

# The Shiny Hiney Review

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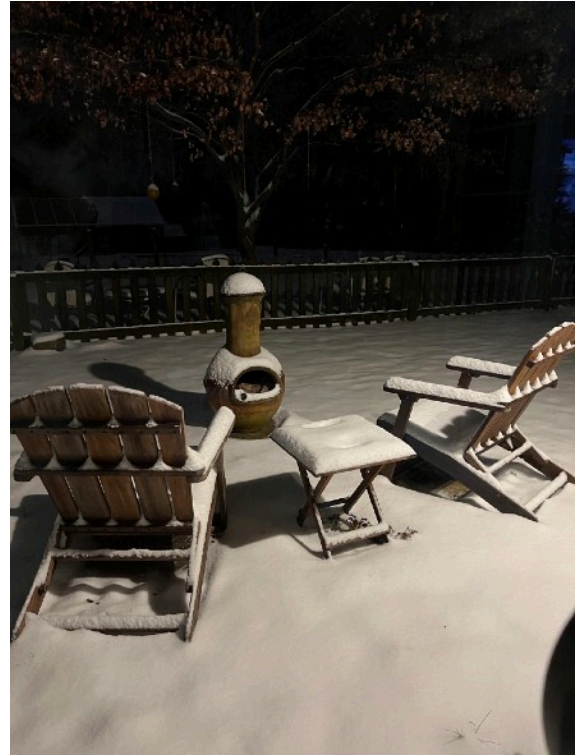
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<https://airstreamclub.org/piedmont-north-carolina>

# Greetings from the Presidential Aluminum Office

The first significant snowfall of 2025 is in the books here in North Carolina. It was beautiful coming down, but I'm ready for Spring now! I'm ready to be outdoors and enjoy chats around the campfire with my Airstream friends. We'll have lots of opportunities for that with our great rally schedule. We do still have a couple of openings if anyone would like to jump in and host. It's pretty easy - just find a campground and throw some hotdogs on the grill and you've got a party started! I hope that you all will join us for a rally or two or more! Making new friends is what makes owning an Airstream fun and different.



I'm excited about our club and the opportunities this year will provide. I welcome any and all suggestions for making our club better. I hope that you will not hesitate to let me know if there is anything that we need to change or improve. We have a great team of volunteers filling the positions on our executive board and we have wonderful volunteers hosting rallies throughout the year. I'm looking forward to it all!

Join us when you can. I'd love to see you around the campfire!

**April Strader Bullin,  
President**



# VP Thoughts

Greetings from your 2025 Vice President from Melbourne Florida! This is our current situation.....our home away from home in Melbourne. We are, however, ready for some sunshine and warm breezes....it is still Florida cold here! We spend the winter at Land Yacht Harbor of Melbourne....an Airstream owners park where Airstream traditions are alive and well.....lots of flamingos, happy hours, adventures, fellowship, food and of course Airstreams trailers gathered rally style! It's like a couple of month long rallies with great Airstream friends from across the country and Canada.



One of the primary duties of the VP is to plan the rally schedule and to recruit rally host for the following year.

So, what does it mean to rally? Webster's says the definition of a rally is, "to bring into order again; gather and organize or inspire anew". What a perfect definition for our club Airstream rallies!!

The Piedmont NC Airstream Club 2024 rallies were awesome! The line-up for 2025 promises some different venues and activities. So now, I want you to look forward to 2026. **Your Club needs YOU!!!** Where would you like to rally with your Airstream friends? I am currently recruiting new and existing rally host for 2026. Please, please, please consider hosting a rally in 2026 either as a rally host or co-host.

Next month I will provide information on the role of rally host/co-host and how-to ideas for rallies..... So be thinking about your favorite place and campground for 2026 and volunteer.....

**Diane Byrum, Vice-President**

# 2025 Rally Event Schedule

Deadlines for the May rally has passed; however, spaces may still be available. Call now to reserve your spot!

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!

## March (TBD), 2025

**Host:** TBD

**E-mail:** TBD

Hosts needed

## April 9 - 13, 2025

### Region 3 Rally

**Coastal Carolina Fairgrounds, Ladson, SC**

## May 29 - June 1, 2025

### A Carolina Spring Thing

**Allison Creek City Park**

York, SC

803-323-2035

**Host:** Mike Bizon and Gaile Broom

REGISTER NOW!

