

Piedmont Airstream Club Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Happy Spring!

Nothing says spring time better than the annual Region 3 Rally. Wow what a great gathering at Ocean Lakes campground in Myrtle Beach. Where to begin. The Piedmont Club was well represented at Ocean Lakes. The Piedmont Club had 19 rigs present. Jane and I hosted Happy Hour on Wednesday and Thursday. It was so very good to see the familiar faces and a few new ones. The Yost's were our newest members to attend. It was a good time to welcome them and everyone else to enjoy the time and fellowship that is so abundant at our club rallies.

The Piedmont Club made an outstanding effort to volunteer and contribute time and effort by first supplying a team of members to prepare and serve pancakes on Thursday morning and then again helping with the pot luck meal on Friday and then table and chair setups for the craft/yard sale on Saturday. I want to personally thank all those who came to the Rally and all those who stepped up and volunteered. Rallies are a group activity and a team effort. Our club is a very diverse group that works well together and shows the utmost respect for their fellow members. That is just one aspect that makes the Piedmont Club the joy it is to be part of.

We all know that Springtime in the Carolina's can create havoc on a thermostat. We had some cool weather, wind and abundant sunshine. It was a good mix and made the adventure what it was. Yes, Springtime is here.

I represented our Club at the Executive Board Meeting that was held and shared my enthusiasm about our Club and the Wally Byrum Club overall. There was discussion on our Big Red Numbers and how and when they are displayed. I personally am proud of my numbers and my rig. They are a part of who we are and I believe they should be displayed as our predecessors policy states. Region President Christine Baum and her executive committee did a great job planning and carrying through the details of this event. Congratulations, and thank you to them.

Just a reminder of the Region 3 Pet Policy. "All pets must be leashed when outside the Airstream. Except for working service animals, pets are not permitted in the building/fixed structures or during a meal in outside dining/food preparation areas." Thank you for understanding and for your future cooperation.

We had such a great number of members at the rally that I took the opportunity to take some photos of members. Rob and Delia are going to make a photo album of members so those of us with challenged memory have a place to go and view pictures of fellow members and their names. This will be on our web site for members only to view. This process is done on caravans in printed form along with a short biography. This can be very helpful so I feel it is a good aid for all. If you would please send a photo of yourself to myself, then I will be glad to add you to this compilation.

Now is the time to plan the Rally schedule for 2024. Have an idea for an event? We need volunteers to fill our rally schedule.

Thank you,

Alan Hvizdak President

Musings and Ramblings from the VP...

Therapist: What's been up with you lately?

Chocolate Easter bunny: I don't know Doc, I just feel so hollow inside.

What does the Easter Bunny get for making a basket?

Two points, just like everyone else!

What do you call two best friends on Easter?

Two Peeps in a pod! Have you had enough yet?

I have a million of these jokes. After all, April is filled with chocolate Easter bunnies, basketball championships, and, of course, the ubiquitous PEEPS!

(Admit it. You laughed at the cartoon of creative uses for the Peeps. You really do have a dark side, don't you?)



Big Mike and I have managed to escape the bunnies and Peeps, but when it comes to basketball championships.....well, that is a different bundle of sticks. Our alma mater, USC, women's team showed well right up to the Final Four. Oh well, maybe next year.

By now you have realized that spending time in our Airstream has not risen to the top of the 'To do' list. In fact, we will be in Florida for just a little longer before ambling back to the great Tar Heel State. We appreciate all the photos you have been posting on the Region 3 and our club's Facebook pages. It helps those of us living in stationary digs daydream about living on wheels in the near future. We're yearning to search for the perfect pull-through site with a luxurious concrete pad. In preparation for that day, I have been combing my recipe files for some tasty dishes to try. Here is one I pulled up that you might like. It's easy to prepare, tasty, and better for the fit of your jeans than Peeps. Happy Camping!

Gaile Broom Vice-President

Recipe of the Month

Broccoli Apple Salad

- 4 cups fresh broccoli florets (about 2 medium heads)
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 2 large apples finely chopped (I used gala apples)
- 1/2 cup pecans coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries

Creamy dressing ingredients:

- 1/2 cup lite mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup low fat plain greek yogurt
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 Tablespoon sugar (more to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Make the dressing ahead and pack it in your AS frig. Prep the broccoli and carrots. Place in a Tupperware container. Layer pecans and cranberries over them and refrigerate. All that is left to do in the AS is chop that apple then toss everything together. If you pick up a package of Perdue chicken strips to add to the mix, you can call it dinner when paired with a crisp Chardonnay. Enjoy!

