

Piedmont Airstream Club Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Hi Fellow Piedmont Club Members. The heat of the summer is being noteworthy this year and there is a craving for cooler weather. The fall camping events are approaching, and I for one am excited to attend these events catch up with fellow members. There will be many exciting stories to share I'm sure. Don't forget time is running out to register for the Multi club rally. The rally schedule is at the end of the newsletter. Currently 65 rigs are registered to attend.

If you would like to attend then call Palmetto Cove RV Park at 864-836-6221 to make your camping reservation, informing them that you are part of the NC/SC States Rally. DO NOT make your reservation on the Palmetto Cove website as you will not be parked with the rally.

Next go to the Host Club website at this link: <https://airstreamclub.org/021cac-2023-nc-sc-states-rally> and register for the rally while paying your Rally Fee.

Please, let's be a little proactive about the rally schedule for next year. All ideas are welcome.

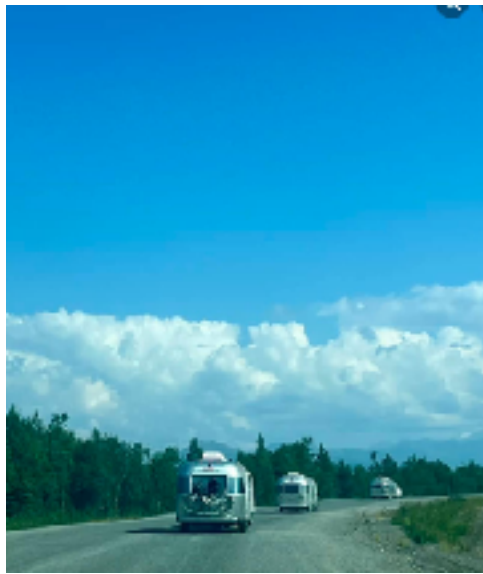
Thank you,

Alan Hvizdak President

Musings and Ramblings from the VP...

Navigator's Log: Stardate September 2023

"I'm not sure what brought more joy to my heart today, the beautiful mountain range in Alaska or being surrounded by fellow Airstreamers! 🥰 #alaskaadventures " — with Rob Short. Photo credit Rachel Norwood 8-5-23 (Photo of Piedmont Club members Lovett/Rati/Cap en route to Alaska)



Do you remember your Mama telling you “always put on your clean underwear in case you have an accident and end up in the emergency room.”? Nah, me either. However, I DO remember Mama saying to behave myself because you never know who might see you.

Since Big Mike axnd I joined the wonderful world of Airstreaming we have had many chance encounters not only with strangers who have some 6th degree of separation from us, but also with friends and neighbors. “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas” has always been our motto, so all your secrets are safe with me even if I

possess photographic evidence. (Those pictures remain solely for my personal amusement.)

During our summer travels we:

- Camped in Albuquerque, NM next to couple from one town over from our NC home
- Hiked at Lake McDonald in Glacier NP with an Arkansas farming family whose grandfather donated land for a prominent Lutheran church in Newton, NC (I was able to locate the family cemetery headstones online)
- Saw umpteen Georgia Bulldog fans sporting hats and T-shirts emblazoned with red collared K9's (easy to do when you are #1) found in Seal Rock, OR, at the Smokejumper locker room Missoula, MT...too many more locations to mention
- Met a pediatrician from Salisbury, NC hiking in no-man's-land
- Just before beaming up at Devil's Tower, WY ran into a young man from Laurinburg, NC

And that's just the beginning. There were many more occurrences.

We wear our identity on our clothing. Logos proclaiming stops along our journey, concerts we attended and places we've lived. It makes for an immediate link to total strangers and often leads to extended conversations. Many things make Airstreaming delightful. Meeting new friends and acquaintances is near the top of the list.

Gaile Broom Vice-President

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

Updated
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 club officers

Please contact the park to guarantee a site (specific sites are selected by guest after check-in at arrival). A link to the reservation form is attached below. Please mention our club name where indicated as the park is currently reserved for our club. Once you've made a reservation, please contact David (davidstubbs57@gmail.com) or Debbie (dsstubbs57@gmail.com) to let them know you are coming.

Note: There is a limit of 20 rigs, so do register as soon as you decide to attend.

