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Musings and Ramblings from the President ...

Captain's Log Stardate: November 2024

"Being humble means recognizing that we are not on earth to see how important we can become, but to see how much difference we can make in the lives of others"

-Gordon B. Hinckley

Natural disasters have a way of bringing strangers together. My first experience with this came in San Francisco during the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. Living in a SF high-rise condo meant close quarters with other dwellers. Neighbors who barely spoke to us before suddenly were seeking friendship and camaraderie. We were all rattled to the core especially when the ground continued to move with aftershocks. Yes, it was a great lesson in humility.

Fast forward to 2024 as I sat all "fat, dumb, and happy". Bam! Helene slammed NC quickly followed by Milton in FL. A double hit. This time the reactions of my neighbors were totally different, the antithesis of my previous experience. People in dire condition denied their needs and rallied to help others.

At our May business meeting our members voted to donate a portion of our treasury to a local charity. To assist in the Western North Carolina recovery, our Piedmont Board voted to use \$1,000 of the designated funds. The money bought a variety of food and a much needed generator. Your donation made a huge difference in the lives of our neighbors to the west.

Before FEMA or other emergency support arrived on the scene, our neighbors, Lauren and Dan Barker, were boots on the ground to Burnsville. They used their personal truck and covered trailer to make deliveries. Sometimes when the road ran out, they walked in the aid...gasoline, food, water, and other supplies. Their 7 year old son served as the Inventory Manager with his large white board in addition to helping with the delivery in Burnsville. This is the team that extended the reach of our Airstream Club to those in need.

I could go on and on about their efforts, but instead read below their testimony and see photos from the task.

“We are now back heading towards home. We were able to make it out to the harder hit areas today.

Please share so many thanks with your Airstream Club that we were able to bless the Wheeler family with the generator.



They opened up their roadside shop to collect items for folks further out 19W to come and get, instead of trying to head into town. Not only that, but they are housing two families who literally watched their homes wash down the river. They were beyond appreciative.”

“Caden wheeler - the son of the family who opened the shop for goods.”

“One of the houses that washed away.”





“Dan is crossing the creek to our road after delivering supplies to our neighbors. We had to climb up to get on the road.”

“We were able to serve folks on our road and check on everyone. Then headed out 19W past our road where the road was literally in the river. They had heavy equipment in the river trying to bolster the banks.