Club Membership Report

April 2023

by Amy Mount

Piedmont NC Club Membership Chair

Our Airstream Club has NEW MEMBERS! Let's all welcome...

Michael Merritt & Jayne Fleener from Raleigh, NC

BRN 2049

1979 31-ft. Land Yacht

Kevin & Jessica Cannon from Wilmington, NC

BRN 28403

2020 24-ft. Interstate XL

So glad to see that **Don & Beverly Waters, BRN 4115, renewed** their Piedmont NC Club membership, too.

Our Club is happy to have seasoned AND new members at ALL our Club and Region 3 Rallies. Hope to see Michael, Jayne, Kevin, Jessica, Don & Beverly at Zooland Family Campground in Asheboro, NC from April 27th to 30th, 2023.

2023 Rally Event Schedule

Piedmont Club Luncheon

Saturday, February 11th, 2023, at 11:30AM

Pomodoro Italian Kitchen

1811 Hillandale Rd, Durham, NC 27705
(Intersection of I85 and Hillandale Rd.)

Hosts: Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe

Please arrive around 11:30am to visit with your fellow Piedmont Airstream Club members. Lunch will be served around noon. There will be several menu items to choose from. There will be individual checks and a 18% gratuity will be automatically added. After lunch there will be a short program and open discussions.

Please RSVP by sending an e-mail to stedmanbrown6693@gmail.com by February 6th.

March 29 to April 2, 2023

Region 3 Rally

Ocean Lakes Campground

6001 S. Kings Highway
Myrtle Beach, SC

Host: Christine Baum, Region 3 President

Call 877-510-1413 to reserve your campsite now. Camp sites are limited.

Be sure to say "2023 Region 3 Airstream Rally" to get the special camping rate.

IMPORTANT: The block of sites reserved for this Rally has been sold out, but you can still get a site at the campground and participate in the Region 3 Rally.

2023 Rally Event Schedule

April 27 – 30, 2023

Schedule

Piedmont Club Rally

Zooland Family Campground

3671 Pisgah Covered Bridge Road
Asheboro, NC

Hosts: Jim & Amy Mount and Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe



The rally schedule is a “work in progress”. One suggested activity is a guided golf cart tour of the North Carolina Zoo on Friday April 28th. The cost is dependent on the number of members choosing to take the tour but could be around \$40 per person, and that includes the entrance fee of \$13. The tour is limited to 20 seats. RSVP to jmount.phoenix@gmail.com by February 26th to reserve a seat for the golf cart tour.



The NC Zoo is nestled on 2,600 wooded acres centrally located in the heart of North Carolina, just south of Asheboro in Randolph County. With 500 developed acres, it is the world's largest natural habitat zoo. The zoo houses 1,800 animals of more than 250 species, primarily representing Africa and North America. <https://www.nczoo.org/>

Other suggested activities are Seagrove Pottery, NC Aviation Museum, American Classic Motorcycle Museum, hiking trails and a covered bridge.

A block of 20 sites near the recreation building is being held for this rally. These sites will be released if not reserved by February 26th. To ensure you have a site with the group, you need to call the campground at 336-628-8257 before this date and tell them you are with the Piedmont Airstream Club. The campground requires full payment when the reservation is made; they offer Senior, EMT, Police and Military discounts, be sure to ask. Diane is the contact person, she works 9 - 3 Thursday and 9 – 5 Friday and Saturday.



2023 Rally Event Schedule

May 25-28, 2023

Piedmont Club Rally

Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center

6601 Devils Racetrack Rd.

Four Oaks, NC 27524

Hosts: Debbie & Todd Stroud

Boondock Rally. Learn to use your Airstream to its fullest. The camping fee is \$10/night and you pay when you get there. Email goodfoodlady@gmail.com by May 1 to reserve your spot. Attendees will receive a supply list and needed instructions.

The rally schedule is a “work in progress”.

June 24 - 30, 2023

66th International Rally

Sweetwater Events Complex

3320 Yellowstone Road

Rock Springs, WY 82901

Register Online at www.AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023 or see your Blue Beret for more details.

