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Greetings from the Presidential Aluminum Office



Dear PAC Members and Affiliates,

It is almost time for our **Nominating Committee** to start **seeking nominees** for next year's open officer slots. If you receive an email or a call from one of our committee members, please consider their request. Serving as an officer of the club does not take a lot of time but our officers are vital to keep the club going. If you are already considering getting more involved, please let me know.

In other news...

The votes have been counted for the Brick Fundraising Campaign and the **winner is the 8 x 8 brick for \$250.00**. Thanks to everyone who cast a vote. I will send the information up to ACI headquarters to get things in process. Be sure to look for our brick when you visit Jackson Center in the future!



Piedmont NC
Airstream Club
Celebrating 50 Years
1976 - 2026

There are a couple more rallies before the end of the year. If you want to get in on the fun, the schedule and links follow in the newsletter.

Also, we are finalizing the plans for the **50th Anniversary Caravan and Rallies**. We will publish the final schedule and costs in a email very soon. Please join us as we travel across our great state to c celebrate Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club's 50 successful years.

Happy Travels!

April Strader Bullin, President

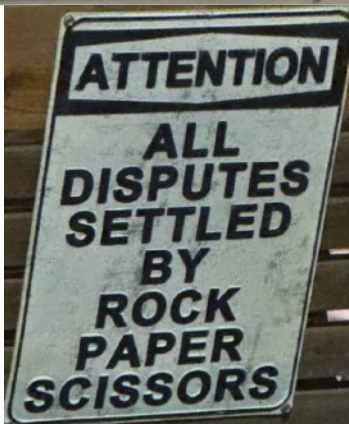
VP Thoughts

Happy September and the beginning of fall....autumn leaves, cooler temperatures and of course everything Pumpkin Spice!!! These thoughts are coming to you from Mountain View, Arkansas. Bill and I are currently traveling on a “mini” caravan to Arkansas and Missouri with Chris/April Bullin, Jim/Amy Mount and Mike Bizon/Gaile Broom.

How many folks have driven along I-40 thru Arkansas as they travel from East to West or West to East and wondered, “what would it be like to explore this beautiful area”? This area is known as the “Ozarks”.....a cultural and geographically distinct area of mountains, valleys, freshwater springs, rivers and lakes in Northern Arkansas and South Missouri. Bill and I co-lead and then lead the “Sho-Me The Ozarks” caravan in 2022 and 2023. We feel like Mountain View, AR is our second home.



Some of our adventures have included visiting Blanchard Springs Cavern and a visit to the Ozark Folk Center. Local artisans demonstrating their crafts and telling their stories. Music is the heart of this little town. There is a ‘picking’ park where you will find 6-7 groups of musicians playing together all hours of the day or night.... Labor Day weekend festivities included music at the courthouse every evening Thursday-Monday evening! We ventured an hour’s drive away to attend the Mountain Top Cowboy Church. Awesome experience!!!!



Three words come to mind when Airstreaming....Camping, camaraderie and caring!!! In my "VP Thoughts" this year I have talked about airstream rally venues, hosting a rally and just enjoying each other's company as we 'airstream' together! Please consider hosting or cohosting a rally in 2026....your Airstream Club needs YOU!!!!



I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer travels and you have things planned for the rest of the year....

Speaking of travel, please be on the lookout for detailed information on our 50th anniversary caravan October 22-November 8, 2026 will be arriving in your email box soon in a separate email. Please consider going on the caravan or attending one of 3 planned rallies within the caravan to celebrate 50 years of Airstreaming by the Piedmont Carolinas Airstream Club!!!

Diane Byrum, Vice-President

2025 Rally Event Schedule

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.

The tentative agenda is on page 2 of the registration form. If you have any questions, please email them to lowcountryairstreamclub@gmail.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@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

September 2025

Renewed Members from 8/1 to 9/7/2025

- Bob Hendrickson & Emily Smathers **BRN 7604** 1999 30-ft Excella 1000 Classic Wake Forest, NC
- Jerry & Jessica Smith **BRN 20703** 2021 22-ft Bambi Sport Stokesdale, NC

New Affiliate Members from 8/1 to 9/7/2025

- Chad & Laura Watson **BRN 8489** 2020 25-ft Flying Cloud Winston-Salem, NC

This is the prime time of year to travel so hopefully we will see you down the road. Check out our newsletter for a club rally that you could join.

