



July 2026



Happy Birthday America!

Freedom. What a word! It means so much to those who have not known its pleasures. I'm sure, for some, it seems an ever elusive concept. Even in our time, people fight for the right to have it. Sometimes I think that those of us who have always enjoyed the benefits of it forget how fortunate and blessed we are. I, like many of you am old enough to remember the Bicentennial. 1976. The coins, the \$2 bills, colonial costumes, huge celebrations. At that point I didn't even consider what 50 years later would look like. Today, I am praying for America - for the next 50 years - and I'm grateful to live in this country where we are free - to roam...

Cheers!

April Strader Bullin
Newsletter Editor



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The President's Message



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As flags wave from front porches and neighbors gather beneath summer skies, we celebrate America's 250th birthday with grateful hearts—honoring the Declaration of Independence, the courage of those who came before us, and the hometown spirit that keeps liberty shining bright.....

The Declaration That Changed the World

Imagine a hot summer in Philadelphia in 1776. The thirteen American colonies had reached a breaking point. They were tired of being ruled from across the ocean and wanted the chance to make their own choices. Instead of staying silent, they created a document that would change history forever: the Declaration of Independence.



The Declaration was more than an announcement that America was separating from Great Britain—it was a bold statement about freedom. Freedom from government,

by the people, for the people. Written mainly by Thomas Jefferson and strongly supported by John Adams, it introduced ideas that sounded radical at the time. Jefferson wrote that all people are created equal and are born with rights that government should never take away. Found in the second paragraph, we find the following “....*men are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights*”, among those rights were “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”



To Thomas Jefferson, freedom meant the ability of people to govern themselves instead of living under the control of a distant king. He imagined a country where citizens could think independently, speak openly, and pursue opportunities to build better lives. Freedom, to Jefferson, was not simply escaping British rule—it was creating a future where people had a voice.

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John Adams had a slightly different view. Adams believed freedom was powerful but fragile. He thought liberty could only survive if people were responsible, educated, and willing to protect their government. To Adams, freedom did not mean doing anything you wanted—it meant creating laws and institutions that allowed liberty to last for generations.



Together, Jefferson's vision and Adams's determination helped launch a new nation. A nation and a concept celebrating 250 years!!!!

Th Jefferson John Adams

Then came one of the most incredible coincidences in American history....

Fifty years after the Declaration was adopted, on July 4, 1826, both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died on the exact anniversary of the nation they helped create. According to history, Adams's final words reportedly included, "Thomas Jefferson survives," not knowing Jefferson had died hours earlier.

Their deaths seemed almost symbolic—as though two of America's founding voices had waited for the nation's fiftieth birthday before taking their final bow.

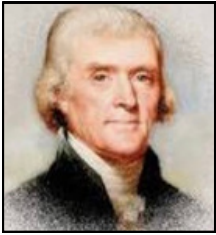


Today, the **Declaration of Independence** remains important because its message still echoes across the world:

*freedom belongs to people,
government serves the people,
and courage can change history.*

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As Americans continued shaping the nation, many leaders reflected on the meaning of freedom:



**“The God who gave us life
gave us liberty at the same time.”**

Thomas Jefferson



**“Freedom cannot be bestowed—
it must be achieved.”**

Franklin D. Roosevelt



**“Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor;
it must be demanded by the oppressed.”**

Dr. Martin Luther King



**“Freedom is never more than one generation
away from extinction.”**

Ronald Reagan

These voices, across different centuries, all point back to the same idea first declared in 1776: freedom is one of America's greatest ideals—and each generation must choose to protect **FREEDOM** .

I hope your 4th of July is filled with the simple joys that make this country feel like home—family and friends gathered close, the smell of a cookout in the air, laughter around the table, and flags waving proudly in the summer breeze. As we celebrate, I hope we each pause for a moment to remember the remarkable history of the United States of America, the courage behind the Declaration of Independence, the meaning of our flag, and the brave men and women who fought—and in many cases gave their lives—Thank God for the FREEDOMS we are blessed to enjoy every single day.....

Diane Byrum, PNCAC President

The VP's Perspective

Hi Folks,

I hope all are enjoying the early start to summer. As we plan outings in our Airstreams, how about sharing some of your favorite camping locations? Send me some examples of campgrounds you would recommend as suitable sites for club rallies. I have started a list below of some locations I am aware of to get this project started. We'll try to maintain a current inventory on our website to assist future rally hosts. Send any suggestions to davidstubbs57@gmail.com

Recommended Rally Campground List (within an easy days drive, preferably within NC, SC, eastern TN, or southern VA).