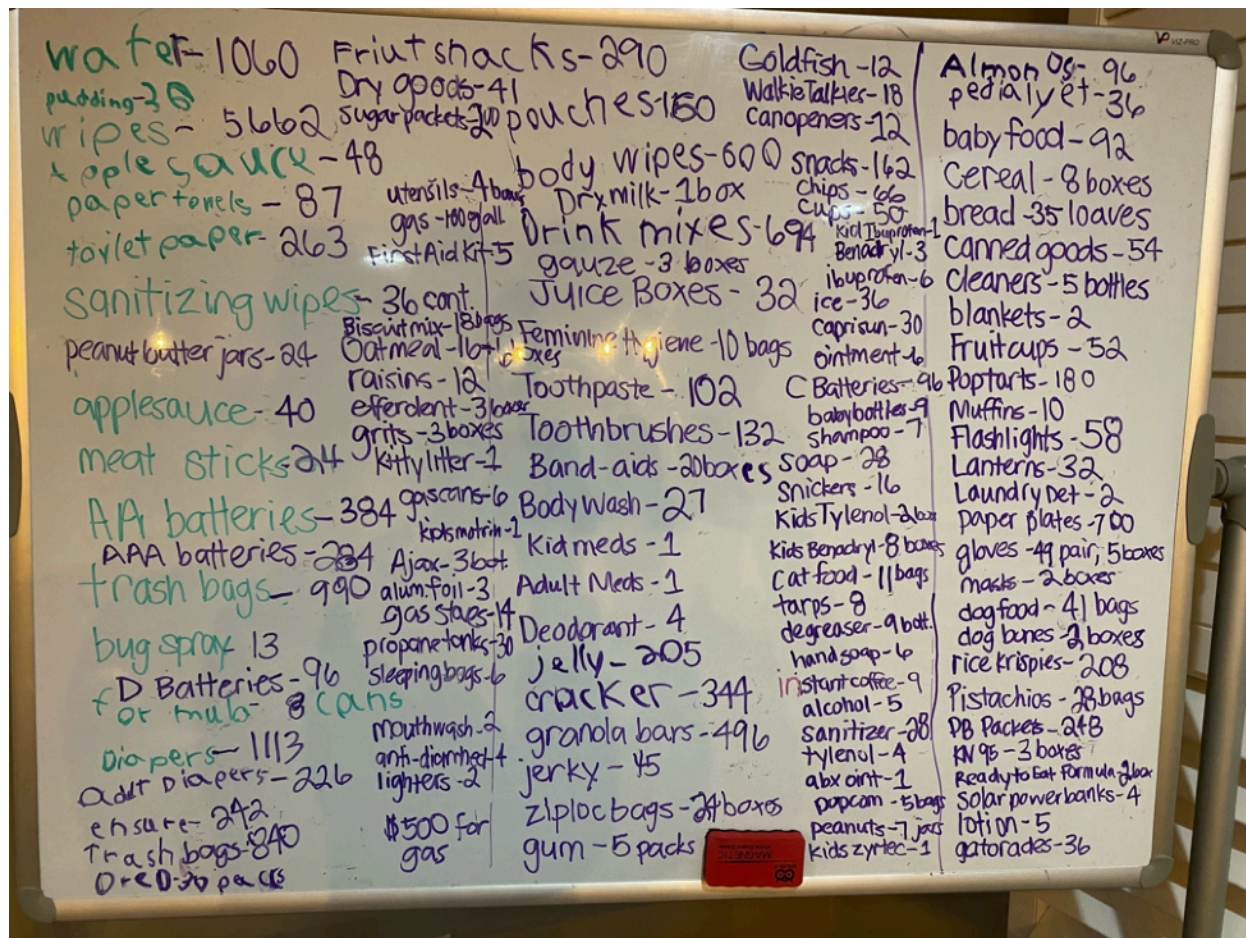
We served some folks in Piney Hill -

One woman we stopped to help, she initially only wanted gas, but as we got to know her, we were able to give her much more food, dog food, supplies - and loved on her when she said she lost her husband last year and when the Cane River rose that high last Friday and her entire road washed out - it was the first time she thought she was going to starve.



They are saying 3-5 months without power down there. Then we went further into the Piney Hill Community close to where there is no access to the folks at the river crossing yet. They are working on a low water access now.

We left supplies at Piney Hill Baptist Church where these folks can go. It was empty when we got there."



The Inventory Board, a list of donations that came in by word of mouth....and they are still collecting and delivering.

Thank you, club, for supporting our neighbors living in the path of Helene. Your generosity has humbled me.

Gaile Broom, President

A Message from the Vice-President

67th Annual Airstream Club International Rally

Sedalia, Missouri, was definitely “Fun in the Fall!” This was our first International Rally, and we picked a great one. The Missouri State Fairgrounds was a perfect venue. Historic buildings, direct access to the Katy Trail and historic downtown Sedalia, and a fantastic camping experience on 400 acres were all we needed to have a great time. We spent the week with over 2600 of our new Airstream friends and learned much about Airstreaming.



Unfortunately, Mike Bizon and Gaile Broom were unable to lead our caravan due to some damage from Hurricane Helene at their Florida home. So, David and Debbie Stubbs, and Chris and I, followed the first-rate plan that Mike and Gaile had put in place for us. Mike had chosen great places to stop on the way to Missouri and back. We caught up with two couples from our club in Sedalia on the first day of the rally and our group parked together in the

campground. It was fun getting to know Dave and Denise Funaro and getting reacquainted with Andy and Karen Karakos. Bob and Ginger Ealy and Dick and Becky Martin joined us for Happy Hour so Piedmont Airstream Club was well represented!



