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Greetings from the Presidential Aluminum Office

Hi PAC Members and Affiliates,

Chris and I just returned home from seeing The Accountant 2 with our Airstream Popcorn Bucket. The movie was great, and the Airstream got a lot of screen time as in the first. The model featured is the PanAmerican. The popcorn bucket will definitely be making an appearance at our next happy hour! They are available at AMC theaters only.



Speaking of happy hours, we had several at the Region 3 rally in Ladson, SC, earlier this month. The rally was a lot of fun. The fairgrounds made great camping with plenty of hookups and the location was perfect for accessing the Charleston area. We enjoyed meeting new friends and reconnecting with those we hadn't seen recently. Our club volunteered to help make and serve a pancake and sausage breakfast. We are getting pretty good at this breakfast thing! For those attending the Carolina Mountain Jamboree in September, we will be providing breakfast again.



I mentioned in last month's newsletter that we were working on getting JotForm up and running for our rally registration. I am happy to report that those links are now available. If you have a camping reservation for our May, June, or September rallies and have not filled out your rally registration, please do so. The links are on the ACI website and are included in the rally information later in the newsletter. We will have links for the

Carolina Mountain Jamboree and the Installation Rally in November soon.

April Strader Bullin, President



VP Thoughts

Caravans

Hey there! **Some of you may not know that I serve as the Caravan Chair for Region 3.

This month's VP Thoughts is all about Airstream caravans. In the last three newsletters I have discussed rallies, hosts and participants. Airstream Caravans are another way to travel in groups with other Airstreamers. "At a weekend rally you meet new people, on a caravan you are likely to make life-long friends" (<https://airstreamclub.org/events/caravan-exploration/caravan-information-members>).

Airstream caravans have a rich history, starting with Wally Byam's first caravan in 1951. Wally Byam lead the first caravan from Texas to Nicaragua. A magazine picked up the caravan story and soon 63 brave Airstreamer trailers showed up to start the trip. The route was challenging (no google maps or GPS) and the roads often almost impassible. This was the beginning of group travel for Airstream owners, and it's been a fun tradition ever since.



Joining a caravan is all about Adventure, Fun and Fellowship.... Caravan leaders customize the adventures based on an area or region, doing all the planning, scheduling and booking of campgrounds, meals and activities. If you enjoy traveling but do not enjoy the planning, scheduling, booking campgrounds, finding activities, etc..... then ACI National Caravans are for you. Caravans can last 10 days to 80 days in all parts of the US, Canada and Mexico. Explore the ACI website for all the National Caravans and availability.

1. Use your phone's camera to scan QR code to the right
2. Sign in to ACI using your email and password
3. Click EVENTS; from dropdown menu click Caravans
4. Click down arrow under SCROLL (middle of the screen)
5. Right side of page see EVENTS – Click events
6. The page below will appear



Events

Select a View

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7. Use Map view or List view; Use drop down menus to choose dates, even types, state/province
8. If you need additional help, email me dbyrumis@gmail.com

If you are new to Airstreaming, or new to Airstream Caravans See [2026 Region 3 Caravans](#) page for some awesome caravans and leaders close to home.

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!

May 29 - June 1, 2025

A Carolina Spring Thing

Allison Creek City Park

2499 Vista Rd
York, SC 29745
803-323-2035

Host: Mike Bizon and Gaile Broom

Rally Registration Link: [Rally Registration Open](#)

REGISTER NOW!

SPACES MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE

Please call the Reservation Number to reserve your spot! Ask for the Piedmont Airstream Club, Mike Bizon's group. Do not try to make your reservation online. Be sure to let Mike and Gaile know you are coming.

June 19 - 22, 2025

Crooked Road Music Trail & the New River

Cool Breeze Campground

2330 Edmonds Rd.
Galax, VA
276-236-0300

E-mail: coolbreezecampground.com

Host: Dianne and Bill Byrum & Jerry and Jessica Smith

Rally Registration Link: [Rally Registration Open](#)

2025 Rally Event Schedule

August 23 - 28, 2025

Airstream International Rally: Let's Make History

York Expo Center

334 Carlisle Ave.
York, PA

[Register Here](#)

September 18 - 21, 2025

Carolinas Mountain Jamboree

Palmetto Cove RV Park

521 Table Rock Road
Cleveland, SC
864-836-6221

palmettocove.com

Host: Palmetto State Club, Don and Vickie Lee

E-mail: dllakewsc@yahoo.com

Reservation: Open Now

Joint Carolina Clubs Rally. Online registration now open!