David Stubbs
Vice President

Black Dog Acres RV Park	Pilot Mountain, NC	blackdogacresrvnc.com	
Boone KOA	Boone, NC	KOA.com/campgrounds/boone	
Cool Breeze Campground	Galax, VA	coolbreezecampground.com	Open Apr. - Nov.
Creekwood Farm RV Park	Waynesville, NC	creekwoodfarmrv.com	
New Bern KOA	New Bern, NC	KOA.com/campgrounds/newbern	
Ocean Lakes Family Campground	Myrtle Beach, NC	oceanlakes.com	
Raleigh Oaks RV Resort	Four Oaks, NC	raleighoaksrvresort.com	
Salem Breeze RV Park	Winston-Salem, NC	coolbreezecampground.com	Open Apr. - Nov.
Sea Breeze RV Park	Supply, NC	seabreezenc.com	
Yadkin Valley RV Resort	Yadkinville, NC	yadkinvallyrvresort.com	

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Rally

This Way



Current 2027 Rally Calendar (as of June 20th) and open dates in need of Hosts:

Just email (davidstubbs57@gmail.com), text (336-339-1406), or call me with your month preference.

February	<i>Optional, usually someone hosts a luncheon</i>	July	Open
March	Open	August	Open
April	Region 3 Rally Sevierville, TN April 7 - 11, 2027	September	Joint Carolina's Clubs Rally Date/Place TBD
May	May 13 - 16, 2027 Chris Bullin & April Strader Bullin Place TBD	October	Open
June	International Rally Rock Springs, WY June 26 - July 1, 2027 Open	November	Open

Thanks in advance for hosting!

David Stubbs



JUNE POP-UP RALLY



The pop up rally at Hungry Mother State Park in Marion, VA was a welcome way to beat the NC heat. The group toured the historic Lincoln Theater, the Smyth County Museum, the Museum of Middle Appalachia in the town of Saltville, and ate at two local restaurants. We hiked, shared meals together, kept warm at campfires, and walked back to camp in a rainstorm!



Cody Made a New Friend!



New Fire Starter?!



July 6 Camping Reservation Deadline!



Frontier Days

August 6-9, 2026
KOA Holiday Campground
Boone, NC

Put on Your Coonskin Hat, grab your rifle and hatchet and let's have some fun! We'll enjoy the cooler temperatures in Boone since at 4000ft and the average temp is 73 degrees. Explore the area, take in Horn in the West Outdoor Drama and walk in the footsteps of the legendary Daniel Boone. *Hosts: Ed and Jean Yost,*

REGISTER NOW

Dick & Becky Martin

**See the flyer for details*



Carolinas Jamboree

September 17-20, 2026
Yogi Bear's Jellystone
Camp Resort
Asheboro, NC

This rally is heading to an all-new destination—
right beside the NC Zoo!

Camping Reservation Deadline July 1, 2026!

See flyer on pages 14 & 15 for details
and to register.

REGISTER NOW

*Hosted by Piedmont North Carolina
Airstream Club*

Registration Open!



50th Anniversary Celebration Rally

Oct. 29 - Nov. 1, 2026
Yadkin Valley RV
Yadkinville, NC

Get ready for the big, huge PNCAC 50th Anniversary Celebration in North Carolina's Piedmont—rolling hills, small-town charm, BBQ goodness, and scenic vineyards. We'll party in Yadkinville at the brand-new Yadkin Valley RV Resort (see the attached flyer for campsite reservations, activities, and registration). Dates: Thursday, October 29–Sunday, November 1, 2026. **Cost: \$50.00/per person.**

REGISTER NOW

Hosted by David and Debbie Stubbs.

**See the flyer in the newsletter for details on the campground.*

Registration Open!



**50th Anniversary Celebration
Installation Rally**
November 4-8, 2026
Camp Hatteras RV Resort
Rodanthe, NC

Join us for the PNCAC Installation Rally at Camp Hatteras RV Resort in Rodanthe, NC—right on the Outer Banks! (click here for flyer with info on campsite reservation, activities and registration) Dates: Wednesday, Nov. 4–Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026. We extended the rally to run Wednesday through Sunday to make the drive easier for most attendees. We'll install our 2027 officers and wrap up our 50th Anniversary with salty breezes, lighthouses, beach time, and a little Kitty Hawk history—mile after mile of gorgeous shoreline.

Cost: \$50.00/per person.

Hosts: Steve and Leslie Lovette

**See the flyer in the newsletter for details on the campground.*

REGISTER NOW



April 7 - 11, 2027
The Ridge Outdoor Resort
1250 Middle Creek Road
Sevierville, TN, 37862

SAVE THE DATE:

"Shining In The Smokies" Region 3 Rally 2027
Wednesday, April 7 - Sunday, April 11, 2027.

