

Piedmont Airstream Club Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Hi Everyone. Well another enjoyable event with our Airstream family at Alumilina. It is so special to gather with this group. We gather together and share time and stories with each other. We invite others to join us with no expectations; just good old fashion respect and curiosity. I am so proud to be a part of our Airstream Club family. At Alumilina Lois and Derick Wagner were invited to join us as we gathered around for our evening social. The next day Lois shared with me that they have been Airstreamers for 2 years and the previous evening was the first time they ever felt really included in a social. Not surprising, I have heard that story before. Those simple words really tell the story of who and what the Piedmont Airstream Club is. Thank you all for being who you are!

The year is winding down and I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our club events by volunteering to lead or by just participating. We all have an impact in our own way. Also its important to thank those who have gone beyond the club level and volunteered their time in other ways. Club 161 is not the largest club in our region but we have many who have or currently lead caravans and those who pursue leadership roles.

The Installation Rally is next up on our schedule. It is at Salem Breeze RV Park and our hosts have a fun schedule of events. Thank you.

Lastly I want to reach out to those of you who are not able to join us because of a medical reason or some personal issue. Even though you may not be with us physically you are with us always. We talk about you, pray for you and wish you the best that life can give. One of my go to sayings is "Be kinder than necessary for everyone is fighting some kind of battle." I truly believe that is what makes our club so bonded.

Travel safe and see you down the road.

Thank you,
Alan Hvizdak President

Musings and Ramblings from the VP...

Navigator's Log: Stardate November 2023

An Airstream State of the Union.....

Oh my goodness, what have we done? Gaile Broom is president of Piedmont #161 Airstream Club. Quoting that siren of the silver screen, Bette Davis, "fasten your seat belts. It's going to be a bumpy night". For those who may not know, I am rebellious by nature. Who knows where this may lead. Let's get started!

We might as well begin at the top. Above our NC heads at the Airstream Club International (ACI) level there are many changes.

- The International Rally has moved from the prime travel (and hot) months of summer to October. *Hooray!*
- The Blue Beret Magazine will publish 4 times per year instead of monthly. *Thumbs down here*
- An ongoing blog has been established online for real time information updates. *Good one*
- Online webinars on a variety of topics are open to all members *Okay, always nice to learn a new skill.*
- Monthly Campfire Chats with the ACI President and Club Business manager are open to all club members for listening and questions/ answers from all who are present. These chats are archived online in case members are unable to participate, but would like to view them. *Hmmm!*
- Communications are rapidly transferring from printed media to complete online access. *Could be good.*

As ACI club members what should we do..... talk about “how it used to be” or target areas that can serve us well and spend our precious moments on those? “How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time!” In other words, pick a few items that seem manageable and jump on them.

My goals for our club in 2024:

- Update all club member online profiles with correct email addresses and individual photos.
- Increase the online presence of Piedmont #161 on all ACI platforms and Blue Beret magazines.
- Add interesting information to our webpage on the ACI website.
- Educate club members on how to navigate the ACI website.
- Set up a mentor program for newbie Rally Hosts.

This may sound like an aggressive (and businesslike) schedule for a fine group of folks who first and foremost just want to have fun camping. You're right! I'm with you. It is. To misquote my guru, the Cheshire Cat, “if you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there.” If you read between the lines, these goals are in place to accomplish a couple things that will enhance our club. 1) to simplify the jobs our officers, board members, and committee folks who have generously volunteered their time to keep our club running. 2) to make the online resources provided by ACI more accessible and usable to each of us. Can we work together to make that happen?

Thank you for your support of our club and also your vote of confidence in me. It's going to be a rip-roaring, heel-clicking kind of a year!

Gaile Broom Vice-President

IN ORDER TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, HE FIRST HAD TO UPDATE HIS OPERATING SYSTEM, DOWNLOAD AN APP, GET A USERNAME, CHOOSE A PASSWORD, LOG IN TO A HEALTH PORTAL, NAVIGATE TO MESSAGES AND WRITE HIS DOCTOR...BY THEN IT WAS TOO LATE.



2024 Rally Event Schedule

Here is our exciting schedule of rallies for this year. Our hosts have designed clever locations and activities for your camping delight. After you reserve your site, notify your hosts via email so you get into the weekend headcount for activities and meals.

*NOTE: The campgrounds for the March and May rallies will hold our sites through **December 13, 2023**. Make your reservations now.*

Mid-Winter Banquet

February

TBD

Hosts: Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe

March 14 - 7, 2024

Season Opener - Piedmont Campground Olympics

Raleigh Oaks RV Resort & Cottages

527 US Hwy 701 South

Four Oaks, NC

919-934-3181

Host: Debbie and Todd Stroud

E-mail: goodfoodlady@gmail.com

Reserve by: **Dec 13, 2023**

Flex your muscles and your brain power with indoor and outdoor games at Raleigh Oaks. In addition to pickle ball courts and a swimming pool, the facility boasts a fully equipped kitchen and a mammoth tv that are sure to be put to good use. This place is deluxe.

