

# The Shiny Hiney Review

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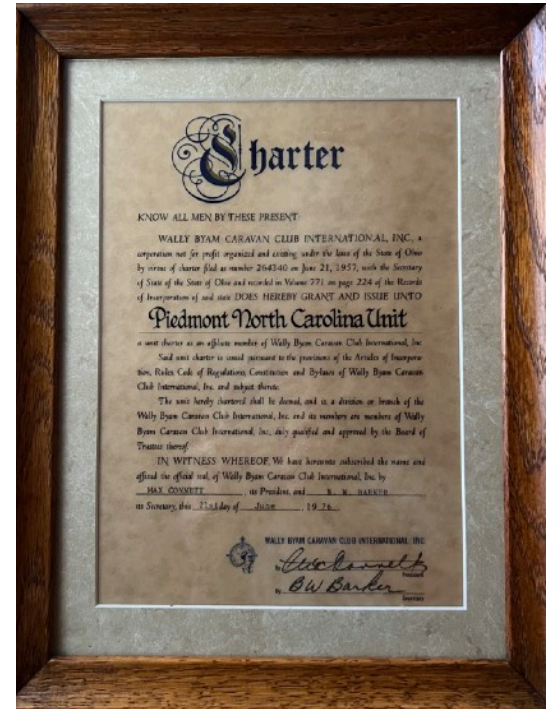
# Greetings from the Presidential Aluminum Office



Dear All,

I have two important things to share with you in this issue, both in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of our club.

First, the Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2026! VP, Diane Byrum, and I are considering a 50th Anniversary Caravan for our club that would traverse the state from west to east, featuring events, products, and businesses born in NC. The plan is to head out on Thursday, October 22, 2026 and travel for about two and a half weeks. The caravan will be limited to 15 rigs. We will also feature three rallies interspersed in the caravan for folks who would like to join us along the way. We want to gauge interest in the **caravan** so that we can start planning camping and events. **If you are interested, please [click this link](#) and complete the form.**



Second, I received a letter from Jenny Schnettler regarding a fundraiser to support the updates and refurbishment of the Airstream Club International Member Club House & Historical Center located in Jackson Center. They are selling bricks that will form a pathway on the grounds of the member area. I have included her letter, which issues a challenge for all clubs to donate an 8 x 8 custom brick. This was discussed at our business meeting last week, and the club decided that the best way to handle this is to ask club members to vote for their preference via a JotForm ballot. The funds for the brick would come from our treasury. I have mocked up two options for bricks. We will also include the option to vote that we do not want to purchase a brick. We plan to send the **Jotform Ballot the week of July 20th**, allowing time to contact Jenny with any questions you have before the vote.

Happy travels,

**April Strader Bullin, President**





## Wally Byam Airstream Club International

Dear Club President!

### THE GAUNTLET HAS BEEN THROWN DOWN!

One of our members has challenged you to a friendly contest...he is asking his Local Club to go all-out and donate a CUSTOM LOGO BRICK with their specific logo engraved into it. And he wants to see *EVERY Club* order their own CUSTOM LOGO BRICK for the *Pathway of Progress*. **Your local Club can also have YOUR UNIQUE logo engraved, in honor of the special connection your membership shares.** Yes, this is a big ask, \$1000 in fact! He told me, "It's not about the brick, it's about raising the money for our ACI Club expansion project!" **WOW!!!**

Imagine how impressive it will look when we have all 115 local clubs and intraclubs represented in the path separating the new HQ and the Member Clubhouse and Historical Library! Featured along with all of your beautiful bricks will be our lighted flagpoles, proudly displaying our American, Canadian, and ACI/WBCCI flags. Take a look at the layout of the new site plan for our ACI Campus...I am excited about the expansion and all of the amenities we will be able to offer our members.

Just like that famous Hollywood Walk of Fame full of celebrity stars, you can add *your* Club's brick into our own walkway to honor your place in the rich heritage that we all share in the Airstream Club International.

But it's not just your Club that can include a brick...this fundraising campaign is for each *individual* member as well. I am sending this fundraising information to you so that you will share it with your membership and would like to encourage **EVERYONE** to participate. These bricks make a meaningful tribute to memorialize an event such as anniversaries or birthdays, or as permanent acknowledgements of the importance of **YOU** in our Club. John and I have ordered one for our family, another for my dad's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday, and one with the grandkids' names and a fun inside joke we always say to them. There are two different sizes, three pricing structures, and lots of combinations to help you design your personal brick to really customize your statement.

Your options are limitless – celebrate your pet, celebrate your family, declare your love, remember a loved one, or simply express your gratitude for this Club and make a commitment to give back!

So have fun with this FUNdraiser, and if there are any questions you have, please give me a call or send an email any time! Join us, please, in making this happen!

