

Piedmont Airstream Club Newsletter

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

A Message from the President

WOW! What a great rally Jane and I just attended. The combined North and South Carolina clubs rally was well attended with over 70 rigs at Palmetto Cove RV Park in Cleveland South Carolina. Our Piedmont Club was represented by Jim and Amy Mount, Bob and Ginger Ealy, David and Debbie Stubbs, Todd and Debbie Stroud, Chris and April Mullen, Jerry and Jessica Smith, Mike Bizon and Gaile Broom. The setting for this rally is delightful. Mountain views with a nearby stream make this a wonderland. State Parks in close proximity for hiking while Travelers Rest provided local shops and eateries.

Mike and Gaile were kind enough to supply hotdogs with condiments for all our members, while others contributed sides and deserts at the Mounts rig on arrival day. It was great to have our Airstream Family together again. Good food and fellowship made this an evening to remember. A short meeting was included to introduce the slate of officers for next year and take care of club business.

Our group, led by Jim Mount, supplied a pancake breakfast to the rally participants on Friday morning. It was an enjoyable team event and I don't think anyone left hungry. Thank you Jim and team for volunteering and setting the standard for others to follow.

The 2nd annual combined rally is already booked for next year. Same place, same time, so plan on attending!

Next upcoming event is Alumilina at the Tom Johnson RV Park in Marion, NC October 19th-22nd. John Leeke shared that he is expecting 275 rigs at the event and Rita will be there. I am looking forward to Alumilina as traveling kept us away the past 2 years. Jane and I will be supplying Jane's enhanced version of Cowboy Stew on Wednesday October 18th for early arrivals. Bring a desert to share. Please message me if you will be attending so we have a head count.

See you down the road.

Thank you,

Alan Hvizdak President

Musings and Ramblings from the VP...

Navigator's Log: Stardate October 2023

Marines call it Esprit de Corps. Whatever you care to call it, the result is a good time. Just ask our team... Bob and Ginger Ealy, Alan and Jane Hvizdak, Jim and Amy Mount, Chris and April Bullin, David and Debbie Stubbs, Jerry and Jessica Smith, Todd and Debbie Stroud, and of course, Big Mike and yours truly. That was the Piedmont Club #161 roster for the North Carolina/South Carolina rally September 21st-24th at Palmetto



Cove. There were plenty of additional campsites. If you didn't make it, have no fear. You get another chance. The 2024 date for this rally is already on the books.



It's a hard core team that hits the kitchen floor at 6 AM (a most uncivilized hour in my rule book. Just ask anyone who has traveled the camping backroads with me). And yet there they were... smiling faces from our Piedmont Club at the griddle flipping sausage links and pancakes to feed the

residents of 75 or so Airstreams. The other clubs each took their turn at serving the multitudes with BBQ, continental breakfast, walking tacos, and best of all HOMEMADE ICE CREAM. Oh how a diesel powered ice cream churn is music to the ears.

No matter how you participate, the energy you put into the team always seems to return to you....multiplied.





Many of our Piedmont Club members have spent the summer on the road with various caravans. As we speak our folks are on the road with Sho-Me the Ozarks, the Mother Lode of the Mother Road, and Smidge of the Blue Ridge. I'm eager to hear their exciting travel tales.

We will be looking for you at Alumalina (hosted by an Internationally famous Airstreamer and overall fun guy) and our Installation Rally at Salem Breeze. Come on down. There will be a spot just for you!



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
October 2023

Piedmont Club has had a VERY BUSY September in terms of membership!

LET'S WELCOME OUR ...

NEWEST MEMBERS

William & Angela Atkins	BRN 5325	2023 27-ft. International	Asheboro, NC
Richard & Anna Langhoff	BRN 4511	2023 23-ft. International	Greensboro, NC
Jerry & Jeanette Landreth	BRN 12812	2023 27-ft. Globetrotter FBT	Pleasant Garden, NC