Will be visiting the Great Smoky Mountains.

**REGISTRATION and RESERVATION DETAILS
WILL BE SHARED IN SUMMER 2026!**



May 13 - 16, 2027
Details TBD



Hosts: Chris Bullin and April Strader Bullin
Bill and Diane Byrum



June 26 - July 1
Sweetwater Events Complex
3320 Yellowstone Rd
Rock Springs, WY, 82901



Carolinas Jamboree Rally
Date/Place TBD

It's always a grand time when the five clubs
in North and South Carolina get together!

Looking for Rally Hosts

Contact David Stubbs to grab your spot!

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Frontier Days Rally

August 6-9, 2026



BASECAMP
— FOR THE GREAT —
Outdoors

**Boone KOA Holiday Campground, 123 Harmony Mountain Lane
Boone, NC 28607**

Call 828-264-7250 to reserve one of the 15 sites. Be sure to mention “Piedmont Airstream Club” to get the reduced nightly rate of \$54.00.

Campsites will be held until July 6.

Rally Fee \$15.00 -

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Rally Hosts: Planning - Ed & Jean Yost

Execution - Dick & Becky Martin

Tentative Rally Schedule

Thursday, August 6, 2026

5:00 pm Social Hour in the Recreation Room

Bring: Beverage of choice, snack to share, dinner set-ups

6:00 pm Dinner & Dessert provided by the Rally Hosts

7:00 pm Games, Crafts, Storytelling, & Campfire

Friday, August 7, 2026

8:30 am Meet for an All You Can Eat Breakfast at the Dan'l Boone Inn

Put you coonskin hat on and explore the area. See **THIS** link for suggestions. *Lunch and dinner are on your own.*

7:30 pm Horn in the West Outdoor Drama by the Hickory Ridge Museum in Boone. Tickets are \$31.00 (pay through JotForm)

Saturday, August 8, 2026

Breakfast and lunch on your own.

Explore the area. See Friday's list of suggestions.

5:00 pm Social Hour in the Recreation Room Bring beverage of choice and set-ups

6:00 pm Catered dinner by the Pedlin' Pig

7:00 pm Country Line Dance lessons

Sunday, August 9, 2026

9:00 am Continental Breakfast in the Recreation Room. Bring set-ups and beverage.

9:30 am Devotions

See all you explorers at the station camp!



CAROLINAS JAMBOREE RALLY

(Formerly Carolinas Mountain Jamboree Rally)

September 17-20, 2026

HOSTS: Piedmont North Carolina Airstream Club

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Camp Resort

<https://asheborojellystone.com/>

964 Crestview Church Road

Asheboro, NC 27205

Campsite Cost: \$75.00/night

To reserve your campsite, please call 336-964-0813

**** (Campsites will be held until July 1, 2026 – Register early - limited to 50 sites) ***

Rally fee \$60.00 per person – Pay via JotForm link below

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/260346265527156>

RALLY SCHEDULE

Thursday – 9/17/2026

4:30 p.m.

Happy Hour under the Big Top

Appetizers provided by Hosts

What to bring: Set ups and Beverage of choice

6 p.m.

Dinner under Big Top

Hot Dogs and all the fixings provided by Hosts

What to bring: Salad or Side Dish to share

Dinner set up and beverage of choice

7:45 p.m.

Fire Pit & "S'mores Bar"

What to bring: Folding Chair, Paper Plate/Napkin and beverage of choice

Friday – 9/18/2026

8:30 a.m.

Breakfast under the Big Top provided by the Carolinas Airstream Club

What to bring: Breakfast setup & YOUR OWN coffee or beverage

TBD in a.m.

NORTH CAROLINA ZOO – *The world's largest natural habitat zoo!* Special 2-Hour Private Golf-Cart Tours Available on Friday morning (up to 20 people) – \$30 per person, which includes the entrance fee to the zoo

During the 2-hour tour, you will see a wide range of animal habitats with a guide who is knowledgeable about all species at the North Carolina Zoo.

(MAKE PAYMENT FOR PRIVATE GOLF-CART ZOO TOUR ON JOTFORM)

You may also visit the zoo on your own between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Explore, roughly, 5 miles of walking trails to visualize animals from the continents of North America, Africa, and Asia (new in 2026).