Jenny Schnettler

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WBCCI - Wally Byam Airstream Club, 803 East Pike Street, PO Box 612, Jackson Center, OH 45334 phone: 937-596-5211 [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org)

**Airstream Club International Member Club House &  
Historical Center Fundraising Campaign  
Options**

Custom Logo Brick

8 x 8

\$ 1000



**Celebrating 50 Years  
1976 - 2026**

Clipart Brick

8 x 8

\$ 250



**Piedmont  
North Carolina  
Airstream Club  
Celebrating 50 Years**



# VP Thoughts

Our second rally for 2025 was just completed on June 19-22, 2025 at Cool Breeze Campground in Galax Virginia. Our theme for the rally was based around Hillbilly Dayz, a celebration of mountain life, which occurred in downtown Galax, Friday- Saturday, June 20-21. There were many vendors lining the streets, food trucks and of course music.

Our welcome dinner was an Airstream Murder Mystery Theater; Till Death Do Us Part. The Hatfield, McCoy, Vance, Hoggs and Buck families gathered for the rehearsal dinner of Jolene Hatfield and Zeke Hogg. The bride changed her mind right before the wedding and her jilted lover Billy Ray McCoy was invited. Everyone was asked to dress in character to attend the "rehearsal" dinner and discovery who killed Zeke Hogg, the groom. Some pictures from the fun night:

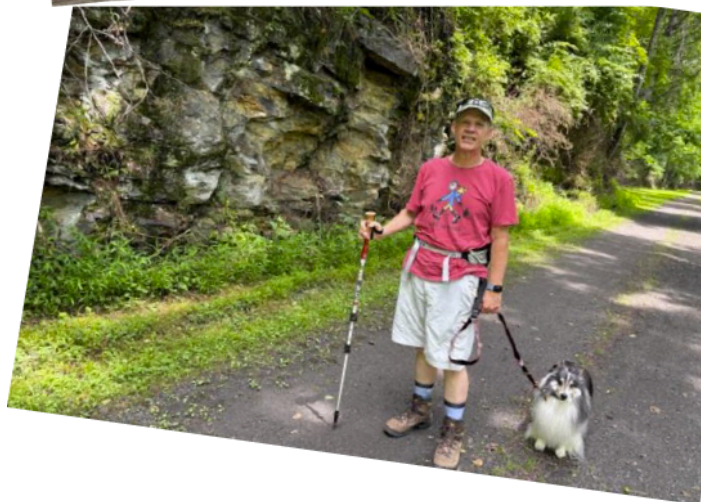




On Friday morning a group left to go on a bike ride, led by David/Debbie Stubbs on the New River trail in Galax. With lunch at Creek Bottom Brewery!! Robert built us a cozy fire Friday evening.



Saturday was a "do your own thing day, with some going to Hillbilly Dayz, some going to Floyd, and hiking!!!





Saturday evening found a big Airstream Happy hour at Jim/Amy Mount's trailer!

Sunday morning brought a Wally Byam tradition – Baked Oatmeal and ice cream and of course a Sunday morning devotional by Jerry Smith.



We welcomed two new couples to our club, Terry/Karen Earle and Vel Moss/Scott Hopkins. We also had a visiting couple from "NYC", Eric/Joanne Rodriguiz aka Frankie Abbatemarco and Bunnie Corleone!!!!



Eric/Joanne Rodriguiz



Terry/Karen Earle



Vel Moss/Scott Hopkins



## **Additional VP Thoughts..... PAC Rally time 2026**

It is time to get rallies added to our 2026 rally schedule.... Please consider hosting or cohosting a rally in 2026. (See VP thoughts Jan/Feb/March/April/May newsletters for ideas!!)

Openings for next year

**January/February 2026** are usually too cold to camp in NC....

**March 4-8, 2026 – Region 3 Rally in Lakeland Florida** (our own Bob Ealy is region 3 president and we need to have a great showing to support him in his final year!!!)

**April 2026** – Bill Townsend has agreed to do a Maintenance Rally Dates/location TBD

**May 2026** – Plans are underway to celebrate our clubs 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**June 2026** – Need hosts

**July 2026** – Need hosts

**August 22-27, 2026** – Airstream International Rally Minot, North Dakota

**September 2026** – Joint rally with NC/SC Airstream Clubs Dates/Place TBD

**October 2026** – Need hosts

**November 2026** – Need hosts

## **Last VP Thoughts: Pop-Up Rallies July and August**

You know I like defining words.....Here are two words for July and August for our club

**Pop Up: Appear or occur suddenly. Rally: a muster for a common purpose: come together again to renew an effort.**

*POP UP Rally rules* – really there are no rules; if you are going camping and want some company have a pop up rally. No host, no responsibilities, no planning.....just fun!!!