To make a reservation:

Fill out and submit a [Salem Breeze Reservation Form](#), or email Robert Sells, Owner, at robert@salembreezervpark.com, or Call 336-972-3200

Piedmont NC Club Membership Report

by Amy Mount
Membership Chair
September 2023

For many of our Piedmont Club members, the 2024 Membership Renewal season will begin **September 3rd**. Here are a few *highlights* to remember:

- **Airstream membership dues are \$75 per year.**
- Local Club/Piedmont NC Airstream Club membership dues are **\$15** per year.
- **ALL Club members may renew their membership *ONLINE* by having the Primary or Partner member log in to the Member-only portal at www.airstreamclub.org.**
- All **LIFETIME MEMBERS** *must* go through the membership renewal process.
- **Members with *multiple Big Red Numbers (BRN)* can renew their additional **BRN** in the Member-only portal at the time of renewal.**
- Airstream Club Headquarters is collecting Affiliate and Intra-Club dues.
- **Auto-Renewal is now available. Club members can select this option online anytime or when they are renewing their membership online.** (Anyone who signed up for auto renewal prior to July 31st will need to re-enroll due to the payment platform change.)
- **Airstream Club Headquarters will notify Club members when it is time to renew via postcard, email and social media starting **September 3rd, 2023**.**
- Paper renewal forms are available by request only through Airstream Club Headquarters by calling 937-596-5211.
- **Any Club member who wants to be included in the published 2024 Membership Directory **MUST RENEW** before December 31, 2023.**

Piedmont Club is sad to say **GOODBYE** to —

- **David & Harriet Keys** as they sold their 2022 Airstream Interstate
- **Richard & Lynne Price** as they sold their 2020 Airstream Atlas and built a cabin in the mountains

Best wishes to David & Harriet and Richard & Lynne!

Working and Caravanning

Authors: the Ratis

One of the reasons we got our Airstream was to travel the country and work from the rig. It was a nice idea, but implementing it was always a tad intimidating. We comfortably traveled to locations we could reach in a single weekend of travel, and were willing to travel great distances. When we looked at longer distances we weren't sure we could do it. We thought to try to slightly increase the distance of our destinations until eventually we could get further west. Organized caravans didn't see feasible because we would be traveling with the group in the evenings, and working during activities. Alaska seemed unachievable until we retired. Then the Caps asked us to travel with them and the Lovetts to Alaska, and everything changed.

We devised a plan to work during a long trip and the smaller caravan provided the flexibility to make it work, but executing it was something else entirely. We needed to co-ordinate with our work teams on Eastern Time, so that meant getting up earlier and earlier as we drove west. The most extreme case was when we were in Alaska and we woke up at 3am to start work at 4am. This ended up being both a blessing and a curse. Getting up that early meant we could finish working around noon or 1pm and have most of the day to do activities. We were able to save vacation days for activities that would take a whole day or, in some instances, when the travel conditions would be safer with the group. In the end, we were able travel and do activities without using up all our vacation.

Starlink was our internet lifeline and it allowed us to work without having to rely on cellular coverage. It was a life saver, but it didn't come without a cost. We needed to work past campground checkout times, so we would ask campgrounds if we could stay later to finish up work. Most campgrounds were pretty accommodating. When Starlink wouldn't work at a campground or we couldn't stay late, we would take some time the night before to find rest areas or pull offs large enough to house our rig that also had an unobstructed view of the sky. We would leave either extra early in the morning or find time during the work day when we could relocate, and then move to a site we found and work from the RV.

It was a little bit of an adjustment waking up and working on a different schedule, but as with most things you fall into a routine after you experience it for a while. We got comfortable waking up early, finishing working in the early afternoon, and then driving to the next campsite or enjoying activities around the area. Of course we also needed to get to bed earlier than usual as well, and that proved more difficult from a psychological perspective than anything else. Mentally it seemed wrong to want to go to bed around 7 or 8pm. Physically it was never an issue though. We were tired!

We also had the good fortune of traveling with two incredibly supportive couples, the Caps and the Lovetts. Not only were they great companions, but most days when we weren't traveling with the group they would have dinner ready for us when we rolled into the campground. We never asked or planned for such generosity, but we were thankful they continued to do it. Their efforts made the trip much more achievable, and we're incredibly grateful.

This trip showed us that working from the RV and traveling great distances can be done.

