

Happy President's Day

Piedmont Airstream Club Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Hello Airstream Club!

Wow! Jim and Amy Mount shared a day here at Land Yatch Harbor in Melbourne Florida with Bob and Ginger Ealy, Bill and Diane Byrum, and Jane and I. We enjoyed happy hour and a meal of grilled chicken wings, slaw, mac and cheese, chicken pot pie along with ice cream for desert. As we sat and chatted, Jim Mount shared one of his reasons for why he enjoys Airstreaming. It is about the relationships that are formed. The fellowship, the food, and the sharing. We all come from different walks of life and we come together to be a community of caring and sharing. I agree 100%.

Jim and Amy shared the success story of the February luncheon. Thank you Stedman and Tami, and Jim and Amy for the effort to put this event together. With veteran members and new participants attending I know we missed out on an outstanding social event. Thank you all who attended. You all (ya'll) made it the success that it was.

We enjoy our stay here in Florida, however I am excited for our March Region 3 rally at Ocean Lakes Campground in Myrtle Beach SC and the opportunity to meet and greet all of you that attend.

I have to give a shout out to Rob and Delia Rati for the updated look of this newsletter. Truly awesome.

A couple of weeks ago we also had Dick and Becky Martin stop by Land Yatch Harbour for a visit. We enjoyed lunch on the shores of the inter-coastal waterway at Squid Lips. It was yet another day of fellowship. This Airstream Life we share is not for everyone, but if its a fit for you and yours I guarantee a future of good times.

Stay well, travel safe and see you down the road.

Alan Hvizdak President

Musings and Ramblings from the VP...

So February is a special month.....Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, Lent, President's Day, and that all important holiday, Groundhog Day! Most of us can't help but moan about the weather as we sit on pins and needles waiting for the poor tortured creature named Punxsutawney Phil to be dragged from his underground slumber by old men in funny top hats. Poor Phil. After he endures this indignity, he shoulders all the blame for 6 more weeks of lousy weather just for standing in the sun to try to warm up. That fur ball just can't win at this game.

Of course, things could always be worse for Ole Phil. The very first Groundhog Day celebration took place in 1886 and was hosted by a group known as the Groundhog Club. The Club considered their namesake to be a delicacy in addition to a natural meteorologist. After sightseers celebrated Punxsutawney Phil's weather prediction, they all headed over to Gobbler's Knob to dine on a feast made up of various groundhog dishes ([recipe](#) below). Those who have eaten groundhog meat often describe it as a cross between chicken and pork. No, thank you! Phil, you are safe in my kitchen.

You may be wondering why Groundhog Day is on February 2nd. It's because 02/02 is known as a "cross-quarter" day, meaning it falls at the midpoint between one season and another. February 2nd falls between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, making it the ideal time to consider whether or not spring will arrive early.

Oh, by the way, there is some truth to Mrs. Phil's accusation. To hear Punxsutawney Phil's handlers tell it, he has a pristine weather prediction record that reflects 100% accuracy. In reality, his track record isn't really all that great. Phil has delivered a correct forecast approximately 39% of the time since he first tried his hand at meteorology.

During winter I often can associate with the need to nestle into my lair to escape the cold, dreary weather. Oh wait! That was my old life. Now I spend winters in sunny, warm South Florida. (Sorry for teasing!). No matter where I spend the winter, my thoughts go to summer vacation and hitting the open road. Big Mike is currently putting our plans in motion for a trip to the west coast. For sure a lot of driving is involved. I'd best not dwell on that part and instead focus on all the exciting adventure that lies in our future.

For now, my best advice is to ignore all this weather talk. Grab the one you love. Dust off the credit cards and enjoy some smoldering Valentine's Day celebrations. Make some memories wherever you are.

Gaile Broom Vice-President

This is Punxsutawney Phil's ex-wife, Phyllis, who now lives in Florida and said that Phil is a compulsive liar.



Club Membership Report

February 2022

by Amy Mount

Piedmont NC Club Membership Chair

Adding NEW Piedmont Club members makes me a happy camper! Let's welcome ...
Jean & Ed Yost from Raleigh, NC BRN 4400 2023 23-ft. Flying Cloud

I'm also happy to see current Piedmont Club members renew their 2023 membership ...
Peter & Bonnie Cap from Oriental, NC BRN 3352

Hope to see these and all our Piedmont Club members at our upcoming Region 3 Rally in Myrtle Beach, SC in March!