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@icloud.com

Rally Reservation Link: [Rally Registration Open](#)

[Register Online Here](#)

2025 Rally Event Schedule

October, 2025

TBD

November 6 - 9, 2025

Installation Rally

Cross Winds Family Campground

159 Sowers Rd.

Linwood, NC 27299

(336) 853-4567

Host: Amy & Jim Mount

Reservation: Available 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

May 2025

Let's welcome our newest Affiliate Members from 3/26 to 4/23/2025

- Robin & Andy Mabry **BRN 22639** 2025 30-ft Globetrotter Gastonia, NC

Warm weather is here and we have lots of fun places to explore. We hope to see you down the road.

Today's news from the Campfire Curmudgeon!

So, what happened to the regularly featured Campfire Curmudgeon? Let's say life. So much effluent was projected from the oscillating air mover that I was covered up, and it didn't smell like roses.

I did leave the good old USA for a short trip. The trip took longer than expected, as there was a minor delay. I had a small run-in with a serpent. By the way, the old Boy Scout method of snake bite treatment is no longer recommended. I couldn't find anyone to X over the punctures and suck out the venom.

I was fortunate to be near a hospital that had antivenin. It wasn't cheap but worth every penny. The swelling is about gone, and I'm expected to be downwind from a campfire soon.

While I watched my ankle disappear and my foot turn into a water balloon, a few things came to mind. In my boredom, I defaulted to social media for entertainment. I didn't get all the local lingo on TV. It was funny to watch US sitcoms dubbed, and I got pretty good at reading lips.

I was unaware that there are entire sections of the Internet dedicated to Airstreams. As I read, a few things came to mind while I watched my ankle turn into a cankle and my foot turn into a big blob with pudgy toes. Does anyone read the Airstream manufacturer's directions/recommendations? Is it somehow cooler to ask a bunch of people you don't know and can't see for advice on our big dollar Airstreams?



I quickly got tired of the preamble.. “I know this has been asked before, but I couldn’t find the answer.” If you are computer literate enough to get online you can probably search for answers. They might not be any more right, but at least one end of the communication won’t expose themselves to eye rolls by the 16 people that answered the same question numerous times.

I did spend a lot of time reading the ACI official communications. Should have spent more time reading lips.

When is the expiration date on this ACI executive team? How long must we put up with the egocentric president and his syncopathic board? Doesn’t anyone see that this guy is as slippery as Snidley Whiplash, archenemy of Dudly Do-right?

What’s up with the caravans? Openings in the North to Alaska Caravan? Unheard of!

Maybe take a look at the budget from international and see how much of your dues go to supporting caravans. Maybe we need that budget review I used to get from corporate that helped me zero in on the bigger goals vs. the goals that feathered my own nest. Bigger goals support caravans..feathering my own nest comes out as administrative costs.

Why do I go down these dark paths? Why does almost every announcement from ACI make me yearn for less corporate communications and more talking around the campfire with my fellow Airstreamers?

Maybe it’s some variant of the midlife crises. Instead of quitting my job and going full time like I did, maybe I should pickup some hourly work at Wal-mart or Home Depot. Sell the trailer and move into a planned community with an HOA board. You know what an HOA board is? A covey of “Karens”. I better be working double shifts so I don’t cross any HOA rules by just living in Karen’s neighborhood.

I got back to domestic TV just in time to catch the armchair quarterbacks analysis of the elections, the college football playoffs and the lead-up to

March Madness. I am amazed and impressed that so many people can talk out of their a\$\$e\$ while sitting on them.



**SEPTEMBER
25 -28
2025**



MAYBERRY DAYS

Campground:
Black Dog Acres RV Park
4192 NC 268 Hwy
Pilot Mountain, NC
336-351-4444. (Mention Piedmont Airstream Club)
Online Registration [Here](#)

Tickets for Mayberry Days events and shows are available at this [link](#). Tickets will sell out, so go ahead and secure yours. Our big activity will be the festival in Mount Airy!