RENEWED MEMBERS as of 9/18/2023

Mike Bizon & Gaile Broom	BRN 4168	2000 25-ft. Safari	Denver, NC
Donald & Mary Ann Campbell	BRN 10782	2021 25-ft. Globetrotter	Hickory, NC
Hunter & Julie Dockery	BRN 4146	2015 27-ft. Flying Cloud	Winston Salem, NC
Robert (Bob) & Ginger Ealy	BRN 9919	2020 30-ft. Flying Cloud	Morganton, NC
Hunter & Debbie Galloway	BRN 10483	(Unknown)	Greensboro, NC
Dennis & Barbara Hackett	BRN 7355	2020 31-ft. Classic	Greensboro, NC
Carroll & Jane Haines	BRN 26004	2019 25-ft. Flying Cloud	Eden, NC
Bob Hendrickson & Emily Smathers	BRN 7604	1999 30-ft. Excella 1000 Classic	Wake Forest, NC
Steve & Leslie Lovett	BRN 22659	2020 28-ft. International Serenity	Hillsborough, NC
Gary & Christine Mauger	BRN 3522	2015 27-ft. International Serenity	Cornelius, NC
Ann & J. Marvin McBride	BRN 7988	2015 23-ft. International	Pittsboro, NC
Jim & Stephanie Minter	BRN 4130	2021 23-ft. Globetrotter	Chapel Hill, NC
Jim & Amy Mount	BRN 3998	2017 30-ft. Flying Cloud Bunk	Rolesville, NC
Eric & Robbie Stiefel	BRN 9003	2017 30-ft. Classic	Lexington, NC
David & Debbie Stubbs	BRN 6582	2018 25-ft. Flying Cloud	Greensboro, NC

LIFETIME RENEWED MEMBERS as of 9/18/2023

Andrew & Karen Karakos	BRN 2308	2023 28-ft. International RBT	Fayetteville, NC
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AFFILIATE RENEWED MEMBERS as of 9/18/2023

Dennis & Barbara Hackett	BRN 7355	2020 31-ft. Classic	Greensboro, NC
John & Victoria Magnacca	BRN 5591	2014 28-ft. Flying Cloud	Raleigh, NC
Amanda & Ray Nimocks	BRN 4248	2021 30-ft. Flying Cloud	Fayetteville, NC
Joe & Mary Scudder	BRN 8624	1998 34-ft. Limited FK	Sevierville, TN

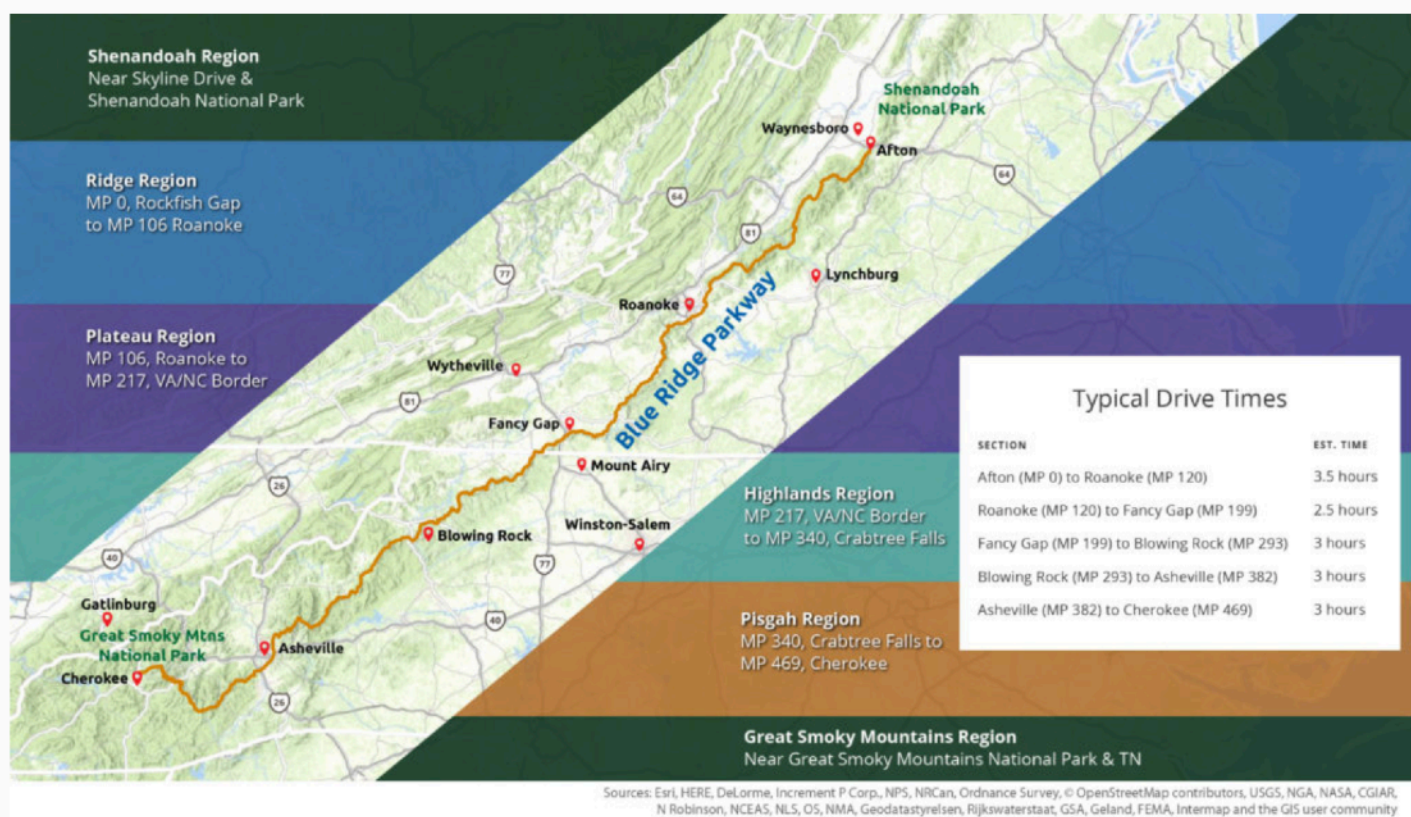
Let's keep the MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS coming & encourage fellow "Streamers," who do not participate in a local Airstream club, to join Piedmont NC Club!

