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Musings and Ramblings from the President ...

Captain's Log Stardate: August 2024



Repeat after me: “Technology is my friend. Technology is my friend.”
Repeat!

“Luddite” now describes in general people who dislike new technology, but its origins date back to an early 19th-century labor movement that railed against the ways that mechanized manufacturers and their unskilled laborers undermined the skilled craftsmen of the day.

The original Luddites were British weavers and textile workers who objected to the increased use of mechanized looms and knitting frames. Most were trained artisans who had spent years learning their craft, and they feared that unskilled machine operators were robbing them of their livelihood.

Thanks, for the history lesson. What does that have to do with Airstreaming?

Have you ever heard someone say or even thought to yourself, “What’s the matter with the way we’ve been doing things all along?” Well, my answer is ‘nothing’. So, why do we need WhatsApp and Jotform?

To answer this question, I've polled the audience....namely rally hosts that have used the tools. Jotform is an effective tool for conducting rallies. If you haven't hosted a rally before, stand by, at some point you will be involved. JotForm eases handling rally registration because it can be used to collect rally fees in addition to participant registration. Collecting via JotForm eliminates the rally hosts having to run folks down for payment, keep an accounting of the funds, and handle the money if the treasurer is not at the rally. It also allows the use of a credit cards for online payment at the time of registration. Details on that are in the design phase. Let's call the process "Simplicity of Assembly." **Always** vote in favor of making volunteers have an easier path. Next time around that volunteer could be YOU.

So how about WhatsApp? Some may argue that WhatsApp is just fluff. Maybe it is, but would you want to:

- A) be the host that has to reach out to 15 or more airstreams individually to give notice of itinerary changes
- B) be the one person that the host couldn't reach and miss the bus to dinner?

As far as using the app, many of us seek local knowledge of our rally area, or look for activity partners, or give travel reports, or sometimes post pictures just for giggles. There are many advantages to using WhatsApp on the local level.

Another major point is that WhatsApp looks right through your device type and can communicate with Apple and/or Androids at the same time. Texts, not so much.

So protest if you will, but these tools are the wave of the future. Embrace, and if you need installation help or app information, just tap one of us on the shoulder. We are happy to help.

Gaile Broom, President

A Message from the Vice-President

Flamingos Everywhere!

Travel is such a wonderful thing. Whether thirty minutes from home or halfway around the world, it can and does enrich your life. Chris and I just returned from a three-plus week trip to France and England. We feel so blessed to be able to experience different cultures and to learn about places we visit. We are fortunate to have met a lovely couple from Texas a few years ago on one of our excursions abroad and have enjoyed traveling with them ever since. Sharing our experiences with them has taken our travel to the next level.



This trip was even more fun because I was reminded of my Airstream family at every turn! How you say? Because everywhere I looked one of our iconic mascots was looking right back at me. Flamingoes were everywhere! I noticed the first one in Nice and snapped a pic. I pointed it out to Chris and we laughed that our Airstream friends were along for the ride. As we moved north in France, I picked flamingo after flamingo out of the crowd. Even funnier was the fact that I had packed my favorite lounge pants for the trip and guess what the pattern is - flamingos! They even followed us to Oxford and London at the end of our trip! I have included my pics with a note of where they were captured. I hope you enjoy seeing them.

As our trip moved along, I found myself being reminded time and again how fortunate we all are to have the opportunity to travel and to be able to do it with friends. Our Airstream community is unique and we are blessed to be a part of it.

Happy travels!

April Strader Bullin, Vice-President

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.*

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.

2024 Rally Event Schedule

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!

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

2024 Rally Event Schedule

Sept. 30 - Oct. 15, 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.

Oct. 24 - 27, 2024

Alumalina

Tom Johnson Rally Park/Campground

348 Resistoflex Rd
Marion, NC
800-225-7802

Host: John and Susan Leake

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.

2024 Rally Event Schedule

Nov. 7 - 10, 2024

The Passing of the Torch

Salem Breeze RV Park

2784 Hickory Tree Road

Winston-Salem, NC

336-972-3200

Hosts: Debbie and David Stubbs

Email: davidstubbs57@gmail.com

Reservation Details: Reservations can be made on line at [Salem Breeze Reservations – Cool Breeze Campground](#) or call or email Robert Sells at robert@salembreezervpark.com, 336-972-3200. No deposit required.