We will provide Thursday evening dinner and on Saturday evening the campground will have the Lobster Dogs Food Truck for us. Here is a link to their [Facebook page](#)

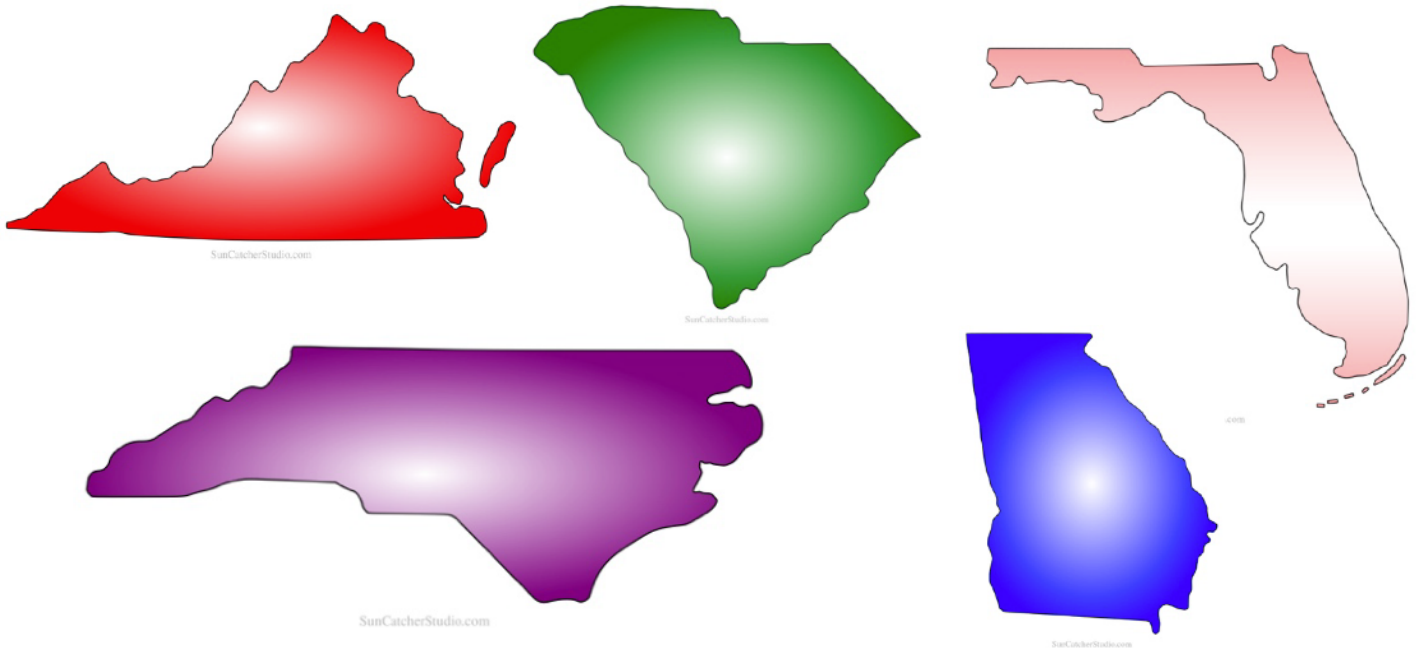


We suggest JOLO Winery for lunch or dinner. Their restaurant is exceptional. Reservations are required for dinner and strongly suggested for lunch.

[Reserve now.](#)

2026 National Caravans Region 3

USE QR codes to check out 2026 National Caravans occurring in Region 3



Taste of the Blueridge (TOBR) 2026

Leaders: Steve and Leslie Lovett



Georgia on My Mind 2026

Leaders: Jim & Vicki Prasch Karl & Cindy Weisenberger



2026 Florida Coastal Caravan

no 2026 dates posted

Leaders: Bob and Caroline Barnes



2026 Southeast Coastal Crawl

Leaders: Gary/Rose Marie Anderson & Ray/Carol Combs



Airstream Fly Fishing Intra-Club

From Anthony Robbins

My name is Anthony Robbins, I own a 2022 33ft Airstream Classic BRN #11959.