Palmetto Cove Rally Schedule

NC/SC States Rally September 21-24, 2023

Your Rally Committee/Hosts: Bruce and Claire Bodenstein, John and Betty-Ann Sutton, Jack and Linda Grimes

This schedule is subject to change

Thursday – Arrival

11 am to 5 pm Registration: Under *The Shelter*. Be sure to pick up important Rally Information and browse the Activities Table for **Things to Do** in the area.

4 pm Greeting and Happy Hour: Under *The Shelter*. Bring your drinks and snacks.

6 PM Dinner Hour: On your own or with your new Airstream friends.

After Dinner: Socializing around the fireplace!

Friday

8 – 9 am Pancake breakfast: Provided and served by the *Piedmont Airstream Club*. Meal served in *The Building* but sit where you prefer, inside or out.

10 am Pop up Seminar: John Leake – Under *The Shelter* “ Tanks and Valves”

Lunch on your own

2 pm Table Rock Tea Company 118 High Hills Lane, Pickens, growers of hand-crafted, artisanal green, black and oolong tea has reserved 40 spots for a tour of their operation. Sign up at the Activities Table under the shelter if interested. **Call John Sutton at (402)416-9946 to pre-reserve a spot.**

4 pm Happy Hour: Under *The Shelter*. Bring your drinks and snacks.

5:30 pm Dinner Hour: Catered BBQ Meal: (pork and chicken offered) Provided by The Saucy Pig BBQ of nearby Travelers Rest. Served in *The Building* but sit where you prefer, inside or out. Bring utensils and your drink, plates provided.

7 - 8 pm Sweet Potato Pie Kids: Under *The Shelter* Out of consideration of their ages, please leave your alcoholic drinks back at the trailer during their performance. Thanks. POSAM (Preserving Our Southern Appalachian Music) started *Sweet Potato Pie Kids* in 2010. The band comprises top students in the Young Appalachian Musicians (YAM) program. These students are recommended by their instructors and then auditioned prior to joining the group. The purpose of the band is to promote POSAM and the YAM program while raising funds for the entire nonprofit organization. Last year, they performed in over forty venues. The group has become a popular attraction in Pickens County.

Later: Socializing around the fireplace!

Saturday

8 – 9 am in *The Building*: Juice, coffee available.

10 am Pop up Seminar: Under *The Shelter* “**Not Your Grandmother’s Quilts**” led by **Elaine Myers**, quirkyquilter@pentel.net. Other quilters welcome to display.

Lunch on your own

2 pm Homemade Ice Cream Social: Provided by the **Carolinas Airstream Club** Under *The Shelter*.

4 pm Be on the lookout for “**Rita**” as a warm-up to...

6 PM Dinner Hour: Walking Tacos: Prepared and Served by the **Palmetto Airstream Club**. Under *The Shelter* unless inclement weather, then move to *The Building*. Bring your drink.

After Dinner: Socializing around the fireplace with “Rita”.

Sunday

8 – 9 am in *The Building*: Juice, coffee available. This will conclude our joint rally with a Travelers Prayer for safety traveling home.

By 11am Pack it up and head for the next stop. Safe travels and *Keep the Shiny Side Up!*

Thank You for coming, from the **Carolinas Airstream Club**. See you at the next **NC/SC States Rally**.

Salem Breeze RV PARK

Winston Salem, North Carolina

For more information call 1-336-972-3200

[2796 Hickory Tree Rd. Winston Salem, NC 27127](https://www.salembreezervpark.com/)

PIEDMONT NC AIRSTREAM CLUB INSTALLATION RALLY

November 2-5, 2023

HOSTS:

David and Debbie Stubbs – 336-339-1406 (David's cell) April and Chris Bullin; Bill and Diane Byrum

Reservations

Please contact the park to guarantee a site (specific sites are selected by guest after check-in at arrival). A link to the reservation form is attached below. Please mention our club name where indicated as the park is currently reserved for our club. Once you've made a reservation, please contact David (davidstubbs57@gmail.com) or Debbie (dsstubbs57@gmail.com) to let us know you are coming. Note that there is a limit of 20 rigs, so do register with us as soon as you decide to attend.

