

# Piedmont Airstream Club Newsletter

## June 2023



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<https://airstreamclub.org/piedmont-north-carolina>

# A Message from the President

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Hello and Happy June. Jane and I are settled in to a routine in Sneads Ferry as summer approaches. Its good to be home and making headway on the to do list. Four new tires on the Airstream, gardening, woodturning, beach visits and happy hours with our local friends. It's great to be happy and busy. North Carolina is a great place to live with so much outdoor diversity.

Recently I have written and talked about filling our rally schedule for 2024 by our November rally. I believe we have the opportunity to put together an itinerary that a cross section of Piedmont Club members will find adventurous and entertaining. There is a wide variety of Festivals and music events right in our backyard. It's simple to google and obtain a list. Then it's a matter of securing a campground. Jane and I are working on a rally for June of 2024 that will include the Blueberry Festival in Burgaw. I hope others will use there imagination to put together a future rally.

Enjoy your travels, be safe and see you down the road.

Thank you,

Alan Hvizdak President

# Musings and Ramblings from the VP...

On this cloudy afternoon I couldn't get motivated to get back to my current project....cleaning out the garage. Big Mike was down for the count after he lost an argument with our brick walkway. (More on that later. Maybe at our next rally.) So I found myself relaxing on the couch and trolling to catch up on the goings-on in the Facebook Fantasy World. I ran across this guy doing one of my favorite things..cooking. It appears this bearded gentleman has jumped on the YouTube bandwagon of country cooks trying to hit the big time. Ringing that bell requires more than a shtick of a backwoods costume and a twangy Southern accent.



On closer inspection I realized he was setup in an outdoor man cave complete with an indoor fire pit used to fuel his cast iron, Dutch oven cooking. His food had that down-home look...biscuits, sausage gravy, red beans and rice, and cornbread. Now we're talking my menu language. But seriously, this guy is claiming he cooks like this every day. Are you kidding me? My kitchen is equipped with a duel

fuel Thermador stove/oven, pot-filler faucet, microwave oven and other tools too numerous to mention. Just can't see myself preparing Big Mike's daily meals over an open fire. "Honey, could you chop a little more wood so I can make lunch?"

Maybe you have been lucky like me and have had the opportunity to experience the delicious dishes prepared by our club's own award winning Dutch oven chefs, Leslie and Steve Lovett. Fantastico! Those two really know how to get the job done. The one thing I learned while attending their seminars is that to be successful at it there is serious effort involved. This gal has her limits. For an occasional meal, I'm all in. But on a daily basis, let's keep it real here and break out the Instant Pot.

Gaile Broom Vice-President

# Recipe of the Month

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## The Best Instant Pot Spaghetti

**YIELD: Serves 4**

**PREP TIME 10 minutes COOK TIME 15 minutes**

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound ground beef or turkey
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cups water, divided
- 1 (24-ounce) jar marinara or tomato-based pasta sauce
- 8 ounces dry spaghetti
- Grated Parmesan cheese, for serving

## EQUIPMENT

- 6- to 8-quart electric pressure cooker
- Measuring cups and spoons
- Spatula or wooden spoon
- Tongs

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Sauté the meat.** Turn an electric pressure cooker on to sauté. Once heated, add the olive oil and meat. Break the meat up into large pieces with a wooden spoon and season with the salt, onion powder, and garlic powder. Cook, stirring and breaking the meat into smaller and smaller pieces, until cooked through and no longer pink, about 5 minutes.

**Add 1/2 cup of the water, then the sauce.** Turn off the sauté function and add 1/2 cup of the water to the pot. Scrape the bottom of the pot to remove any stuck-on bits. Add the sauce and stir to combine well.

**Break the spaghetti in half and layer in the pot.** Break the spaghetti strands in half and spread them in one or two layers over the ground meat mixture. Do not stir from this point on.

**Add the remaining water but don't stir.** Rinse the pasta sauce jar with the remaining 1 1/2 cups water (pour the water into the jar, twist on the



lid, and shake gently) and then pour the water over the pasta. Remember — no stirring here.

**Set the pressure cooker to HIGH for 8 minutes cook time.** Seal the pressure cooker. Set to cook on HIGH pressure for 8 minutes. The cooker should take between 10 and 12 minutes to come up to pressure.

**Use a quick release to release pressure and stir.** Open the pressure release valve (quick release) as soon as the 8 minutes cook time is up. Open the pressure cooker and stir the spaghetti into the sauce. Turn off the pressure cooker and remove the insert from the pressure cooker. Serve immediately with a flurry of grated Parmesan cheese.

## RECIPE NOTES

**Storage:** Leftovers can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 4 days.

# Club Membership Report

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*June 2023*

by Amy Mount  
Piedmont NC Club Membership Chair

Piedmont Club has a couple of **NEW MEMBERS!!**

Let's welcome –

- **Elizabeth & Timothy Ellingson** from Glen Allen, VA as **NEW CLUB MEMBERS**. They travel in their **2022 24-ft. GL** with **BRN #2847**. They are also Affiliate Members of Virginia Airstream Club.

# 2023 Rally Event Schedule

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

*Updated*  
**May 25 - 28, 2023**

**Piedmont Club Rally**

**Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center**

6601 Devils Racetrack Rd.

Four Oaks, NC 27524

**Hosts:** Debbie & Todd Stroud

CANCELLED

**June 24 - 30, 2023**

**66<sup>th</sup> International Rally**

**Sweetwater Events Complex**

3320 Yellowstone Road

Rock Springs, WY 82901

Register Online at [www.AirstreamClub.org/Rally2023](http://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

*Updated*  
**Aug. 6 – 12, 2023**

## **National & Region 3 Rally**

### **Cool Breeze Campground**

87<sup>th</sup> 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

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*Updated* Nov. 2 - 5, 2023

## Piedmont Club Rally

### Salem Breeze Campground

2796 Hickory Tree Road Winston-Salem, NC

**Hosts:** Bill & Diane Byrum; David & Debbie Stubbs, Chris & April Bullin

Installation of new Piedmont Club officers