This was a trip when the journey was just as fun as the destination! On our way out we had the opportunity to eat at the famous Rendezvous Restaurant in Memphis and got a feel for the vibe of Beale Street. Did you know that in 1955, when entertainer Danny Thomas discovered Beale had become an avenue because of a city ordinance requiring that avenues run east-west



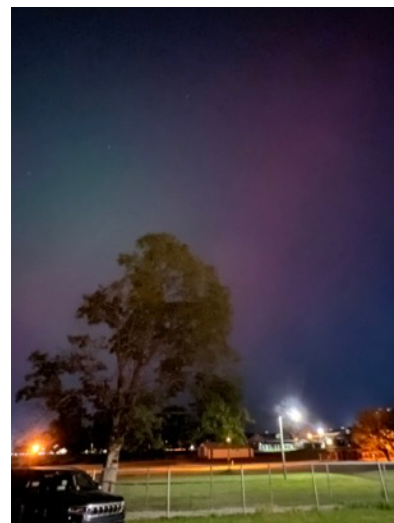
and streets north-south, he sought to sway the city fathers most fittingly — with

song. Thomas wrote the song "Bring Back Our Beale Street." He then performed it at a benefit show for a crowd of 15,000 — among them, Mayor Frank Tobey. Needless to say, the street name was changed! We also got a chance to tour Sun Studio - the place where Elvis was discovered!

While at the Rally, we had the opportunity to visit the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence.

Go if you ever get the chance! Historic Sedalia was charming, and we understood the importance of the Missouri, Kansas, and Texas Railroad after visiting the Katy Depot. The Katy line was a nickname for the MKT railroad. The Katy Trail is a rails-to-trails line that extends 240 miles across

Missouri following the former rail line. Biking or hiking the trail is a treat! It allowed easy access from the campground at the fairgrounds to downtown Sedalia. On the last night of the rally, we were lucky to be able to see the Aurora Borealis!



On the way home, we visited Forest Park in St. Louis. The park was designed by Fredrick Law Olmstead who designed Central Park in NYC and the landscape at Biltmore House in Asheville. It was the site of the 1904 World's Fair, and there is a great exhibit about the fair at the St. Louis History Museum, which is on the grounds of the park. The St. Louis Art Museum is a must-see as well. We rounded out our journey home with a concert at the Mother Church of Country Music - the Ryman Auditorium.

The rally was great, and the sites were fabulous, but the best part of the whole trip was sharing it with our Airstream friends.

See you all soon!

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.

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

2025 Rally Event Schedule Update

We have a deadline for the February Rally. Please note that reservations need to be made by November 6, 2024. Please call right away.

We still need hosts for March and July. If you would like to help out please let me know. If you haven't hosted before and would like to give it a try some folks will help you. Remember, it's always better with friends!

DATES	EVENT/HOSTS	CAMPGROUND
January	No Event	No Event
February 6-9, 2025 SPACES HELD UNTIL NOV. 6, 2024	Joint Maintenance Rally with Carolina Coastal <i>Co-Hosts Needed</i>	Willowtree RV Resort 2000 Old Buck Creek Rd. Longs, SC (866) 207-2267
March (Dates TBD)	Hosts Needed	TBD
April 9-13, 2025	Region 3 Rally	Coastal Carolina Fairgrounds, Ladson, SC
May 29-June 1, 2025 REGISTER NOW! SPACES HELD UNTIL October 7, 2024	A Carolina Spring Thing <i>Gaile Broom & Mike Bison</i>	Allison Creek City Park York, SC 803-323-2035 Piedmont Airstream Club/ Mike Bizon's Group
June (Dates TBD)	Dianne & Bill Byrum	Tentatively Southwest Virginia
July (Dates TBD)	Hosts Needed	TBD
August 23-28, 2025	Airstream International Rally	York Expo Center, York, PA
September 18-21, 2025	Carolinas Mountain Jamboree	Palmetto Cove RV Park Cleveland, SC
September 25-28, 2025	Mayberry Days <i>April Strader Bullin & Chris Bullin (hosts)</i> <i>Donna & Coach Edwards (co-hosts)</i>	Black Dog Acres RV Park Pilot Mountain, NC
October (Dates TBD)	<i>Jane & Alan Hvizdak</i>	TBD
October (traditionally the third weekend but need to confirm)	Alumalina	Tom Johnson Campground, Marion, NC
November 6-9 SPACES HELD UNTIL OCTOBER 9, 2025 <i>Mention Piedmont Airstream Rally 11/6-9, 2025 when making reservations</i>	Installation Rally <i>Amy & Jim Mount</i>	Cross Winds Family Campground 159 Sowers Rd. Linwood, NC 27299 (336)853-4567
December	No Event	No Event