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
August 2024

NEW CLUB MEMBERS as of 7/2/2024

- Michael & Meghan Schrottenboer [BRN 10817](#) 2005 30-ft. Safari Apex, NC

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS as of 6/28/2024

- John & Linda Dascanio [BRN 18487](#) 2022 30-ft. Classic Amarillo, TX
(Home Club is Texas Plains Airstream Club)

PIEDMONT CLUB MEMBERS WHO RENEWED MEMBERSHIP as of 7/17/2024

- Melissa Chernick & Andre Cumberland [BRN 20523](#) 2023 19-ft. Caravel Wendell, NC

Ed and Tech (Streaming without a net)

Submitted by Michael Bizon

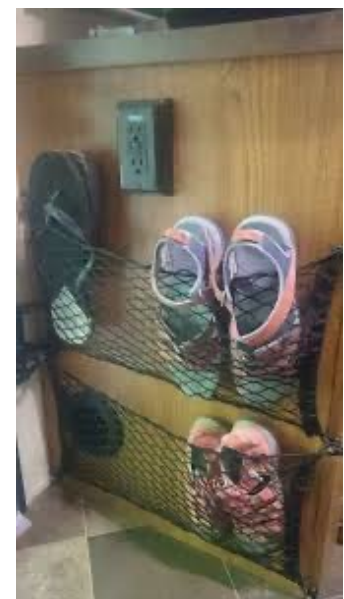
The Soggy Bottom Boys were large and in charge at the rally in West Jefferson.

We should consider contracting out rallies to places that need rain. We had a bunch of the wet stuff this weekend. Two of the last three rallies were pretty moist.

Last “rally rain event” I was able to poll the members on how they spent their time. This time I didn’t get to ask if there were any rainy day tasks accomplished.

What everyone did have was wet shoes. I estimate trudging through 4” of rushing water while walking on Main St Saturday. We all have our ways to deal with wet shoes. You’ve got to place those wet shoes someplace! Many of us don’t allow outside shoes in the Airstream and have a dedicated place for those outside shoes near the door.

Which method do you use?



The Poodle Palace is equipped with a very absorbent door mat from L.L. Bean it's their Water Hog line. I recommend it with highest marks.

We feel this is an upgrade from the logo Airstream mat. It is exactly the right sized for our rig and boy does it hold water. To the right is the same mat only larger at our brick and mortar home. We didn't spring for initials on the Airstream mat.



The L.L.Bean Water Hog is just as pricy as the Airstream logo mat but in my opinion more functional. Search L.L. Bean to get the most up to date information. Usually priced at \$59.00 to \$79.00.

The Airstream mat is \$79.60, if you can find them. The Airstream Store is usually out of stock. Some dealers throw them in with the purchase of your Airstream.



They are often available on E-Bay and Facebook Marketplace in good condition. Prices vary in the secondary market.

So what do you do with your wet and soggy shoes? There has to be some creative shoe storage ideas in our group. Who has brought out their woodworking skills? Maybe you have a talent to macrame a shoe storage solution? Let me know.

Today's news from the Campfire Curmudgeon!

It's My First Time!

Reflecting back on recent rallies (and for the first time), I'm having a hard time finding something to complain about. You know doing my job as the club curmudgeon. There's always a first time for some things.

There is a first time trying to back in to your site on your own. Hopefully, your camp mates are polite and move away unless assistance is requested by the driver. But darn it, some neighbors just can't keep their mouths shut and always run over to help.



I watched an experienced tow driver over-compensate on the advice of a "neighborly helper" who gave a little too much advice. The driver's rear tires got stuck in the stinky mud around a sewer hookup. When he tried to move forward, the tires spun up a nasty coating of brown mud that challenged his newly applied ceramic coating. Buddy, you should have paid for 4-wheel drive and skipped the ceramic treatment.