I have been working with others to start an Airstream Fly Fishing Intra-Club, with support from Chris Olsson.

I'm getting ready to submit our package to include:

- 1) At least 10 members identified as founding members.
- 2) Key officers identified: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer
- 3) Mission Statement (Statement of Purpose)
- 4) CBL document
- 5) A motion for approval for a logo and flag

I think it would be fantastic to gauge interest across all Regions / Clubs, including securing more Charter Members.

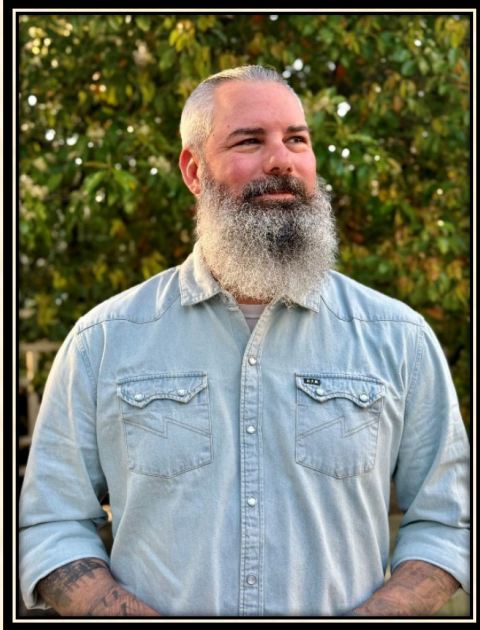
Therefore - would you mind forwarding this email to your Region / distribution lists and ask them to email me directly should they have interest?

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Respectfully,

Anthony Robbins
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BRN# - 11959

Executive Council Candidates



Hello fellow ACI members. I'm Bill Hamblin and I'm running for Executive Council.

I'm a semi-retired 45-year-old traveling full-time in a 25' Globetrotter with my wife, Frances, and our two dogs, Sutton and Rhett. We enjoy traveling and learning about our country through local history and local cuisine.

From the moment we joined the club we felt like part of a community.

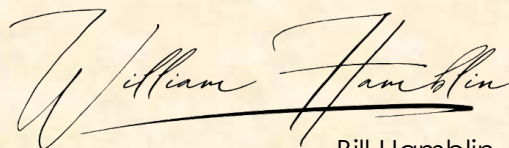
Traveling full-time in our RV gives me a unique perspective on the Club as we meet members from across the country.

I feel the best way to give back is to volunteer. From holding local office to leading the Tables & Chairs committee and being a part of the photography committee at International, I enjoy serving the Club.

I encourage you all to check out each candidate's Statement of Candidacy and video. And be on the lookout for the upcoming mini-interviews and webinar to better understand each candidate and their platform.

I think the Club is a great resource for all its members and I look forward to helping it grow in the years to come.

Thanks for your consideration and I'll see you down the road.



Bill Hamblin
BRN 21813

Executive Council Candidates

Jenny Schnettler

Your support means *everything*...

These past 2 years have been more fun than I ever imagined! Serving on this past Executive Council has been a joy and an honor...and the best opportunity to meet and work with incredible members. What a journey!

One of my jobs on the EC has been as the Project Manager leading a dedicated group of talented volunteers that was able to achieve the complete renovation of our new ACI Headquarters building – on time and under budget!

If re-elected to a seat on the EC, I will seek the Presidency to assure that all our present and future projects, including the further expansion of our ACI Campus, are continued with responsibility and accountability. What exciting opportunities would YOU like to see us pursue? Give me a call.... I'd love to hear from you!

Jenny Schnettler 330-933-8444 jschnettler@airstreamclub.org

Executive Council Candidates

Artie Martin

My name is Artie Martin! I am currently the Immediate past President of Region 5 Airstream Club. I have served two complete terms of President of Region 5, 2016-2018 and 2020-2022. So I have experienced 4 years of IBT Meetings!

Serving as President has provided me with the operational knowledge to take on larger challenges as our club continues to grow. I look forward to researching new ideas, and reaching out to members for suggestions and opinions of how our club can successfully move forward !!!

I thank you so much for your support!!!

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