**July Pop-Up Rally:** Bill and Diane Byrum would like to invite the club members to join us for a pop-up rally at Myrtle Beach Travel Park <https://myrtlebeachtravelpark.com/>. Dates: Sunday, July 27- Friday August 1, 2025. We are in site 581 and the campground said they have sites available. Activities galore.....hey it is Myrtle Beach. Remember no agenda, no plans....just fun! Please let us know if you plan to pop-in to the pop-up rally. [streamin53@gmail.com](mailto:streamin53@gmail.com)

**August Pop-Up Rally:** Ed and Jean Yost would like to invite the Piedmont Airstream Club to a pop up rally at Broad River Campground in Mooresboro, NC. <https://broadrivercampgroundnc.com/>. We will be there Friday, August 8 leaving Monday, August 11 at site 239. There are still 28 sites available. If you book four nights, one is free. This campground was voted Best Campground and RV Resort in NC. It has 83 acres of land, a pool, games, events, hiking, biking, kayaking, and a greenway nearby. That Saturday they will be hosting a scavenger hunt, music, s'mores, and concessions. We hope you can join us! [jeanyost@mindspring.com](mailto:jeanyost@mindspring.com).

# Diane Byrum, Vice-President

# 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](http://palmettocove.com)

**Host:** Lowcountry Airstream Club

**E-mail:** [dllakewsc@yahoo.com](mailto: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.***

The tentative agenda is on page 2 of the registration form. If you have any questions, please email them to [lowcountryairstreamclub@gmail.com](mailto:lowcountryairstreamclub@gmail.com).

# 2025 Rally Event Schedule

**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](mailto:astraderbullin@icloud.com)

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

[Register Online Here](#)

**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

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By Debbie Stubbs, Membership Chair

**June 2025**

## Let's welcome our newest Members from 5/27 to 6/26/2025

- Vel Moss & Scott Hopkins      **BRN 8523**    2020 19-ft Interstate    Mt Holly, NC
- Karen & Terry Earle      **BRN 4913**    2023 25-ft.    Lillington, NC

## Renewed Affiliate Members from 5/27 to 6/26/2025

- Mark & Carolyn Williams      **BRN 30115**    2021 27-ft International    Bozeman, MT

This is the prime time of year to travel so hopefully we will see you down the road.

# Today's news from the Campfire Curmudgeon!

I'm not sure this will be published before the original **No Kings Day**, July 4th. I have just one comment to make. Patriotism is love of country not government. You can be patriotic regardless of which party is in power. You don't have to love the governor or president to show your patriotism. It's the U.S.A. that we celebrate on July 4th, not the government. Engage your brain around that before you hurl that potato salad at Uncle Lester and have to duck to avoid getting a hot dog in your ear. It ain't worth it to argue with these morons. Their brains stopped working years ago.

Let me remind you of the Native American Code Talkers in WWII. They came from people who were invaded, forced into reservations, lied to and their main food source was almost made extinct. Every political party screwed them over. They still served with pride for the USA, not for the politicians in charge. They fought for the land and for their country.

ACI elections are over. Thank goodness! My phone has been blowing up for over a month with constant emails and texts reminding me to vote. Dang it, I'm smart enough to know the cutoff date. **BACK OFF, VARMINT!** Even with that constant harassment, only about 20% of the membership voted. Historically that percentage has been consistent. So we'll have to wait and see what the new administration brings us. At least there should be more room in the "**Blue Barrett**" for articles now that we don't have to look at the president's picture on every other page in each issue.

I want someone to explain why we need a clubhouse? I guess having special hats isn't enough. Next up, a secret handshake and a code phrase. I'm seeing increased dues with the increase in overhead. I am not a forensic accountant. I almost passed algebra. We need a better return to the club members or at least the chapter for our international dues. I am so happy that camping season is finally in full swing. Get out there and enjoy the country. Forget TV news. Sit still and breathe in some campfire smoke.



# Alumapalooza 15

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Lets talk about Alumapalooza!

For those of you that have not had the chance to attend, you should put this year's Alumapalooza on your list to attend. The normal dates are September 2, 2025, to September 7, 2025. There is an early parking option as well that lets you come in starting on Friday August 29th.

Each year is different, and we try to keep it fresh. There will be lots of learning opportunities from great presenters discussing many different facets of the RV lifestyle and tech. Airstream holds all Factory tour spots for us for that week, and we will have busing to move you from the campsite to the new plant.

We do music. We have an open mic so those among us that want the big stage can perform, and we bring in entertainment from near and far. One of our confirmed entertainers will be our trailer park friend Antsy McClain, we are still working on a Bluegrass band for our open night.

There will be food! We hold a Labor Day picnic for the early parked attendees, there is a WBCCI pizza party, We have the Chicken Lunch for charity, a free breakfast at the Legion Hall, an Airstream cookout, and a catered dinner.

We will have fun, you will learn sometime new, and you will make new lifelong friends.

Pricing is \$50.00 for early parking (fee waived if you let us know in advance that you have attended international). Finding campgrounds on the holiday weekend can be difficult.

One attendee in a trailer is \$450.00  
Two attendees in a trailer is \$545.00  
Additional adults are \$140.00 each  
Kids under 16 are free

Begin your registration at [www.alumapalooza.com](http://www.alumapalooza.com) and click on the registration button and forward your York receipt to [info@randbevents.com](mailto:info@randbevents.com) for the free early parking.

The Alumapalooza team looks forward to seeing you in Ohio!





# Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Pop-up Rallys are scheduled for July and August!

Come relax and have some fun!

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