July 27 - 30, 2023

Summer Piedmont Club Rally

Campground Location to be determined

Hosts: TBD

Due to scheduling and change of travel plans we are in need of Rally Hosts for the July Rally. If you have an interest or idea then please contact Alan Hvizdak asap.

2023 Rally Event Schedule

Aug. 6 – 12, 2023

National & Region 3 Rally

Cool Breeze Campground

87th Annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention

2330 Edmonds Road

Galax, VA

Host: Christine Baum, Region 3 President

Sept. 21 - 24, 2023

Joint Rally with NC & SC Airstream Clubs

**Hosted by Carolinas Club & Piedmont NC Club AND
South Carolina Coastal & Palmetto State Club**

Palmetto Cove

521 Table Rock Road

Cleveland, SC

Registration Update:

STEP 1

Call Palmetto Cove RV Park Office at 864 836-6261 to make individual reservations and pay for site. Give the name of the rally and dates that you wish to attend.

STEP 2

Go to the Carolina Club web site and register for the rally. Pay rally fee.

Oct. 19 - 22, 2023

Alumalina

Tom Johnson Rally Park/Campground

2695 Hwy. 70 West

Marion, NC

Host: John Leake, Palmetto State Airstream Club

Meet fellow Streamers from Region 3 - VA, NC, SC, GA & FL – & beyond!

2023 Rally Event Schedule

November 2023

Piedmont Club Rally

(Exact date to be determined)

Salem Breeze Campground

2796 Hickory Tree Road Winston-Salem, NC

Installation of new Piedmont Club officers

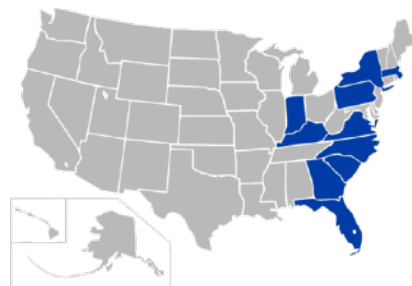
The Grumpy Camper

So, March? In like a lion out like a lamb? Ha! More like someone put a 14 year old teenager with wild hormones in charge of the weather.

So, what does the fickle weather do to our Airstreaming? It makes us think we can de-winterize and fill the tanks, just to google “how long does it have to be below freezing before my pipes break?” Or we take a quick shake down trip and kinda forget that as the altitude goes up the temperature goes down. A short time below 32 probably won’t hurt, but are you willing to put that long awaited caravan off because you need plumbing repairs? So, we either panic and drain everything or have another adult beverage and see what happens overnight. Who is right? The one who can keep camping without major plumbing work.

What else comes this time of year? The yellow sticky pine pollen. Yes, it starts in March and can last into June. Stop opening the windows on the trailer, unless yellow goes with your interior. You can drive the pollen off the trailer...to a certain extent. Plan on washing down the shiny tube weekly. Tip, use a leaf blower to avoid water spots. You’re welcome.

March madness? I remember when “tobacco road” had to be transversed before you could get into the final four. Now, I lose track of all the brackets. Since when did the final four not automatically include an ACC team? I guess it’s since the Atlantic Coast moved west so that states without a beach on the Atlantic are now included. All Triangle basketball teams missed Sweet 16 in years in 2022 and 2023. It’s a historic zero. From hoops feast to basketball famine.



This rant from the grumpy camper has been all over the place just like March tends to be. I look forward to some stability in my thought process and the weather.

This article is being published in April so everything I just ranted about is in the past, but will April bring sanity and stability? The Region 3 Rally was a great way to start. Great people, great food, and I am becoming a big fan of cast iron Dutch Oven cooking. Or maybe just the Lovetts should be my next door neighbor at every rally.

What does April bring? Rain and Taxes. The average non-business person spends 13 hours doing taxes. Those are not Happy Hours.

Maybe I just need a 3 hour drive to a pull through campsite at an adult only, no pets allowed privately owned campground. A place where no one starts a stinky, smokey fire that lingers all night. Plays the outside TV way too loud or leaves the lights on so they shine like a New England Light House all night long. Yes, I think that might help.