Piedmont NC Club Membership Report

by Amy Mount
Membership Chair
November 2024

Let's welcome our newest Affiliate Members as of 9/23/2024 –

- Ralph & Ellen Olson **BRN 9278** 2023 27-ft. Globetrotter Stewartstown, PA

UPDATE: Affiliate Members Robert Zuber & Eve Gelbein-Zuber recently changed their **BRN#** to **15310**.

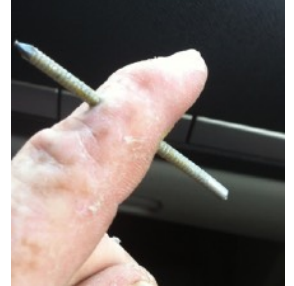
REMINDER: Many of our club members with a membership renewal date of January 1 will soon be receiving reminder emails from Airstream Club International to renew your annual membership. Be sure to log onto your account within the ACI website to renew your Airstream AND Piedmont Club annual membership.

Ed and Tech (Streaming without a net)

Submitted by Michael Bizon

Fall is in the air. Time to do a little self-evaluation on the little fixes that I've "been involved in." What a great summer of projects!

Early this year I had a close encounter with a nail. Yes, I'm up to date with my tetanus shots. If this happens to you, don't pull the nail out. Let the Emergency Department professionals do it. There is a lot of blood and they are better prepared than you can ever be.



Since we didn't take a long trip this summer, I replaced the laminate floor. I'm sure the bubbles will work themselves out with the colder weather. The color is a great complement to the rest of the trailer so I don't want to change it out just yet.



I also did some plumbing. I was able to switch out our single sink for a double. I'm sure this will work and Gaile is happy with the two basin sink.

Do you see anything wrong with this?



I finally got all the electrical bugs figured out. There were too many splices spread out all over the trailer. I was able to put everything in one junction box to make it easier to trouble shoot in the future. I doubt there will be any issues. What do you think ?



There wasn't enough room for wire nuts. Electrical tape works real well. If you need any help with your off season projects, just give me a call.

Today's news from the Campfire Curmudgeon!

I'm rethinking being the club curmudgeon. The East Coast has had a couple of punches to the gut that put my griping and complaining into perspective.

Alumalina was canceled because the rally grounds were washed away. I was all ready to rant about the crowds and be on the lookout for camping faux pas. As always, I was prepared to sit on my stool upwind of the smoke and pontificate.

But the storm that wiped out Tom Johnson and remade the geography of Western North Carolina changed all that for me. As I write this, towns we camped near or in are still reeling from the onslaught of mud and everything in the path from the rushing torrents of water. Some communities can only be reached by walking in or mule train. I don't need to worry about people cutting through my campsite or fire smoke getting into the trailer. Some families now depend on a fire to keep warm and don't worry about where the smoke goes.

How did the west coast of Florida get signed up for the "Hurricane of the Month Club"? Who do they call to cancel that subscription? The bad weather from Helene dumped inches of rain in Florida. They expect that, but Western NC? Our not-so-good friend Milton triggered more tornadoes than "Twister," and the sequel put together. Those twisters tore up the East Coast of Florida. The late word is Land Yacht Harbor Park was mostly spared Uncle Miltie's wrath.

I guess I'll exercise my curmudgeon demeanor on the shenanigans at ACI's Rally. At least the weather wasn't hot. That's it. However, I'm worried that based on my observations and reports from the masses, the International Rally will become one big infomercial for companies clamoring for your hard-earned cash.

