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Greetings from the Presidential Aluminum Office

Hi PAC Members and Affiliates,

This year is certainly flying by. I can't believe we are already marching into summer. I'm looking forward to joining club members on Thursday when we roll into York, SC, for a great weekend planned by the dynamic duo, Gaile Broom and Mike Bizon. I'm sure we are going to have a fabulous time. It will be a wonderful way to usher in June.

Later in June, we have the opportunity to play it cool in Galax with Diane and Bill Byrum and Jessica and Jerry Smith as our hosts. The schedule looks fantastic, so be sure you get in on this one if you aren't already registered and have reserved your camping spot. Robert at Coolbreeze Campground always goes the extra mile for our Airstream clubs, ensuring that we have everything we need. This will be a toe-tappin' good time!

July will give us a break since it is so hot out, and then in August, some of our members will head to York, PA, for the International Rally.

September offers two opportunities to get together. First, the Carolina Mountain Jamboree, which gathers four of the NC and SC clubs in one spot, and then the Mayberry Rally in Mount Airy.

October is open since Alumalina is canceled this year. John is looking for a new home for the event. If anyone would like to throw their hat in the ring for an October get-together, let me know. I will be happy to help.

The November Rally is our Installation Rally. Camping reservations are open, and the rally registration will be available soon.

I know that Diane Byrum is looking for folks who are willing to host or co-host rallies for next year. Since it will be the **50th Anniversary Year** for our club, it would be nice to have a full schedule as soon as we can so that we can celebrate our club all year long!

Happy travels,



VP Thoughts

The Transformative Power of Camping: Health, Adventure, and Lifelong Connections

Camping is more than just an escape into nature—it's an opportunity to reconnect with yourself, others, and the world around you. It offers profound benefits for your mental and physical health, encourages you to seize the fleeting moments life offers, and fosters connections that can last a lifetime.

The Health Benefits of Camping

Immersing yourself in the natural world through camping can be a revitalizing experience. From the sound of birdsong at dawn to the scent of fresh pine in the air, nature stimulates our senses in a way that urban environments cannot. Camping promotes physical activity, whether it's hiking, kayaking, or simply setting up your campsite—activities that improve cardiovascular health, build strength, and boost energy levels. Additionally, exposure to fresh air and sunlight helps regulate sleep cycles and increase vitamin D levels, an essential nutrient for overall well-being.

On a mental level, the act of disconnecting from digital screens and reconnecting with the rhythms of nature has been shown to reduce stress, anxiety, and even symptoms of depression. A night under the stars can give you a renewed sense of perspective, reminding you of life's simplicity and beauty. Studies have demonstrated that being in nature enhances creativity and problem-solving skills, making camping not only a retreat but also a source of inspiration.

Seizing the Moment: A Lesson from Loss

Life is fragile, and its unpredictability often reminds us of the importance of cherishing every moment. Losing friends or loved ones is a painful experience that underscores the need to live fully and authentically. Embracing the philosophy of "carpe diem"—seize the day—is not just a cliché but a principle to live by.

Camping provides a unique avenue to seize the moment. Investing in a camper and heading out to explore new places is more than an act of adventure; it's a way to honor life by making memories that are both meaningful and enduring. A camper becomes a vessel for discovery, allowing

you to chart your own course, embrace spontaneity, and immerse yourself in the richness of the world. Whether it's watching the sun set over a quiet lake or sharing laughter around a crackling campfire, these moments become treasures that sustain you.

The Airstream Community: A Tapestry of Lifelong Friendships

Beyond the individual joys of exploration, there's something uniquely special about the community that camping—particularly within the Airstream culture—cultivates. The Airstream community is not just about traveling; it's about connecting. Owners of these iconic silver trailers often find themselves part of a welcoming and supportive network of like-minded adventurers, all bound together by a shared love for the open road and the beauty of discovery. The Airstream community fosters lifelong friendships in remarkable ways. Whether it's through meetups, rallies, or chance encounters at campgrounds, Airstream enthusiasts often forge deep bonds rooted in shared experiences. You're likely to find yourself exchanging stories over a communal dinner, lending a helping hand when someone needs repairs, or planning future trips together. The camaraderie extends beyond the physical journey—it becomes an emotional and social journey that enriches lives.

These friendships remind us of the vitality of human connection. They affirm the idea that exploration is not just external but internal, allowing us to grow through the relationships we build. In a world often defined by isolation, the Airstream community shows how camping can bring people together in ways that are lasting, meaningful, and joyful.

Embrace the Road Ahead

Camping is a celebration of life in its purest forms—health, adventure, and connection. It invigorates the body and soul, encourages you to live in the moment, and brings you into communities that feel like family. Whether you're mourning the loss of loved ones or simply seeking to enrich your own life, camping offers a path forward that is healing and fulfilling.

