

Piedmont Airstream Club Newsletter

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

A Message from the President

Hi everyone! Another month has past. Jane and I have been home about 4 months now. Being home has enabled us to accomplish a few things, however it has become abundantly clear that the Airstream Life we participate in is a vital part of who we are. The last 2 years were full of travel and we felt it was important to spend a little time here. It's hard to believe that we have just completed our 17th year as North Carolinians. That said the road is calling. There is still so much to see and do in this great state in which we live. I am looking forward to the September Rally at Palmetto Cove.

The friendships we share and the adventures we participate in add to the excitement of life that is important to us. Many of our members are out traveling our magnificent country. Some are sharing their adventures on social media allowing us to be a part of the fun. The fact is when we get together at rallies and share with others the tales of our travels we enhance the enthusiasm to keep ourselves motivated for what is next. Thank you members who make this Airstream Life so enjoyable. Be safe and look forward to hearing about your adventures.

See you down the road.

Thank you,

Alan Hvizdak President

Musings and Ramblings from the VP...

Navigator Log: Stardate August 2023

Crossing the country is quite the enterprise. So far we have logged 6,992 miles. Our experiences include many tours.....from Atomic City to the Emerald City...the Potato Museum to the Naval Undersea Museum.....the Chihuly Gardens to Victoria Gardens. It's impossible to recall every sight.

Additionally, when traveling with four buddies there repetitive questions that are ever-looming. What and when are we eating? What direction are we traveling? Is there a rest stop soon? What are we doing tomorrow? What time are we leaving for the next campground? After a couple stops we get pretty good at predicting who will pose the above questions and when they will float through the air. Often it provides much needed comic relief after a hard day's drive.

Big Mike and I are traveling with great Airstreamers who know how to plan and execute a wonderful caravan. Just like most of life, picking the right companions makes for a pleasant ride.

Sometimes on these trips you can suffer information overload. It can be overwhelming. However, the information received translates into knowledge that will forever change how I see the world we live in.

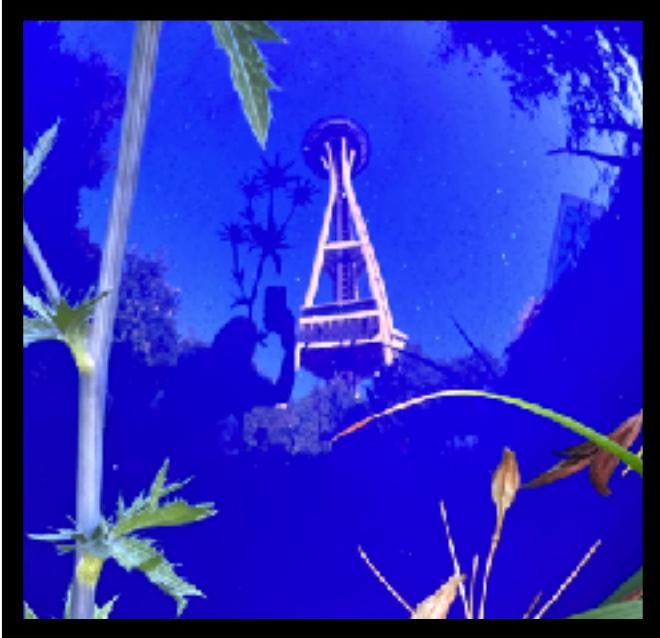
Gaile Broom Vice-President

Man's mind, stretched to a new idea, never goes back to its original dimension. – Oliver Wendell Holmes



This DSRV1 sub was offered to the Russians to rescue their endangered vessel. They declined and all on board perished. The US Navy never had to deploy the Mystic. It was used in two movies being The Hunt for Red October and Grey Lady Down.

Chihuly Gardens with a bonus view of the Space Needle.



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

CANCELLED

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

348 Resistoflex Rd

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

Nov. 2 - 5, 2023

Piedmont Club Rally

Salem Breeze Campground

2784 Hickory Tree Road Winston-Salem, NC

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

Installation of new Piedmont Club officers

Piedmont NC Club Membership Report

by Amy Mount
Membership Chair
August 2023

Piedmont Club welcomed **NEW MEMBERS** in June & July:

- **Sarah Summer** from Winston Salem, NC who travels in a **2023 20-ft. Bambi** with **BRN #3756**.
- **Allan Boehm & Katie Kerr** from Fallbrook, CA. Looks like they are headed to the Tar Heel State as they have transferred into Piedmont NC Club from the San Diego Airstream Club. Look for Allan & Katie travel in a **2016 30-ft. Flying Cloud FB Bunk** with **BRN #2608**.
- **Melissa Chernick & Andre Cumberland** live in Wendell, NC and travel in a **2023 19-ft. Caravel**. Look for them and **BRN #20523** at an upcoming Club rally.