April Rally Schedule

HOSTS:

Jim & Amy Mount – 919-270-9171 (Jim's cell)

Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe – 252-314-7961 (Stedman's cell)

Thursday - 4/27/2023

4:30-ish PM Happy Hour at the "Lodge" or on the "Deck"

Bring:

Appetizer to share

Dinner set ups

Beverages

6 PM Dinner provided by Hosts in the Lodge or on the Deck (weather permitting)

Baked Ziti, Turkey Meatballs, Crusty Bread, Green Salad & Dressing, Brownies & Cookies

8 PM Fire Pit (weather permitting)

Friday - 4/28/2023

Breakfast on your own

TOUR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ZOO

Club members that reserved their seat on the golf cart tour will depart the campground promptly at 9:30 AM.

Club members will hear fun stories and facts about the NC Zoo's wonderful animals, enjoy the ease of the "cart ride" and the engaging tour guides will make the trip memorable for sure! Tour guides will share information on the animals' habitats as the tour time permits. Once the cart tour is complete, Club members will have the rest of the day to enjoy the remainder of the zoo.

The NC Zoo has asked Club members to arrive a few minutes early to allow for parking and a restroom visit before heading out for the cart tour. Once you arrive at the roundabout, our life-size bronze elephants will welcome you as your drive up the Zoo's spur road to the entrance at North America. Turn into the North America parking at the caution light and proceed to park in any of the available lots closest to the two-story building in front of Lot D (Dogwood). Look for the Zoo's Golf Cart parked out front and our guide will be waiting.

For GPS directions use: North Carolina Zoological Park, 4401 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro NC 27205

Activities to Consider after visiting the NC Zoo –

- Four Saints Brewing Company - <https://www.foursaintsbrewing.com>
- Asheboro Mini Golf - <https://www.facebook.com/Asheboromg/>
- Disc Golf Course - North Asheboro Park - 1939 Canoy Drive
- Shopping in Asheboro - Antiques, Gifts, Apparel, Boutiques, Home Goods
<https://www.heartofnorthcarolina.com/things-to-do/Distinctive-Shopping>

Lunch & Dinner on your own

Pick any cuisine & then explore restaurants in Asheboro –

<https://www.heartofnorthcarolina.com/things-to-do/city/Asheboro/local-dining>

April Rally Schedule

Saturday - 4/29/2023

Breakfast on our own

9 AM SEAGROVE POTTERY TOUR

Randolph County Tourism Authority has arranged a group tour of Seagrove for us. We will visit two potters for a demonstration of their craft and, of course, they will have finished products for sale. We will leave the campground around 9 a.m. and the tour will conclude at 12 p.m.

Please RSVP to Stedman Brown by 4/14/2023 if you want to go on the Seagrove Pottery Tour via stedmanbrown6693@gmail.com or text/call Stedman at 252-314-7961.

12 PM Lunch on your own following the pottery tour

Activities To Consider –

- Pisgah Covered Bridge – <https://randolphlibrary.libguides.com/c.php?g=1049823&p=7692537>
- Hike in Uwharrie Mountains – <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/nfsnc/recarea/?recid=48934>
- American Classic Motorcycle Museum – <https://www.facebook.com/ACMMofAsheboro/>
- NC Aviation Museum – <https://www.ncamhof.com>
- Richland Creek ZipLine Canopy Tour -- <https://kerseyvalleyzipline.com>
- Explore the Quilt Trail in Randolph County

5 PM Happy Hour in the “Lodge” or on the “Deck”

Bring:

Appetizer to share
Dinner set ups
Beverages

6 PM Potluck Dinner in the Lodge or on the Deck (weather permitting)

Bring:

Your favorite protein that can be grilled – chicken, hamburger, steak, pork chop, hot dog, etc.
Either Salad or Vegetable/Side Dish OR Dessert to share

(Sign-up for a Side Dish or Dessert VIA EMAIL to Amy Mount at rovermommy@hotmail.com.

Six side dishes and five desserts should be plenty for our Potluck Dinner.)

7:30 PM Game Night in the “Lodge”

Bring:

Your FAVORITE Card and/or Board Game

Sunday - 4/30/2023

8:30 AM Light Breakfast and Set-Ups Provided by Hosts in the “Lodge”

Bring:

Your Own Coffee

See ya down the road! Safe travel to & from your next Airstream adventure!