Today's news from the Campfire Curmudgeon!

Disclaimer: This article is intended as satire. The views expressed in this article do not reflect the opinions or thoughts of the PAC Club, Leadership, or even any club member



It's been a pretty rough month or so for this older adult. It started with recovering from the 85th Sturgis Bike week.

Man, have things changed in Sturgis! Fewer topless women, more cargo shorts, and New Balance sneakers. Less leather and lace, more khakis, and compression socks. Such is progress.



I don't trailer my bike to Sturgis. That is cheating and missing a part of the experience, if you ask me. One time I road to Sturgis on a 1967 Harley Sportster from the east coast. I have a back problem that probably has its roots in that trip, but the people and places along the way, they were worth it.

Biking with fellow Harley owners is a lot like going to Inertantional with a caravan. You start out with two buddies. By the time you get to Sturgis, there were 20 of us terrorizing every small town we traveled through. That's different in an Airstream, the only thing Airstreams terrorize are....well I can't think of anything that would be afraid of an Airstream. Maybe those campgrounds that don't allow trailers over 10 years old. Like any of the camp owners can identify what model year your Airstream was built. I just send them a picture, haven't been denied a camp site yet. So much for the being a discriminating campground owner.

One of the differences between Bike Week and the ASI Rally is women in bikinis that offer to wash you bike. I am surprised that previous money hungry executives of ACI missed that opportunity to reach into our pockets. I would be willing to have a bikini clad women or a man in a thong wash my

Airstream, but only if they know to wash with the grain of the aluminum. I'd have to keep an eye on them the whole time.

I did get a bike wash at Sturgis from one lady. She wore so many studs and facial piercings her head looks like the business end of a medieval mace. I didn't critique her washing ability just complemented her adornments and gave her a big tip.

Yes, bike week is a whole lot sketchier than International, but it's all about being with people that like the same things you do. It's time to share stories, some of them true, and kickback with an adult beverage and soak in the environment of being with your people. I will admit recovering from International was a lot easier on this old body than the last Sturgis rally. Good Lord willing and the creeks don't rise, I'll be at both again next year.

Favorite question on Airstream Forum: Do you think my TV has enough house power to pull this Airstream?



2025 Installation Rally Update

Submitted by Amy Mount

Fellow Airstreamers - Looking for a fun camping weekend before storing your trailer for the winter?

Come to Cross Winds Family Campground in Linwood, North Carolina for Piedmont NC Club's **INSTALLATION RALLY!** This is the perfect opportunity to say "**THANK YOU**" to our wonderful 2025 PAC officers and cheer on our NEW 2026 PAC officers. **Use this link to register for the rally.**

The rally dates are **November 6 - 9, 2025**. The campground is in a wooded setting at 159 Sowers Road in Linwood and is convenient to I-85. **Full hook-up campsites have been reserved** with either 30 or 50-amp service. **Each large campsite includes a picnic table & fire ring.** HD digital cable & Wi-Fi is also available. **Make your campsite reservation NOW by calling **336-853-4567** and be sure to mention "**Piedmont NC Airstream Club**" to receive the discounted group rate.**

(NOTE: Reserved campsites will only be held through October 9th, 2025.)

Activities for the weekend include:

- Socials with icebreakers and campfires to get to know fellow Airstreamers
- *Host-prepared dinner for rally attendees on Thursday night*
- Small group Wine Tasting at Curran Alexander Vineyard in Lexington on Friday – there will be an **additional fee** (+/- \$25) for those taking part in the wine tasting. Final price will be determined by the number of people who sign up on our Jotform when registering for the rally, but will probably be paid at the vineyard.
- *Catered Italian dinner on Saturday night*
- Host-prepared light continental breakfast on Sunday morning

Activities to consider on your own:

