, at 937-596-5211.

Contact Amy Mount if you have any questions about Airstream Club membership. Her contact information is [rovermommy@hotmail.com](mailto:rovermommy@hotmail.com) or 919-349-4509 ó cell.





Date	RALLY	LOCATION	CAMPGROUND	HOST
January 2022	NONE	NA	NA	NA
February 2022	LUNCHEON	Raleigh	CANCELED	Stedman Brown
March 2022	NONE	NA	NA	NA
April 7-10, 2022	REGION 3	Hiawasse, GA	GA. MOUNTAIN FAIRGROUNDS	Region 3
May 19-22 2022	PIEDMONT AC RALLY	Hot Springs	Hot Springs Resort & Spa	Todd & Debbie Stroud
June 2022 23-26th	PIEDMONT AC RALLY	Waynesville, NC	Creekwood Farm RV Park  4696 Jonathan Creek Rd.  Waynesville, NC 28785	Jim & Amy Mount &  Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe
July 23 - 29, 2022	INTERNATIONAL	Fryeburg, ME	FRYEBURG FAIR ASSOCIATION	ACI
August 2022	REGION 3 SPECIAL EVENT	Galax, VA	COOL BREEZE CAMPGROUND	Region 3
September 8-11, 2022	PIEDMONT AC RALLY	Sneads Ferry, NC	SEAHAVEN MARINE RV PARK  148 Old Ferry Rd, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460	Alan & Jane Hvizdak
October 27-30, 2022	Alumalina	Marion, NC	TOM JOHNSON CAMPING CENTER	John Leake
November 3 - 6, 2022	INSTALLATION RALLY	Winston Salem, NC	Salem Breeze Campground, 2796 Hickory Tree Rd, Winston-Salem, NC 27127	David & Debbie Stubbs
December 2022	NONE	NA	NA	NA