SPACES MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE

Piedmont Airstream Club/Mike Bizon's Group

# 2025 Rally Event Schedule

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**June 19 - 22, 2025**

**Crooked Road Music Trail & the New River**

**Cool Breeze Campground**

2330 Edmonds Rd.

Galax, VA

[coolbreezecampground.com](http://coolbreezecampground.com)

**Host:** Dianne & Bill Byrum

**July (TBD), 2025**

**Host:** TBD

**E-mail:** TBD

Hosts needed

**August 23 - 28, 2025**

**Airstream International Rally**

**York Expo Center**

York, PA

# 2025 Rally Event Schedule

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**September 18 - 21, 2025 (Tentative Dates)**

**Carolinas 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](mailto:dllakewsc@yahoo.com)

**September 25 - 28, 2025**

**Mayberry Days**

**Black Dog Acres RV Park**

Pilot Mountain, NC

**Host:** April Strader Bullin and Chris Bullin & Donna and Coach Edwards

**E-mail:** [astraderbullin@roadrunner.com](mailto:astraderbullin@roadrunner.com)

**October (TBD), 2025**

**Host:** Jane & Alan Hvizdak

**E-mail:** TBD

TBD

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**October, 2025 (Usually 3rd weekend)**

**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 2025”

**Sign up:** Facebook AirForum

**November 6 - 9, 2025**

**Installation Rally**

**Cross Winds Family Campground**

159 Sowers Rd.

Linwood, NC 27299

**(336) 853-4567**

**Host:** Amy & Jim Mount

SPACES HELD UNTIL OCTOBER 9, 2025

*Mention Piedmont Airstream Rally 11/6-9, 2025 when making reservations*

# Piedmont NC Club Membership Report

By Debbie Stubbs, Membership Chair

January 2025

Let's welcome our newest Affiliate Members as of 1/7/2025

Russ & Robin Lea [BRN 1148](#) 2021 25-ft. Globetrotter Washington State, moving to NC

## Renewed Membership as of 1/7/2025

Ernie & Madaline Bauer	<a href="#">BRN 241</a>	2010 30-ft Classic	Youngsville, NC
Mary Lynne & James Baxter	<a href="#">BRN 14736</a>	1975 27-ft Overlander	Lincolnton, NC
Bill & Diane Byrum	<a href="#">BRN 23618</a>	2020 30-ft International	Denver, NC
David & Dee Ann Cherveney	<a href="#">BRN 3170</a>	2015 28-ft International Serenity	Raleigh, NC
Vic Cocwitch & Dawn Erikson	<a href="#">BRN 2103</a>	2019 16-ft Sport	Chapel Hill, NC
John & Christy Shi Day	<a href="#">BRN 2956</a>	2012 25-ft International Signature	Morganton, NC
Bob & Ginger Ealy	<a href="#">BRN 9919</a>	2023 30-ft Flying Cloud	Morganton, NC
Hunter & Debbie Galloway	<a href="#">BRN 10483</a>		Greensboro, NC
James Hamernick & Margaret Banke	<a href="#">BRN 9520</a>	2014 24-ft. Interstate	Pinehurst, NC
Mark & Maria LeBlanc	<a href="#">BRN 4729</a>	2020 27-ft. Globetrotter	Leland, NC
John & Dee Lloyd	<a href="#">BRN 3272</a>	2005 30-ft Classic	Wake Forest, NC
Ann & Marvin McBride	<a href="#">BRN 7988</a>	2017 23-ft International	Pittsboro, NC
Ralph & Ruth Meeks	<a href="#">BRN 6601</a>	1975 31-ft Excell 500	Sanford, NC
Jim & Stephanie Minter	<a href="#">BRN 4130</a>	2021 23-ft Globetrotter	Chapel Hill, NC
Jim & Amy Mount	<a href="#">BRN 3998</a>	2017 30-ft Flying Cloud	Rolesville, NC
Carl & Karen Newton	<a href="#">BRN 1619</a>	2005 31-ft Classic	Raleigh, NC
Tim & Susan Strong	<a href="#">BRN 12084</a>	1972 31-ft International Land Yacht	Southern Pines, NC
David & Debbie Stubbs	<a href="#">BRN 6582</a>	2018 25-ft Flying Cloud	Greensboro, NC