Waynesville and West Jefferson campgrounds have assistants employed by the campground to guide you to and into your spot. No challenge to the driver's ego there. You thought they were there to help you? No, those guys are paid to protect the campground.

Maybe you clipped a power pole or moved a picnic bench with your Airstream. You know unless someone from the campground directs you, you're paying for repairs.

Yes, you will not only pay for repairs to your trailer, but also the campground equipment...unless you do the damage when departing. You might get off without a payment problem. "It was like that when I pulled in" works unless there is video proof. BUT, could you sleep well at night after telling that whopper? No, I say. Man-up and admit you blew it. Or not. What do I care?

Some of our members have a real hot shot attitude about their skill level in parking in tough sites. I love watching those Prima Donnas screw up. "No, I don't need help. Just hold my beer while I put this baby right where it's supposed to be." But the ones I just have to walk away from are the ones who start blowing their own horn about how well they tow. Blah, blah blah!

Oh, yeah. Here's one for all you tow-it-alls. Let's see how you handle Moki Dugway. I double-dog-dare you to try to tow your precious Aluminum castle around it. The Moki Dugway is famous for its steep, unpaved, but sharp switchbacks, which descend 1,200 feet from the top of Cedar Mesa. The gravel road extends for about three miles and has a gradient of up to 10%.



It's made men much stronger, older, and wiser than you run crying like a scalded ape.

The wiser Steamers leave the trailer at the campsite when traveling the Moki Dugway. The "hold my beer" crowd looks at the road carved into the rocks as a challenge to their manhood.



Closer and right down the road, Tail of the Dragon at Deals Gap has 318 curves in 11 miles. This road, US 129, is bordered by the Great Smoky Mountains and the Cherokee National Forest with no intersecting roads or driveways to hamper your travel. It is paved. That will help keep the dents out of your rock guards.

I want to know who towed this with their Airstream? I'm sure someone did it "by accident". "The GPS took me that way." Maybe this could be a site and theme for a future rally.

I haven't seen too many of the mucho-macho drivers in our club. But hey, we're getting new members all the time. Maybe when the experienced club members get done swapping stories about how things used to be, we can let the new guys make some new memories.

Retirement age is 67.
Life expectancy is 78.

Work for 50 years to
enjoy maybe 11?

Start enjoying life now.
Because no one is
guaranteed a tomorrow.

The phrase that pays.... Do it now! Whether you're a "hold my beer" kind of person or not, we need to make good stories.

Frescos, Cheddar and Chardonnay Recap

Hosts: Bill and Diane Byrum; Bill and Shelley Townsend
Submitted by Diane Byrum

The Piedmont NC Airstream Club July 18-21, 2024, Rally welcomed 13 Airstream trailers to Raccoon Holler Campground in beautiful Ashe County, NC. The attendees included members of Piedmont, Carolinas Club, and South Florida Airstream Club. Lewis and Judi Fogel from the South Florida Airstream Club had so much fun they decided to become Piedmont affiliate members.

The rally offered participants the opportunity to visit some of the surrounding sites including the **Frescos** painted by internationally renowned fresco artist Ben Long, the **Ashe County Cheese** plant, North Carolina's oldest cheese plant, and **The Old Barn Winery** a family owned/operated vineyard since 1960. In addition, live music filled the air at the winery and on the backstreet of West Jefferson.

The rally began on Thursday with cowboy stew and cornbread. Rally goers were asked to dress in their best cowboy attire. On arrival, each participant discovered their cowboy names. All were encouraged to take pictures in the "Wanted Dead or Alive" photo booth.



Saturday evening a patriotic BBQ dinner was served. Participants were asked to dress in patriotic attire. Following dinner all participants were divided into groups to play USA trivia and history. Four rounds were played with a final bonus round to determine the winners. Questions were taken from the US citizenship test. In order to become a US citizen all candidates for citizenship must pass a basic civics test.

Sample questions: When was the Declaration of Independence signed? (August 2, 1776); How many children did George Washington father? (Zero); Who was the shortest serving US president? (William Henry Harrison). All agreed the questions were difficult and thought provoking!!!



A "Coach Dana" campfire finished out the night. After a Sunday morning breakfast of baked oatmeal and ice cream everyone departed for home!