Installation Rally Meeting Minutes

Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club

Installation Rally minutes

Nov 5th, 2022 @ 7:30 PM

Salem Breeze RV Park Winston-Salem, NC

Members Present – Bill Byrum, Diane Byrum, Amy Mount, Jim Mount, Gregory Ray, John Lloyd, Dee Lloyd, Bernie Lackmann, Ann Lackmann, Jeffrey Skeahan, Andy Karakas, Dick Martin, Becky Martin, Gaile Broom, Mike Bizon, Tami Lowe, Stedman Brown, Shelly Townsend, Bill Townsend, David Stubbs, Debbie Stubbs, April Bullin, Chris Bullin, Todd Stroud & Debbie Stroud.

Also present - Region 3 President Christine Baum, Joe Baum and Robert Sells.

President Bill Byrum thanked everyone and recognized club officers for outstanding work.

The following announcements were made, there is still room for Taste of the Blue Ridge (May 16 – June 11, 2023), contact Dick Martin airstream2753@gmail.com for more information.

Galax will be held Aug 6 – 12, 2023. Space is limited so sign up when registration is announced. Christin Baum said it is right up there with Alumilina and highly recommends attending.

Installation Rally Meeting Minutes

A joint Carolina Rally (Carolinas, Palmetto State, Piedmont NC and SC Coastal) will be held Sept 21 – 24, 2023. It will be hosted at Palmetto Cove. It was motioned by Jim Mount that

Piedmont NC provide a pancake breakfast. It was seconded by Dick Mount. The motioned passed.

Special recognition was given to Stedman Brown for his many years of service as Treasurer and to Gregory Ray for his many years of service as Correspondence Secretary and Newsletter Editor.

Gaile Broom shared information about Can-Opener (Jan 5-8, 2023) which will be held in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

The Region 3 Rally (Silver on the Sands, Take #2) will be held at Ocean Lakes Family Campground in Myrtle Beach. Call the campground to make your campsite reservation 877-510-1413. Do not use the online site, the special rate of \$50.40/night (March 29 – April 2) will not be honored online. Rally reserved sites are H, HH & I. The park fills quickly, so reserve your site soon. When calling you must mention that you are a part of the Region 3 Airstream group.

Registration for the rally portion is separate, it will be available after Jan 2023. More information can be found here: <https://airstreamclub.org/region-3-2023-rally>

Christin Baum, Region 3 President suggested a joint rally between NC Piedmont and Spirit of Virginia Airstream Clubs. She then installed the 2023 officers who were in attendance:

President - Alan Hvizdac (not present)

Vice President - Gaile Broom

Treasurer - Jim Mount

Recording Secretary - Debbie Stroud

Correspondence Secretary & Newsletter Editor – Rob Rati (not present)

Membership - Amy Mount

Trustees - David Stubbs & Todd Stroud

Historian - Gregory Ray

Webmaster – Delia Rati (not present)

Past President – Bill Byrum

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Stroud - Recording Secretary, Nov 15, 2022 (corrected 2/10/23)

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

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: Steve & Leslie Lovett

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

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

Recipe of the Month: Groundhog Chili

Submitted by: Gail Broom

Ingredients:

- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans chicken broth
- 1 (4 ounce) can green Chile peppers, chopped
- 1 Teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 Teaspoon dried oregano
- 3/4 Teaspoon cayenne pepper (reduce to your taste)
- 2 1/2 - 3 cups cooked groundhog (or chicken breast), chopped
- 2 (14.5 ounce) cans Cannellini beans or Great Northern Beans
- 1/2 Cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (optional)

Directions:

1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the onions and garlic and sauté for 10 minutes, or until onions are tender. Add the broth, green Chile peppers, cumin, oregano, and cayenne pepper and bring to a boil. Simmer for 30 minute, covered.
2. Add the meat and beans and return pot to a simmer. Simmer for 20 to 30 minutes. Pour into bowls and top with cheese. Enjoy!

February Luncheon Update



Our first Piedmont Airstream Club activity for 2023 was our luncheon at the Pomodoro Italian Kitchen in Durham, February 11th. The event was attended by 29 members and after lunch we discussed our rally schedule, a possible caravan to the international in Rock Springs and our national caravan plans this year. This was followed by a presentation by a Durham EMS representative on the use and operation of a Zoll AED Plus and the

importance of CPR.

The Piedmont Airstream Club currently has a Zoll AED Plus and it is currently located with the club president. The link below is to a 5-minute YouTube video on a simulate rescue. (It starts with a commercial, skip after 5 seconds)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jR7V3I-aLw>

I hope to see many of you at Myrtle Beach.

Stedman Brown



the Region 3 Rally in





PAC Boondock Rally

May 25 -28, 2023

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Learn to use your AS to its fullest. The camping fee is \$10/night, pay when you get there.

Email goodfoodlady@gmail.com by 5/1 to reserve your spot, and to receive a supply list, as well needed instructions.