So pack your camper, join the Airstream family, and set out on an adventure. Explore new trails, meet new people, and create memories that will last a lifetime. The open road awaits, full of promise and possibility. Seize it.

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!

June 19 - 22, 2025

Crooked Road Music Trail & the New River

Cool Breeze Campground

2330 Edmonds Rd.

Galax, VA

276-236-0300

coolbreezecampground.com

Host: Dianne and Bill Byrum & Jerry and Jessica Smith

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

August 23 - 28, 2025

Airstream International Rally: Let's Make History

York Expo Center

334 Carlisle Ave.

York, PA

[Register Here](#)

2025 Rally Event Schedule

Updated
September 18 - 21, 2025

Carolinas Mountain Jamboree

Palmetto Cove RV Park

521 Table Rock Road

Cleveland, SC

864-836-6221

palmettocove.com

Host: Lowcountry Airstream Club

E-mail: dllakewsc@yahoo.com

Reservation: Open Now

Joint Carolina Clubs Rally. [Rally Registration Open](#)

Call the campground for camping reservations.

Please make your camping reservations before you register for the rally.

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

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

June 2025

Let's welcome our newest Members from 4/23 to 5/27/2025

- John Cambria **BRN 6227** 1961 24-ft Tradewind
Hampstead, NC
- Sean & Terri Holt **BRN 30294** 2025 22-ft. Caravel Raleigh, NC

Let's welcome our newest Affiliate Members from 4/23 to 5/27/2025

- Tiffany & Doug Harwood **BRN 3738** 1976 24-ft. Argosy Albemarle, NC

Renewed Membership from 4/23 to 5/27/2025

- Clyde & Leslie Burkes **BRN 10728** 2016 28-ft International Apex, NC

Renewed Affiliate Members from 4/23 to 5/27/2025

- Rick & Lisa Dunn **BRN 8013** 2019 27-ft Flying Cloud
Mooreville, NC

New BRN for Existing Member

- Stedman Brown & Tami Lowe **BRN 7693** 2025 25-ft Raleigh, NC

See you down the road.

Today's news from the Campfire Curmudgeon!

Rally leaders, listen up! It's time to rethink the way we plan our gatherings. Do we need a lengthy seven-page agenda filled with back-to-back activities? Not everyone is keen on waking up at dawn for breakfast at 7:00 AM, followed by a historical home tour, a macrame class, and an Icelandic lunch then a class in flower arranging. How about we skip the carpool chaos between all these spots?

In my past work life, we called it "Mandatory Fun." Remember those days? There would be hints that the boss might treat us to an open bar, which always added a little excitement. Then there were the times when the entire office piled into a van for a team-building bowling night. The best gatherings were where we had fun, AND the boss took care of the drinks—but truth be told, those opportunities were few and far between. Early in my career, it felt like I had to stay glued to the assembly line, and once I moved to a salaried position, it became a game of trying to fill every minute with "fun" activities. It was all about the "work hard, play hard" mentality—where your supervisor monitored your productivity and playtime.

When we go camping, we do it for a variety of reasons. Meeting new people and branching out are essential, but there's also a desire for freedom and independence. Our little club strikes the perfect balance; it's just the right size for camaraderie without getting overwhelmed. I can't imagine being part of a large group where rallies sell out—that doesn't sound appealing. Sometimes, I crave the freedom to explore on my terms. Give me options and a taste of local flavor, but please, don't force me into anything!

I've picked up a guiding principle during my recovery from a snake bite: "Il dolce far niente." My doctor must have repeated that phrase to me a million times. Since I'm not a native speaker and maybe a bit stubborn, I never stopped to ask what it meant. There I was, stuck in bed with my foot propped up like a can-can dancer, unable to do anything but complain about the inactivity. My doctor glanced at me and insisted I embrace "Il dolce far niente."

So, what's the meaning of this phrase? Simply put, it's "the sweetness of doing nothing." Rally leaders take note: sometimes, embracing a bit of nothingness can be the key to a truly memorable gathering!

Bonus points: What 1960's movie focused on "the sweetness of doing nothing"? Submit your entries to the editor of this fish wrap. Answer to be revealed next month.

The Carolina Spring Thing Rally

OR

“That rally when we almost floated down the hill”

North Carolina is no longer in “drought” status. All lakes are filled, ponds are overflowing, and the 12 brave PAC souls who camped this weekend are drying out. However, our clan is filled with hearty sorts. Our spirits were not dampened. We forged ahead with a fun-filled weekend.

Thursday night we ate Saucy Chicks with one hand while holding an umbrella in the other and getting pummeled with rain. After a good night's sleep, we had a 1 1/2 mile ranger lead hike/tour of Landsford Canal State Park on the Catawba River. The whole point to that adventure was to see the world's largest stand of Rocky Shoals Spider Lilies. They did not disappoint as they were in full bloom. The Catawba Riverkeepers were standing far out on the rocks after paddling through to survey the area and evaluate the lily habitat.