## Renewed Affiliate Members as of 1/7/2025

Roger & Elizabeth Cordes	<a href="#">BRN 4222</a>	2021 16-ft Bambi	Oriental, NC
Robin & Bogdan Gieniewski	<a href="#">BRN 18404</a>	1964 17-ft. Bambi II	White Oak, NC
Victoria & John Magnacca	<a href="#">BRN 5591</a>	2014 28-ft Flying Cloud	Raleigh, NC
Joe & Mary Scudder	<a href="#">BRN 8624</a>	1998 34-ft Limited FK	Sevierville, TN
Lois Wagner & Derek Conley	<a href="#">BRN 16003</a>	2019 27-ft Flying Cloud	New Providence, NJ
Rober Zuber & Eve Gelbein-Zuber	<a href="#">BRN 15310</a>	2023 25-ft International	Wake Forest, NC

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

As of January 7, 2025 we still have several members whose renewal has lapsed since the beginning of 2025. We know this is a very busy time of year, but we hope that your renewal has already occurred or on your calendar to complete very soon.

See you down the road.



## Today's news from the Campfire Curmudgeon!

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I believe we are in the most challenging season for camping. It's almost time to discover whether your winterization efforts were effective, or if you'll end up spending the first warm spring days fixing broken equipment.

I distinctly recall the satisfaction I felt after my first winterization when I confidently filled my water tank. However, that sense of accomplishment was short-lived when I walked inside to find water gushing from the valve behind the toilet!

Maintaining a positive attitude is hard when everyone around is complaining about the weather. Even our friends at the exclusive Airstream-only campground, LYH, are fretting over frozen pipes. Luckily, I lack the gene that nurtures a positive attitude. Griping is my relaxed state of mind. It's my happy place!

I admit to feeling disgruntled since I'm stuck in my traditional home. That's the price when you miss out on the rejuvenating effects of fresh air and campfire smoke.

However, I stumbled upon a topic worth discussing. Many of you are likely glued to your TVs for football or political events, which I consider a poor use of time. You've seen the Liberty Mutual advertisements featuring "Emu and Doug."

Their catchy jingle always grabs my attention—it's designed that way! However, I can't help but ponder whether an emu would genuinely encourage me to choose their insurance. It seems just as plausible as being persuaded by a team in baker's aprons. Still, I think Flo could make for a decent camping companion.

Driven by curiosity, I dug a bit deeper into the phenomenon surrounding the emu. My quest for trivial insights is both a blessing and a burden. Here's what I found:

There's actually a movement against using the emu in Liberty Mutual commercials. Liberty Mutual and its advertising agency have been transparent about using CGI (computer-generated graphics) and footage of live emus. Yet, this hasn't satisfied some outraged keyboard activists. The United Poultry Concern website has taken issue. Their mission is "advocating for the compassionate treatment of domestic fowl." They're rallying against the Emu and Doug campaign.

According to the United Poultry Concerns' website:

*“Liberty Mutual has been airing a series of commercials showcasing an emu dressed in silly sunglasses, wigs, and other mockingly inappropriate outfits. The emu engages with its reflection and reacts to loud noises in a manner that belittles its dignity. Such depictions trivialize this bird’s inherent distress, which likely involves significant stress and suffering in these staged scenarios – they would never willingly participate.*

*Liberty Mutual should not demean animals for commercial gain.*

*We urge Liberty Mutual Insurance to halt these demeaning emu commercials and limit their advertising to human actors. Using animals in this manner is beneath our standards of respect. If you’re currently insured with Liberty Mutual, consider informing them you’re thinking of canceling. If you don’t have their insurance, let them know you’ll never be their customer as long as they exploit animals in their marketing. Demand a response to your concerns.”*

PEOPLE, get a grip! Use your brain. It’s CGI. No emu has been subject to belittling or distress. Did you put your beer down and take your thinking to the next level?

For instance, how might it play out when the schmuck who drew the short straw walked up to the emu to dress it in that stupid wig and sunglasses? Look again at the claws. Emu wins that one.



It’s probably cold or raining. Why not spend a minute? Google Emu vs Human for real interaction.

It’s just a commercial, folks!

Emu Claws

# A Note from Stedman

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Hello Piedmont Airstream Club friends,

I have something I would like to share with you. After numerous club rallies, club caravans and 17 national caravans it is time for me to end my Airstream activities. It is not that I want to, it's because I need to. Tami and I are retaining our membership for 2025 and we hope to attend a couple of rallies via horseback this year.

In addition, I am planning to put my Airstream up for sale around the first of April. It is a 2013 Flying Cloud 27ft FB Twin. If anyone is interested, contact me for information about features, pricing and what miscellaneous items are included.

Stedman Brown