Step it Off



Roll Call. Step it off.....

The club needs to know your plans so the it can make its plans. So how about it.....will we see you at:

Carolina Mountain Jamboree? (Register by September 1st so there is food for you.)

OR

Alumalina? It's true we can't reserve spaces, but we have some other activities to plan for. Let us know 2 things:

- 1) that we will see you in Marion
- 2) the day you plan to arrive.

Please let Gaile know at gailebroom@aol.com OR text her at 704 502 3399 by September 1st. Remember to leave your name so she knows who is reaching out.

The Passing of the Torch Rally



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

**PIEDMONT NC AIRSTREAM CLUB The Passing of the Torch Rally
November 7-10, 2024**

HOSTS:

David and Debbie Stubbs – 336-339-1406 (David’s cell)

Co-Hosts: Amy & Jim Mount, 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:

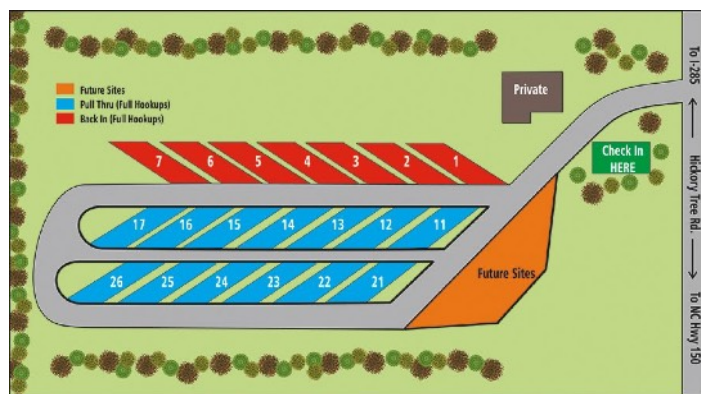
Fill out and submit a [Salem Breeze Reservation Form](#), or email Robert Sells, Owner, at robert@salembreezervpark.com, or **Call 336-972-3200**

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 \$43.20 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, below is a preliminary outline of what we are thinking. Plenty of time will be included to allow attendees to pick and choose activities of their own interest, along with a few optional group activities. Rally fee TBD once full agenda is known, as well as number of attendees.

Preliminary Schedule

Thursday - 11/7/2024

4:30-ish Happy Hour at Rally Center

Bring:

- Appetizer to share
- Dinner set ups
- Beverages
- Folding chairs

6:00 p.m. Dinner provided by Hosts at Rally Center

7:30 p.m. Patio/Fire Pit

Friday – 11/8/2024

Breakfast on your own

Optional Group Activity to Consider – Head over to 2nd Harvest Food Bank in Winston-Salem Friday morning. We will help process donated items for distribution to local food banks in Northwest NC. More details to follow. Contact Chris Bullin for questions or to sign up. Group lunch option afterwards for those attending.

Dinner on your own

Pick *any* cuisine & then explore restaurants in Winston Salem or Lexington –

Saturday – 11/9/2024

Breakfast & Lunch on your own

Activities To Consider – (list to be provided closer to event).

5:00 p.m. Happy Hour at Rally Center

Bring:

- Dinner set ups
- Beverages
- Folding chairs

6:00 p.m. Catered Dinner at Rally Center

Menu TBD

7:30 p.m. Business Meeting (Installation of 2025 officers by our own Region 3 President Bob Ealy)

Sunday – 11/10/2024

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

Bring: Your Own Coffee

9:00 a.m. Devotional

Carolina Mountain Jamboree September 19-22, 2024

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Reserve by September 1. Call Palmetto Cove, 521
Table Rock Rd, Cleveland, SC at **864-836-6221**.



Deadline for reservations is September 1st. Also below are instructions on how to conveniently make your rally fee payments online. It's easy and it's quick. Just follow these steps and it's done. Give it a try.

1. Use your search engine and search for Palmetto State Airstream Club.
2. Choose Palmetto State Rallies and events.
3. Click more details on PSAC rallies.
4. Choose your rally and follow the directions entering payment information.

Have you wondered what goes on at Palmetto Cove? Here is the itinerary.