- Explore the Uptown District of Lexington and find ALL 31 “Pigs in the City” within North Carolina’s “BBQ Heaven” while enjoying a barbecue lunch or dinner
- Shop for the holidays at Childress Vineyards’ “Christmas Open House” or have lunch at *The Bistro* (Reservations required on the weekends.)
- Walk around the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer (Entrance fee for self-guided tour is \$10 or less per person.)
- Grab a seat for “*The Polar Express*” train ride -- Reserve a seat/s NOW for you and/or your child or grandchild via the NC Transportation Museum website - <https://www.nctransportationmuseum.org/the-polar-express-train-ride/>. (Prices begin at \$64.60 for adults.)
- Tour the Dr. Josephus Hall House in Salisbury - an 1820 grand house & grounds - <https://historicsalisbury.org/landmarks/hall-house/> (Entrance fee is \$5 for adults)
- Visit the NC Museum of Dolls, Toys & Miniatures in Spencer - <https://ncmdtm.org/>
(Entrance fee is \$10 for adults.)
- Book a “Behind Bars Tour” at Southern Grace Distilleries in the retired, 1929 prison campus in Lexington, NC - <https://www.southerngracedistilleries.com/> (Tour fee is \$14/person.)

Hope the planned activities, meals and local sites to explore have enticed you, PAC Members & Affiliate Members, to join in Piedmont NC Airstream Club’s fun during November 6 - 9, 2025!

Can’t wait to see you at Cross Winds Family Campground in November!
Jim & Amy Mount and Alan & Jane Hvizdak – Co-Hosts

Curried Chicken Recipe

Submitted by Debbie Stroud

I am truly getting the hang of cooking for two. After spending many years cooking for a family, it has taken me time to learn how to scale back a recipe and keep the meal tasting the same.

Since I'm not cooking a large volume of food, I've also shrunk the size of my cook ware (perfect for the Airstream). I love using a 2 qt ceramic coated electric pot. If we have an electric hookup I use this and save the stove for when we are boondocking. The best part is it wipes clean, absolutely no scrubbing. I swipe it with a wet paper towel and a dot of soap and then with a plain wet paper towel to rinse, easy peasy.

Curried Chicken Thighs

- 1/4 cup Ghee, Butter or Red Palm oil (you can use another oil, but these work best for flavor)
- 1 Large Yellow Onion, sliced
- 4 tbsp good Curry Powder
- 4 Chicken Thighs (skin on)
- 2 tbsp Lemon Juice
- 1 tbsp Coconut Sugar (you can use regular, but this tastes better)
- 1 qt. Chicken Stock
- 1 tsp garlic powder (I like to use 2 of the mini frozen garlic paste cubes from the little pack you can get from Trader Joe's)
- 1 tsp ginger powder (again, I use 2 of the frozen ginger paste cubes from TJ)
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp or more dried chili pepper (optional for those who like it spicy)
- 1/3 can of plain coconut milk (pour the rest in a ziplock bag and pop it into the freezer, it has lots of uses)
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup white rice

On the low setting (if using an electric pot) sauté the sliced onions in oil (use medium heat if using the cook top). As the onions soften and get a little darker in color add the curry powder and sugar while continuing to sauté, then add the lemon juice and give a stir.

Push the onions to the sides of the pan and place the chicken thighs skin side down on the bottom of the pan and brown for five minutes, then turn the thighs over and brown

the other sides for an additional 5 minutes. If they are browning too quickly, turn your heat down.

Add 2 cups of chicken stock to the pot, (saving the other two cups of stock for the rice). Add the garlic, ginger, thyme, dried chili (if using). Simmer for 30 min with the lid on. Next, add the coconut milk and simmer for another 20 min with the lid. While the chicken is cooking, make your rice. Pro tip - get a mini rice cooker with a ceramic pot



The chicken should be tender and the liquid thick and saucy. If runny or too thin, cook a bit more with the lid off. If too thick or not enough sauce add a little coconut milk to achieve a good consistency.

Serve over rice and enjoy.

Just a note - sometimes I add a cup of frozen peas and carrots at the same time I'm adding the stock to the chicken and sometimes I don't 🙋. If you want a bit of veg in your curry, add it as an option.