Taste of the Blue Ridge Caravan 2024

Authors: the Lovetts

Hello Piedmont Friends!

Steve and I are excited and honored to lead the TOBR 2024 Caravan and we want you to join us! The Blue Ridge Parkway is in our backyard and many may have visited it, but going with 20 Airstreams on this caravan is an adventure you won't want to miss! We start May 14, 2024 on the southern end of the Parkway in Whittier, NC near the Great Smokey Mountain National Park and drive north to end June 9th in Greenwood, VA near the Shenandoah National Park.



The parkway is only 469 miles long and we stop seven times, so travel days are short, giving you plenty of time to set up and begin exploring the area. At each stop, we will spend several days to explore the unique culture, history, geography and attractions of the southern and central Appalachian Mountains. There is SO much to see, do, eat and enjoy!

This caravan has several awesome group activities - white water rafting, zip line, bicycle ride - so get ready to join in the fun! We will spend a day rafting on the Nantahala River that ends with a thrilling splash. Want to see the tops of the trees stream below your feet? That's what we will do on our side-by-side zipline adventure with Navitat. Up in Virginia, we will ride a bus pulling a trailer of bikes up to the top of the trail then ride 17 miles downhill on the "world famous [Creeper Trail](#)." This former rail bed has been converted into a bike trail that gently passes through the Mount Rogers National

Recreational area and the highland country of southwest Virginia. The trail crosses and follows several streams and rivers, crosses them on bridges, and travels through mountain coves.

There will be plenty of time for individual or small group adventures. Here's an [article](#) about the 25 best waterfalls along the parkway, a great opportunity to go for a hike and bring your camera! Love to fish? The [National Park Service protects over one hundred miles of streams](#) that rise along the Blue Ridge. There's more! Crafts and art shops, golf, antique stores, shopping, museums.... So much to see and do!

We eat really well on the TOBR at local restaurants and together around the campfire. Steve and I love to cook/bake in our camp Dutch ovens and look forward to sharing how to cook with charcoal. Last year everyone loved the lasagna meal and we may add another to the agenda. If you have a camp Dutch oven, plan to bring it and help make a meal!

We also love to explore the local breweries and vineyards. Did you know that Asheville has the most breweries per capita in the US? Here's what Hop Culture says about [the 9 best breweries in Asheville](#)... a good start because there are many more! There are amazing [wineries & vineyards](#) too!

Check out the main attractions we will visit as a group.