Piedmont Club has a few RENEWALS, too.

- **John & Donna Woodward** **BRN #20979**
- **Jessica & Jerry Smith** **BRN #20703**

Your Membership Chair reached out to Piedmont Club members who had not renewed their membership for 2023. The contact nudged a few Club members to renew and found out some updates, too —

- **Carla Harper, BRN #4628**, has her **VINTAGE AIRSTREAM FOR SALE!** Check out the information on [page 15](#) for details

about the restored & upgraded **1969 22-foot Land Yacht Safari** with *MANY* original features. Give Carla a call at **336-596-7514** or email her at carla@west65inc.com if interested. The vintage Airstream looks *amazing* and is priced to sell at **\$32,000!**

- **Jim Minter** changed his **BRN** from **12070** to **4130** in July 2023.
- **Tom Jacobs** and **Greg Porter** plan to renew their membership!
- **Connie & James Dean** still have their Airstream but not traveling much these days. Connie hopes to travel more when she retires.
- **Dean Woods'** son, Nick, continues to share our Piedmont Club news with his father.
- **Brad & Kathy Tilley** sold their 2016 Flying Cloud Airstream and transferred their **BRN #6018** to the new owners.
- After Bernie's passing in Florida in early 2023, **Ann Lackmann** has requested that group communication from Piedmont Club be discontinued. However, Airstream members that know Ann may reach out personally.

Surviving in a Foreign Country

Authors: the Caps, the Lovetts, and the Ratis

When you cross into a foreign country, such as Canada, you realize they measure things differently than we do in the US. You realize that you can drive 100 miles an hour, and gas only costs about \$1.90 a gallon. Once you spend some time in Canada, you realize that things are much further away than you expect. You also realize that time moves much faster than you expect.

Someone tells you that the signs are not in miles per hour, but in kilometers per hour. Then someone tells you that to get miles per hour that you need to multiply by 0.6 and then you get miles per hour. Eureka! So.....what's this business about \$1.90/gal for gasoline? Eventually you find out that \$1.90 is not per gallon, but per liter. What's a liter? A liter is a little more than a quart. You realize that this is going to be a really expensive trip. A gallon is about 3.76034 liters, and just like that gasoline is very expensive.

Then your wife asks, "what about the exchange rate?". What exchange rate? Today, Canadian money isn't worth as much as US dollars, however Canadians are very happy and very kind people. They're happy because they live on metric time*, of course! So, what is metric time?

The metric system uses powers of ten, so a kilometer is 1000 meters and a centimeter is 1/100th of a meter. In metric time, there are 100 seconds in a minute, and there are 100 minutes in an hour. This means time goes by really fast, but we have a fix for that.

We learned that if you multiplied metric time by 0.6, then all the sudden you had 60 seconds in a minute. If you multiple metric minutes by 0.6, then we had our hours. So, traveling in Canada is really easy if you remember the rules: Everything in Canada is a multiple of 10, including time.

However, while these conversions are important to survive in a foreign country, make sure not to dwell on them. If you spend too much time thinking about these conversions then you will pull away from the gas station with the hose still attached to your vehicle.

The moral of the story is you can drive really fast, gas is cheap, but time will move really fast.

* We were introduced to metric time by Peter. If you are interested in a more in depth analysis of the issues involved with metric time, Peter is happy to break out his slide rule and abacus. Make sure to bring plenty of beer and scotch.



1969 LAND YACHT SAFARI

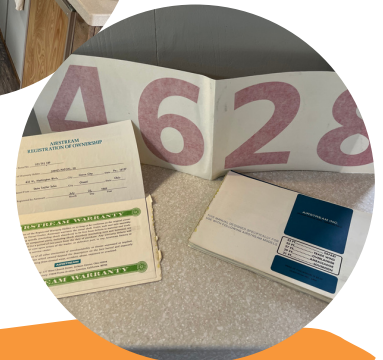
Vintage Airstream

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*Great Condition -
Vintage 1969 22 ft.
Airstream*

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- New Sunbrella upholstery and cushions
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- New toilet and system
- New AC/Heat
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