2024 Rally Event Schedule

April 17 – 21, 2024

Riders Up!

Region 3 Rally

The Meadow Event Park

13191 Dawn Blvd

Doswell, VA

804-994-2800

Hosts: Christine and Joe Baum

E-mail: baumjc@gmail.com

Reserve by: March 15, 2024

Camp on the farm where a Triple Crown Winner was born. Secretariat's birthplace is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Online registration opens January 22, 2024

May 3 - 5, 2024

Springtime in Mayberry

Mayberry Campground

114 Byron Bunker Lane

Mt. Airy, NC

336-789-6199

Hosts: April and Chris Bullin

E-mail: astraderbullin@roadrunner.com

Reserve by: Dec 13, 2023

A beautiful small town vibe like no other. Echoes of Andy, Opie, Barney, and Aunt Bee still ring among the vineyard covered hills.

Piedmont Club #161 Business Meeting

2024 Rally Event Schedule

June 20 - 23, 2024

Take Me out to the Ballgame

Creekwood Farm RV Park

4696 Jonathan Creek Rd
Waynesville, NC
828-926-7977

Hosts: Amy and Jim Mount, Jessica and Jerry Smith

E-mail: rovermommy@hotmail.com

Reserve by: April 19, 2024

Put on your rally caps for a weekend of America's favorite pastime.

July 18 - 21, 2024

Frescoes, Cheddar, and Chardonnay

Raccoon Holler Campground

493 Raccoon Hollow Rd
Jefferson, NC
336-982-2706

Hosts: Diane and Bill Byrum

E-mail: bbcubed53@gmail.com

Reserve by: April 30, 2024

Bring your adventurous spirit for this trip. The area is a Renaissance treasure trove.

2024 Rally Event Schedule

Aug. 4 – 11, 2024

A Toe Tappin' Good Time

Region 3 Rally - Galax Fiddler's Convention

Cool Breeze Campground

87th Annual Old Time Fiddlers Convention

2330 Edmonds Road

Galax, VA

276-236-0300

Host: Christine and Joe Baum

E-mail: baumjc@gmail.com

Reserve by:

From old timers to young talent on the rise. The Galax Fiddler's Convention is the best around.

August ???

Popup Rally

Host: None

Do you have a free weekend where you are hitting the open road? Want some Piedmont friends to meet you there? Put out the call and then the party starts. Let's do this!

2024 Rally Event Schedule

Sept. 19 - 22, 2024

Carolina Mountain Jamboree

Palmetto Cove RV Park

521 Table Rock Road

Cleveland, SC

864-836-6221

Host: Palmetto State Club, Don and Vickie Lee

E-mail: dllakewsc@yahoo.com

Reserve by:

All five clubs from North and South Carolina will gather in one spot.

Piedmont Club #161 Business Meeting

Oct. 5 - 11 2024

Wagons Ho! Piedmont Club Caravan

AIC International Meeting 2024

2503 W 16th St

Sedalia, Missouri

Led by: Mike Bizon and Gaile Broom

E-mail: Gailebroom@aol.com

Reserve by: Notify Gaile and Mike by March 1st if you are interested in going.

We're heading to Sedalia on a NC to Missouri caravan. Want to come?

Campgrounds will be determined based on availability after we have a tentative headcount.

2024 Rally Event Schedule

Oct. 24 - 27 2024

Alumalina

Tom Johnson Rally Park/Campground

348 Resistoflex Rd

Marion, NC

800-225-7802

Host: John and Susan Leake, Palmetto State Airstream Club

RSVP to: Go to “AirForum” on Facebook. Look for “Alumalina 2024”

Sign up: Facebook AirForum

Everything has already been said about this rally. But just one more time, “Let’s hear it for the hottest ticket around”. Folks come from across the USA and Canada. Why... the fish fry alone makes it worth the trip.

Nov. 1 - 3, 2024

The Passing of the Torch

Hosts: Debbie and David Stubbs

Email: davidstubbs57@gmail.com

Reserve by:

A time for celebration as new officers step up to serve.

Piedmont Club #161 Installation Rally

Piedmont NC Club Membership Report

By Amy Mount
Membership Chair
November 2023

Piedmont Club continues to be **BLESSED** with **NEW** Members, **NEW** Affiliate Members and, of course, **RENEWED** Regular Club Members!

LET'S WELCOME OUR ...