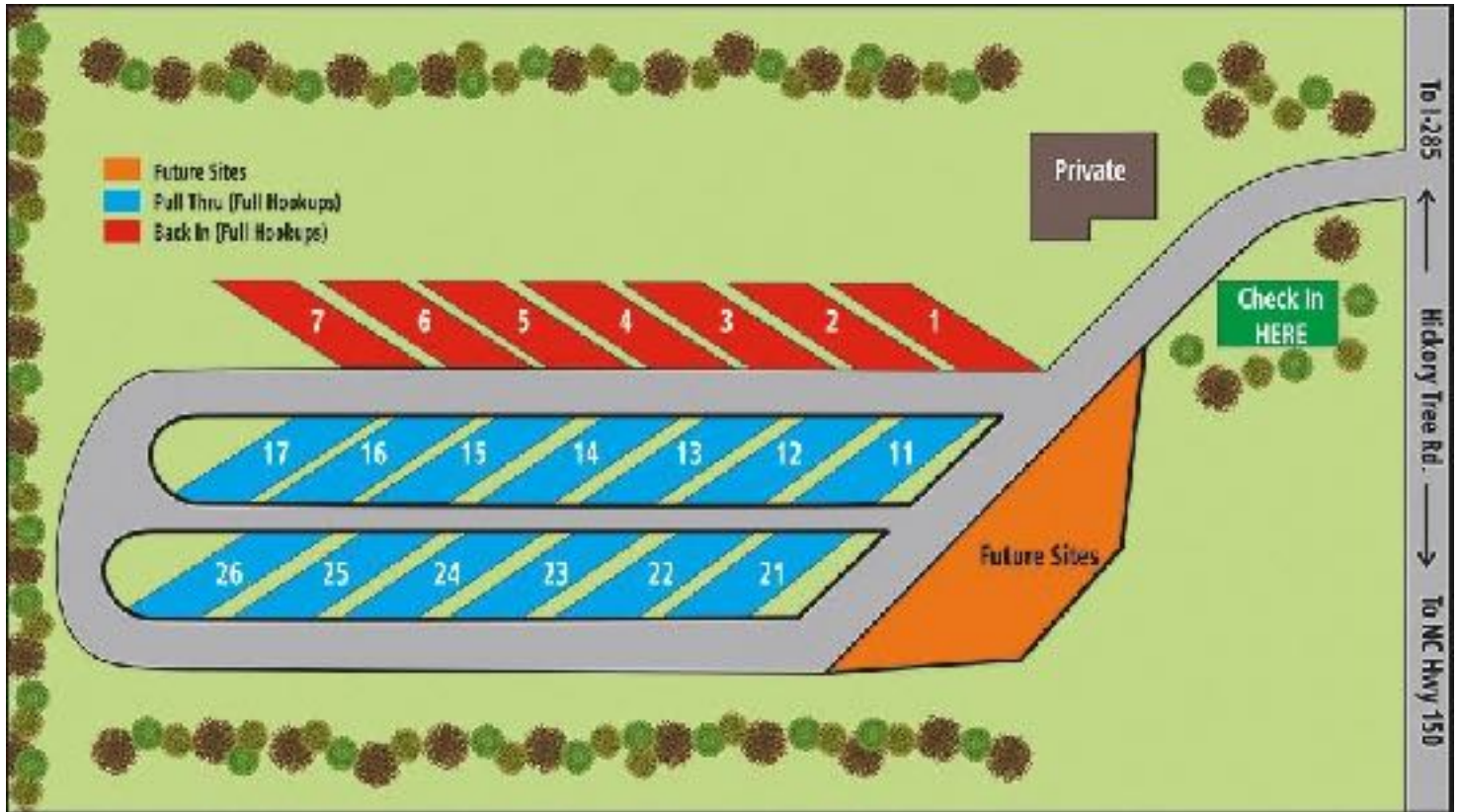
To make a reservation:

Fill out and submit a [Salem Breeze Reservation Form](#), or email Robert Sells, Owner, at robert@salembreezervpark.com, or Call 336-972-3200

Salem Breeze is a relatively new RV park, with a total of 20 full hookup sites (**No Bathhouse or Restrooms / Fully Self Contained RV's Only**). Rally & Club 10% discount rate is \$40.50 taxes included, per night. Pay on arrival at check-in, or on the web when making a reservation. All sites offer 50/30/20 Amp Power, Water, Sewer, High Speed Wireless Internet.

Note: Salem Breeze shares a website with Cool Breeze RV Park in Galax, VA (same owner). Be sure you reserve at Salem Breeze.

Campground Map (“Private” denotes area with heated and cooled indoor Rally Center building with seating for 50 people and an adjacent outside patio.)



The agenda will be finalized closer to the Rally date.