Before arriving at the lily lookout point, we toured the river channel that lead to what remains of the original locks for transporting cotton, spotted many trees that beavers had stripped of their bark, saw native spiderwort, and an eagle's nest with both parents and a baby. The nest has served as an aerie for over 25 years. When we looped back to the ranger station we were told that the eaglet had just fledged. Timing evidently is indeed everything!



Friday and Saturday folks chose to visit Revolutionary War sites, walked through Rock Hill and York, shopped at local farms, and a couple people met up with friends that they had not seen for many years.



PAC is known for its legendary Happy Hours. However, it became downright comical when we started the festivities in lovely weather, then shortly afterward the downpours would start. Remember when the challenge was to see how many people could pack into a phone booth? How many people do YOU think can huddle under the awning of a vintage 2000 Safari? We did catch a break on Saturday evening, and Sunday was a gorgeous day to head down the road.



Thank you to those who weathered the storms and joined us: April and Chris Bullin, Amy and Jim Mount, Shelley and Bill Townsend, Jean and Ed Yost, and newcomers Vel Moss and Scott Hopkins.

Gaile Broom and Mike Bizon



**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.](#)

Airstream Club International Voting Reminder

Voting is live!

All active members received an electronic ballot on June 1st via email and/or text message from ElectionBuddy. To vote, members must use the link from their personal email/text message. The links are personalized to each member. Please do not share the link you received with anyone. Voting is open through 11:59 PM June 15.

On the ballot there are links to each candidate's written statements, videos and interviews. You can also find all of that information here: <https://airstreamclub.org/IBTCandidate/2025-executive-council-candidates>

If any members have questions, please have them contact HQ at 937-596-5211.

Thanks!

Sherrye McCabe
Marketing & Communications Manager
Airstream Club International

ACI 70th Anniversary News

70th Anniversary Store

It's finally open! There's drinkware, accessories, and apparel for everyone, including a special 70th Anniversary T-Shirt with Wally's Creed on the back! Purchases are printed/embroidered on demand, so all sales are final.

<https://airstreamclub.checkoutstores.com/>

The 70th Logo has also been uploaded to Land's End, for use on their apparel and we have 70th Anniversary decals being printed now. Those will be released in the ACI store and will sell for \$7.00, in the next couple of weeks.

August Blue Beret

The next Blue Beret is going to be a commemorative edition focused on the Club's 70th Anniversary. The issue will highlight the club's rich history, multi-generational member stories and more! We've set up a couple ways for members to participate:

- **Share Your Story:** Tell us about your family's history with the club, your favorite Club traditions, craziest Club adventures, and more! <https://form.jotform.com/251196029698166>
- **Share Your Photos:** Show off your best club adventure photos – select photos will be used throughout the issue and maybe even grace the cover! <https://app.kululu.com/9dqw1g>
- **Leave Your Mark:** Buy a 70th Anniversary Message that will be included in the magazine. You can choose a text only message for \$25 or text with photo/logo for \$100. All proceeds will be donated to the WBCCI Historical Center. <https://form.jotform.com/251103983344050>

All these links and more can also be found at AirstreamClub.org/70Years

Sherrye McCabe
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Celebrate 70 Years of Airstream Adventures in the Commemorative Edition of Blue Beret!

Airstream Club International is turning 70, and we're marking this milestone with a special commemorative edition of the Blue Beret this August! The issue will be packed with stories from our rich history, inspiring member spotlights, and a tribute to the incredible community that has made this journey unforgettable.

Want to be part of this historic edition?
Here's how to participate:

✨ **Share Your Story** – Submit your Airstream adventures, memories, and photos in our 70th Anniversary Album. We'll feature select stories in the magazine!

📷 **Show Off Your Airstream Life** – Upload your best photos of club adventures to be considered for this special issue.

💬 **Leave Your Mark** – Purchase a 70th Anniversary message to celebrate the club and your Airstream journey. All proceeds will go to the WBCCI Historical Center.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime edition you won't want to miss! Submit your stories now and be part of Airstream history. Submissions must be received by June 15, 2025.

**Visit [AirstreamClub.org/70Years](https://airstreamclub.org/70Years)
for more details.**



Alex, Roxy and Amy Harbison in
Newfoundland BRN6942



Hank and Blue Belle Enjoying the
Scenery – Tim Jackson BRN10608



Dale & Virginia Leipper
BRN1138



GLAAC Touring the Factory!
Paula & Steven Hammer BRN3701



Elizabeth Thompson's
Grandmama BRN15599



Elk in Banff!
Lori Grassi BRN716



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