NEWEST MEMBERS

Shane Long **BRN 4450** 2020 23-ft. Flying Cloud Cary, NC

NEWEST AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Lois Wagner & Derek Conley **BRN 16003** 2017 22-ft. Sport New Providence, NJ
Jill & Alan Rabb **BRN 2376** 2022 30-ft. Classic Greensboro, GA

RENEWED MEMBERS as of 11/8/2023

Ernest & Madaline Bauer **BRN 0241** 2010 3-ft. Classic Youngsville, NC
Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe **BRN 6693** 2013 30-ft. Flying Cloud Raleigh, NC
David & Dee Ann Cherveney **BRN 3170** 2015 28-ft. International Serenity Raleigh, NC
John & Christy Shi Day **BRN 2956** 2012 25-ft. Int'l Signature Gloucester, NC
John & Juanita (Dee) Lloyd **BRN 3272** 2005 31-ft. Classic Wake Forest, NC
John M. (Mart) & Carolyn Plaxco **BRN 13517** 2002 39-ft. 396XL Denver, NC
Thomas Rydzewski **BRN 4819** 2004 34-ft. Excella Classic Cary, NC
Dick & Wardene Statham **BRN 1040** 2004 28-ft. International CCD Burlington, NC
Gregory Ray **BRN 5218** 1967 26-ft. International Overlander Winston-Salem, NC
Timothy (Tim) & Susan Strong **BRN 12084** 1972 31-ft. International Land Yacht Southern Pines, NC
Debra & Todd Stroud **BRN 3846** 2005 25-ft. International Four Oaks, NC
Bill & Shelley Townsend **BRN 27070** 1970 27-ft. Overlander Lumberton, NC

RENEWED AFFILIATE MEMBERS as of 11/8/2023

Roger & Elizabeth Cordes **BRN 4222** 2021 16-ft. Bambi RB Oriental, NC
John & Susan Leake **BRN 268** 1993 34-ft. Classic York, SC
Terry & Ann Montgomery **BRN 3156** 2012 30-ft. Flying Cloud York, SC

As of November 1, 2023, Piedmont NC Airstream Club currently has 133 Club members as well as 27 Affiliate members that total 160 members. Our Club members have a total of 84 Airstreams, too.

We were sad to see some of our Piedmont Club "Family" stop camping in their trailer, sell their Airstream, or not renew their Airstream membership in

2023. However, Piedmont Club is still filled with the BEST members! Be sure to tell ALL your Airstream friends about our wonderful club and the fun we have at all our rallies.

NOTE: If a Piedmont Club member would like to see the full list of new members and those who are no longer a part of our Club, then email or text Amy Mount and she will email you the information presented at the business meeting during the Installation Rally on November 4, 2023. Amy's contact information is: rovermommy@hotmail.com / 919-349-4509 – cell number.

Installation Rally Meeting Minutes

By Debbie Stroud
Recording Secretary
Nov 5th, 2024

11/4/23
Salem Breeze Campground
Winston Salem, NC
7 pm

President Alan Hvizdak thanked all of the officers for their service. We had 28 present including Region 3 President Christine Baum and Region 3 Vice President Bob Ealy. The minutes of the last club meeting on 9/22/23 were approved. Treasurer's Report - We started the year with \$6200 and ended with \$7200. Membership Report - We have 84 rigs, now this the time for online renewal. Webmaster Delia Rati is working on a picture photo album for our club members.

The Region 3 Rally is coming up April 17th - 21, 2024 in Doswell, VA.

Due to the Piedmont Airstream Club (PAC) being a non-profit entity and our treasury increasing to a level not necessary for the efficient operation of our club, it was voted upon and approved that \$250 per rally will be donated to a local charity by the PAC at each rally in 2024. The choice of the donation site will be at the discretion of the rally host/s.

Christine Baum installed the 2024 Piedmont Airstream Club officers with a fun chocolate-themed program.

President - Gaile Broom
V.P. - April Bullin
Treasurer - Jim Mount
Recording Secretary - Debbie Stroud
Corresponding Secretary - Rob Rati
Historian - Greg Ray
Webmaster - Delia Rati
Membership - Amy Mount
Trustees - Steve Lovett, David Stubbs, Peter Capp, Bob Ealy
Past President - Alan Hvizdak

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Stroud

**PIEDMONT
AIRSTREAM CLUB**

SEASON OPENER

PIEDMONT CAMPGROUND OLYMPICS
FUN GAMES - GREAT PRIZES



MARCH 14-17, 2024

Raleigh Oaks RV Resort & Cottages
521 US Hwy 701 South Four Oaks, NC 27524

919-934-3181

Reserve by Dec 13, 2023

Join us for
Springtime in Mayberry

May 2 - 5, 2024

Mayberry Campground
Mt. Airy NC

20 sites reserved for us that are together
and we have a covered shelter for gatherings!

**Reservations* and \$45.00 Deposit Required
by Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

For reservations call 336-789-6199.*

Our Group Name is Piedmont Airstream Club.

**Reservations can be cancelled up to 14 days prior with a \$10.00 processing fee.*

Schedule and activities are forthcoming

Questions?

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