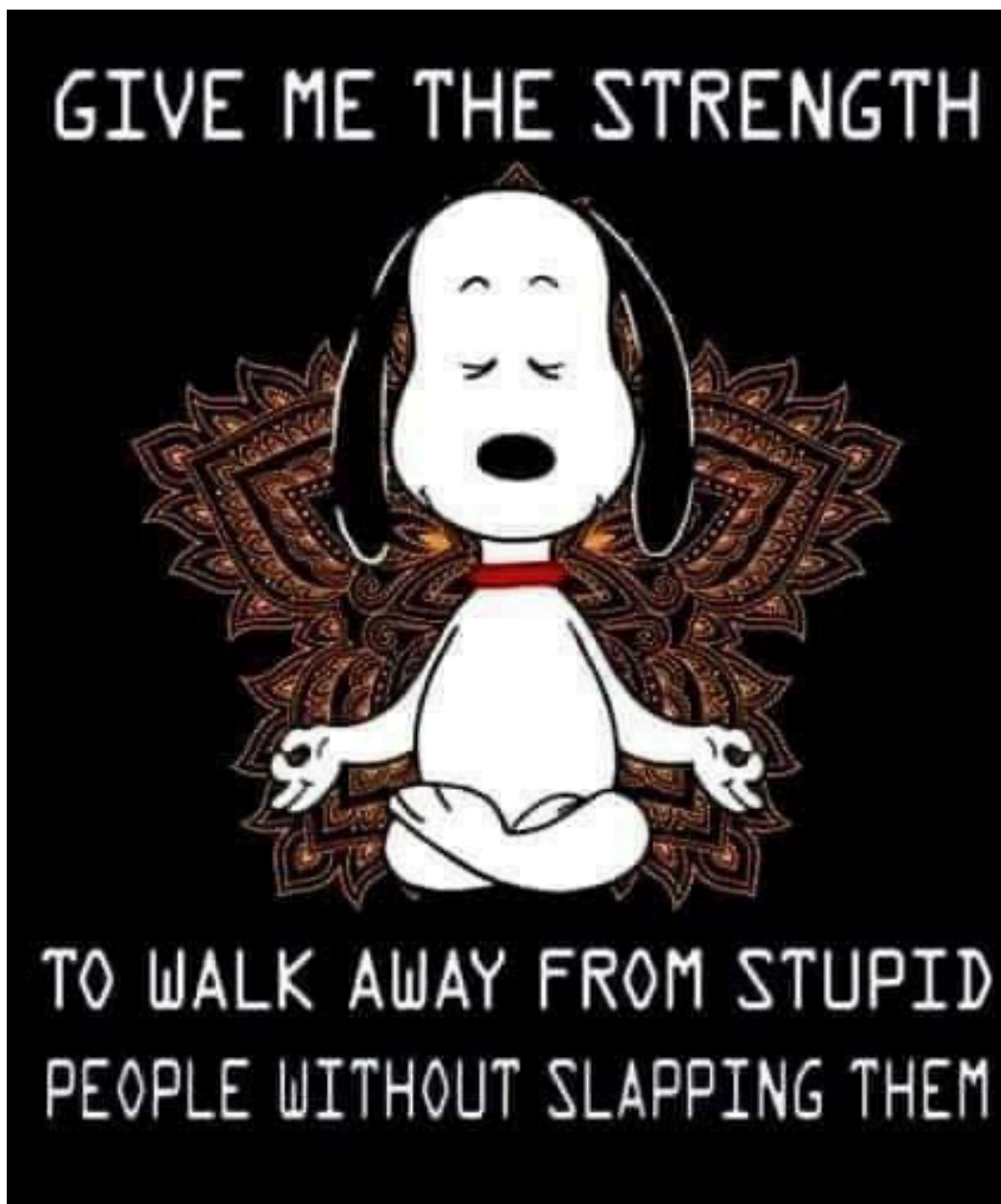
Well, who cares anyway? When you read this, we'll have a new administration for the Piedmont Club. The McHenry era should be over. We will have a president that angers half of the population. I'm not sure my contract will be renewed for another year, so this could be a goodbye.

If that is to be the case, this may be my last deep thought for you. An improv teacher, Patricia Madison, asks us to notice the “outlay of energy expended everywhere all day by criticizing, complaining, and venting negative thoughts. What if we each used the same time to do something constructive instead of voicing criticism or complaining?”