- Cherokee Museum and the Oconaluftee Indian Village: experience the intricate culture of the Cherokee people, learn about their history, and watch artisans create authentic, handcrafted art that tell the story of the Cherokee people.
- Biltmore Estates: We will spend a day on a guided tour of "America's Largest Home." Before or after the tour, you'll have time to visit Biltmore's beautiful gardens, the Biltmore Winery, and gift shops.
- Omni Grove Park Inn: We will enjoy a spectacular brunch at this iconic resort. Before or after, you will have time to see the inn "built for the ages" that opened in July 1913.
- National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA: This sacred place is a memorial for American D-Day veterans. Thirty-four Virginia National Guard soldiers from in this tiny town, were killed during the first day of the invasion. Bedford VA suffered disproportionately the greatest losses of any American town during the campaign. The National D-Day Memorial is a non-profit organizations that created and maintains this extraordinary memorial without any federal support.
- Grandfather Mountain: Walk across the Mile High Swinging Bridge, America's highest suspension bridge with spectacular views, see bears, eagles, otters and other wildlife in their habitat, explore the Wilson Center for Nature Discovery, grab some lunch at Mildred's Grill, go for a hike through gentle forests or atop rugged peaks, pick up unique mementos at the gift shop, and attend daily programs with naturalists who share facts and information about the plants, animals and ecosystem of Grandfather Mountain.
- Blue Ridge Music Center Concert
- Thomas Jefferson's historic Monticello: Home of the author of the Declaration of Independence, third president of the United States and founder of the University of Virginia, step back in time to see and learn about the life and legacies of Thomas Jefferson. Follow a docent through his home, wander through the extensive gardens, and learn about the enslaved men, women and children who lived and worked on the plantation. Complete your visit by stopping at the Jefferson Vineyard.

We hope you've caught a vision for the adventure and fun we will have along the Taste of the Blue Ridge caravan. Come and join us! <https://airstreamclub.org/taste-blue-ridge-caravan-2024>. If you have any questions or want to talk with us, please send an email to Steve at swlovet2010@gmail.com. We will be at Alumalina and would love to talk with you about the Taste of the Blue Ridge 2024. Happy streamin'!

Salem Breeze RV PARK

Winston Salem, North Carolina

For more information call 1-336-972-3200

[2796 Hickory Tree Rd. Winston Salem, NC 27127](#)

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.

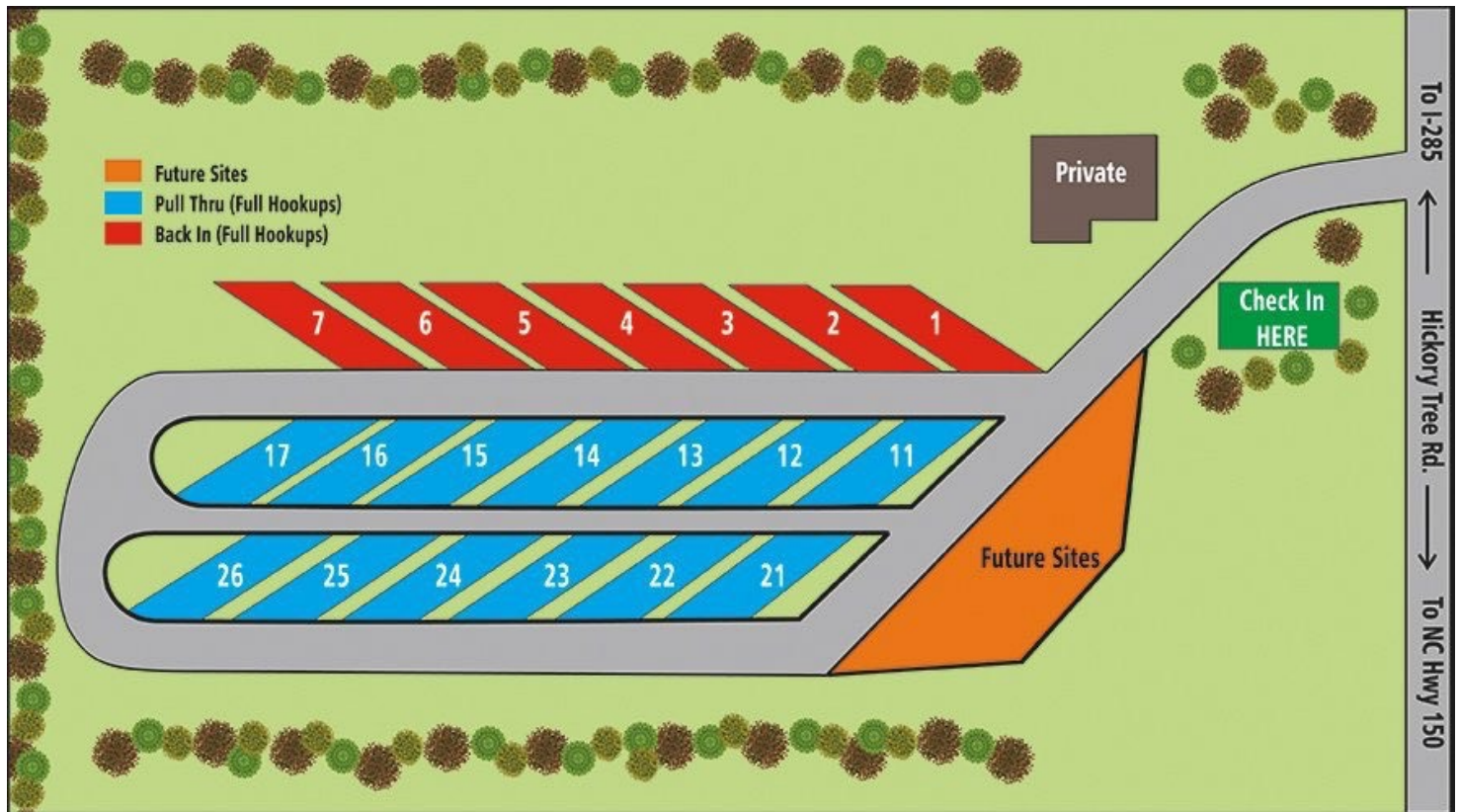
To make a reservation:

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.)



Preliminary Rally Schedule

Thursday - 11/2/2023

4:30-ish **Happy Hour at Rally Center/ Patio/Fire Pit (weather permitting)**

Bring:

- Appetizer to share
- Dinner set ups
- Beverages of your choice
- Folding chairs (for sitting around the fire, weather permitting).

6:00 p.m. **Dinner provided by Hosts in Rally Center** (Chicken Stew, Mexican Corn Bread, dessert). **Patio/Fire Pit (weather permitting)**

7:00 p.m. **Patio/Fire Pit (weather permitting)**

Friday - 11/3/2023

Breakfast & Lunch on your own (Arcadia Family Restaurant offers a full hot breakfast, 125 Millers Creek Drive, Winston Salem, just 1 mile east on Hickory Tree Rd, then left at light onto NC 150, Arcadia is on the left).

Optional Group Activity – Visit to Old Salem in the AM, with lunch to follow in Winston area. Perhaps an after-lunch visit to Wilkerson Moravian Bakery 50 Miller St Ste B, Winston-Salem, NC 27104
(336) 830-8102. [Wilkerson Moravian Bakery | Famous Moravian Cookies & Sugar Cake Gifts](http://WilkersonMoravianBakery.com) (wilkersonbakery.com)

Dinner on your own

Pick *any* cuisine & then explore restaurants in Winston Salem, Lexington, or dine in your Airstream.

Activities to Consider for Friday Evening – Campers Choice

Saturday – 11/4/2023

Breakfast & Lunch on your own

Activities To Consider – (Activity list to be provided at start of Rally). Suggest exploring the Lexington area, a nearby winery, or Pilot Mtn State Park.

5:00 p.m. **Happy Hour at Rally Center/ Patio/Fire Pit (weather permitting)**

Bring:

- Dinner set ups
- Beverages of your choice
- Folding chairs (if weather is nice, we can socialize outside before dinner).

6:00 p.m. **Catered Dinner in Rally Center** (by Arcadia Family Restaurant)

Menu: TBD

7:30 p.m. **Business Meeting (Installation of 2023 officers)**

8:30 p.m. **Patio/Fire Pit (weather permitting)**

Sunday – 11/5/2023

8:30 a.m. **Light Breakfast Provided by Hosts in Rally Center**

Bring:

- Your Own Coffee