Carolina Mountain Jamboree Itinerary

September 19-22, 2024

Thursday September 19th

- Swamp Rabbit Trail Biking, contact Deb & Jerry Stroud @803-422-1464. Time to be determined.
- Golf outing Thursday morning @ The Rock Golf Club. We will meet at Palmetto Cove Campground and drive over. If playing, I need players from all 5 clubs to call me, Burt Broadway, as soon as possible so I can set Tee Times. We currently have 4 Tee Times. Sign up with me at 980-257-9621. The cost will be between \$42 and \$50.

11AM-5PM Registration under shelter (Callie Rae & Vickie Lee)

- Pin to Point Game (Charlie Purser) Time to be determined. Need volunteers
- 4PM Official start of rally
- Greetings-Under the Shelter
- Happy Hour, bring drinks and snacks
- 6PM Dinner, Main kitchen, Stuffed potato/salad/tea, provided by Walhalla Steak House, hosted and served by Palmetto State Airstream Club. *Bring setups.
- Socializing under shelter.

***Please bring setups, which includes your plate, utensils, napkins, drinks, cups etc. to all meal events in order to cut costs and reduce waste.**

Friday September 20th

- 7:30am-Bird watching & nature walk with Joyce Butucel. Meet at shelter.
- 8:30-9:30am Breakfast provided and served by Piedmont AS Club & Gaile Broom menu: pancakes, sausage, etc. Served in kitchen. Bring setups.
- 10am Nuts and Bolts-Surviving the First Year of Airstreaming-Charlie Purser-under Shelter.
- 11am Park Ranger-Wyatt Shealy-Lake Warren, Hampton, SC, presentation

- 12PM-2PM Lunch on your own
- 2PM Table Rock Tea Tour-Contact Vickie Lee @ 803-984-7625-Limited to 40. 118 High Hills Lane, Pickens, SC. Close to Table Rock State Park. Leave 20 minutes prior to tour from Palmetto Cove.
- 4 PM Social Time. Bring your favorite snacks. Ice Cream social. Join in for some fun under the shelter provided by Carolinas Airstream Club
- Dinner on your own or with AS friends, see Travelers Rest brochure for restaurants, etc. Grills under shelter will be hot and ready to use between 5 and 6PM. Manned by Mike Madden & more volunteers.
- 7PM J Creek Cloggers from Canton, NC. -Celebrating American Folk traditions.

The Carolina Mountain Jamboree Flea Market/Craft Fair will be set up on Friday from 10a-2p. You may want to bring your wares to sell, swap or trade. Bring your own table. If you have a craft or you need to clear out some extra stuff you are carrying around in your Airstream now is the time to pull it out and sell it! Plan to set up at your camper so we can parooz around the campground & flamingle. To join in this fun event call or text Gail Broadway at 803-322-7687 or email her at gailbroadway@hotmail.com.

Saturday September 21st

- 7AM early risers walk Charlie & Mary Ann Purser. Starting point TBD
- 8:30-9:30am Breakfast Provided and served by Palmetto State Airstream Club. Biscuits, sausage & gravy. Coffee & juice provided in kitchen. Bring setups.
- 10AM Paint and pour craft taught by Arlene Puryear and Ashleigh Griffith in kitchen annex. Contact Vickie Lee at 803-984-7625 to sign up.
- 11 AM-Scott Whitmire from Retro Modern Camper to present info on Truma Water heater and roof coating. Location under Shelter.
- 12PM Lunch on your own.

- 3PM Wine tasting at the Cove- Provided by Victoria Valley Vineyards. Under Shelter. Details pending
- 4PM Happy hour bring drinks.
- 4:30 Dinner provided by Walhalla Steak House, served by, Coastal Airstream Club. Served in kitchen. Bring setups.
Menu: Chicken strips, baked ham, mac & cheese, green beans, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, dessert: banana pudding.
- 7PM-8PM, Music by the Scurry sisters. Under Shelter
- 8PM Door prizes (must be present to win) and Rally Wrap up
- Additional events pending: Chainsaw carving Demonstration and Cedar Mountain Moonshine Distillery Tour.