What is a constructive action for an Airstreamer? It will embody compassion, gratitude, honesty, education, leadership, courage, acts of kindness, support of others, personal growth, and altruism.

The phrase that pays:

“Here is the situation. I don’t like it. What can I do to change it?”



Passing the Torch Rally Details



2796 Hickory Tree Rd. Winston Salem, NC 27127

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 or Debbie 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:

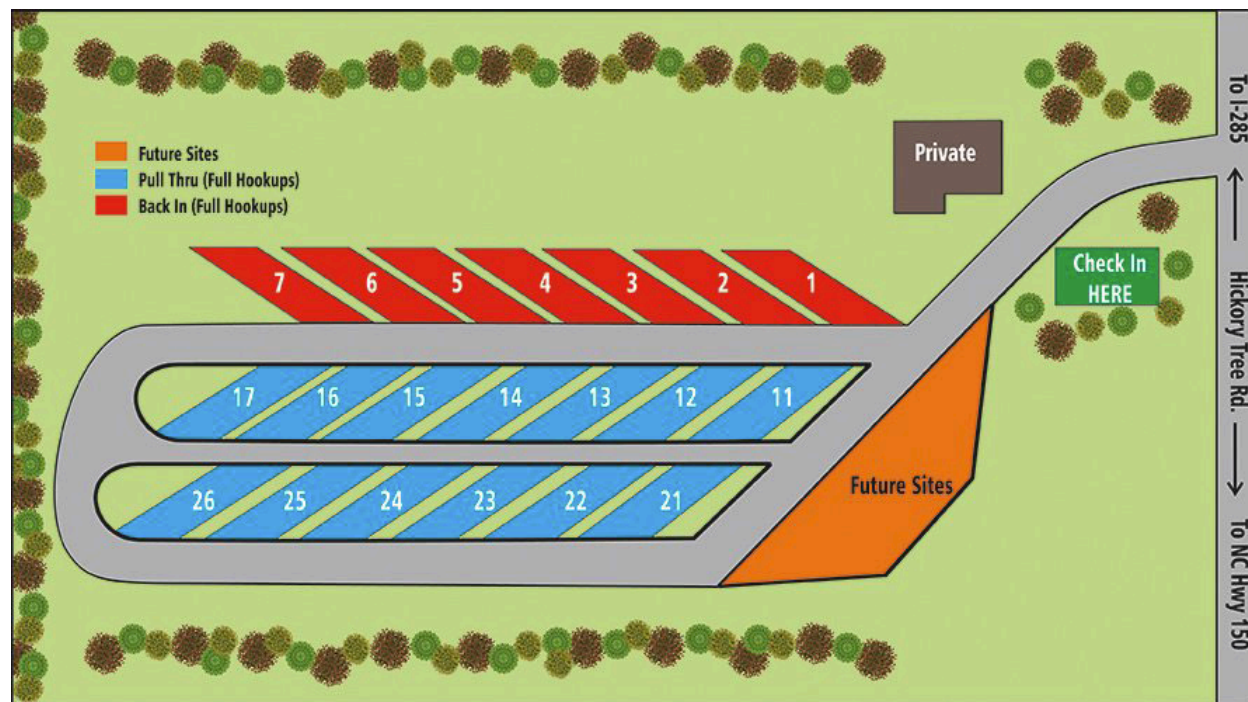
Fill out and submit a Salem Breeze Reservation Form, or email Robert Sells, Owner, at robert@salembreezervpark.com, or Call 336-972-3200

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 is currently as follows. 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 will be finalized and collected at the event (typically in the range of \$35 per person).

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.

8:45 AM Group Activity – Short drive (~15 minutes) to 2nd Harvest Food Bank in downtown Winston-Salem.

~9AM – 1PM: We will help process donated items for distribution to local food banks in Northwest NC. A full lunch will follow afterwards at 2nd Harvest (Cost~\$16 per person). The lunch is prepared by an on-sight Chefs -in-training program. Contact Chris Bullin for questions or to sign up.

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

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting – conducted by immediate past president Alan Hvizdak

7:30 p.m. 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 – Jim Mount.

9:30 a.m. Safe travels to all. See you down the road!