Individual tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the gate on the day you visit -

<https://www.nczoo.org>

Other Activities to Consider –

- Seagrove Potters - [Seagrove Pottery](#)
- Petty Museum - [Richard Petty Museum](#)
- NC Aviation Museum - [NC Aviation Museum](#)
- American Classic Motorcycle Museum - [American Motorcycle Museum](#)
- Pisgah Covered Bridge - [Pisgah Covered Bridge](#)
- Hiking in Uwharrie National Forest - [Hike Uwharrie National Forest](#)
- Richland Creek Canopy Tour - [Richland Creek Zipline](#)
- Hoover-Hatchet House - axe-throwing in Asheboro - [Hoover Hatchet House](#)
- Sunset Theater - movies, plays, concerts & lectures - [Sunset Theater](#)
- Disc Golf - North Asheboro Park and Potter's Grove Disc Golf Course - [Disc Golf](#)
- Explore the Quilt Trail in Randolph County - [Randolph County Quilt Trail](#)

12 & 6 p.m. **Lunch & Dinner on your own** Pick any cuisine & explore restaurants - [Asheboro Restaurants](#)

7:30 p.m. **Game Night under the Big Top**
What to bring: Your *FAVORITE* Card and/or Board Game, beverage of choice

Saturday – 9/19/2026

8:30 a.m. **Breakfast under the Big Top - Doughnuts, Coffee, and Conversation with John Leake**
What to bring: Breakfast setup & YOUR Mug

TBD in a.m. **NORTH CAROLINA ZOO (see Friday schedule above for details) (MAKE PAYMENT FOR PRIVATE GOLF-CART ZOO TOUR ON JOTFORM)**

12 p.m. **Lunch on your own**
Pick any cuisine & explore restaurants in Asheboro – [Asheboro Restaurants](#)

Other Activities to Consider – See Friday schedule above for links to website for details

5p.m. **Happy Hour under the Big Top**
What to bring: Light Appetizer & beverage of choice

6p.m. **Dinner under the Big Top**
Catered BBQ with sides & dessert provided by Hosts
What to bring: Dinner set up and beverage of choice

7:30 p.m. **Special Entertainment under the Big Top**
What to bring: Beverage of choice

Sunday – 9/20/2026

8:30 a.m. **Light Breakfast under the Big Top provided by the Low Country Airstream Club**
What to bring: Breakfast setup & YOUR OWN coffee or beverage

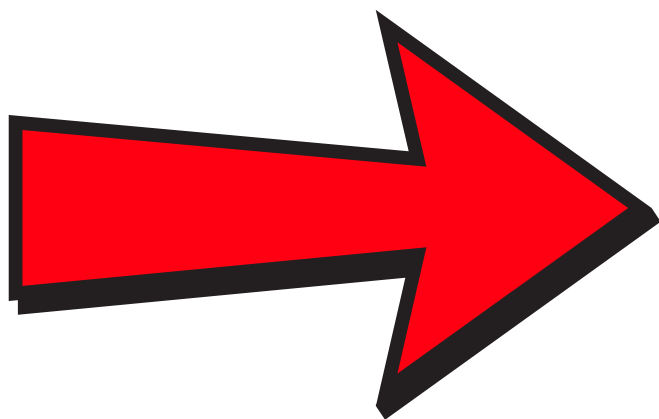
9 a.m. **Short Devotion by Piedmont NC Airstream Club**

Contact the following Piedmont NC Airstream officers with questions about the rally & schedule:

Diane Byrum -	Piedmont NC Club President	(704-996-6907)
David Stubbs -	Piedmont NC Club Vice President	(336-339-1406)
Jim Mount -	Piedmont NC Club Treasurer	(919-270-9171)
April Strader Bullin -	Piedmont NC Club Corresponding Secretary	(336-926-1914)

**EXTRA!
EXTRA!**

An additional benefit of joining us at the Carolinas Jamboree in Asheboro is its close proximity to Greensboro. Why you say? Because the North Carolina Folk Festival is the same weekend and it's FREE!



Yeah, those are just some of the groups you can enjoy listening to!

NORTH CAROLINA FOLK FESTIVAL

SEPT 18, 19, 20, 2025
GREENSBORO, NC

ROUND ONE IS HERE

THE ROOTS
YEAH. FEATURING QUESTLOVE

SATURDAY, SEPT 19
JACKIE VENSON
OPENING

MOLLY TUTTLE
YEAH. THAT MOLLY TUTTLE

SUNDAY, SEPT 20
SUSTO STRINGBAND
OPENING

OTHER ARTISTS INCLUDE

MADISON CUNNINGHAM

WILLIAM PRINCE • AARON LEE TASJAN • ILLITERATE LIGHT
JACOB SHARP • RETT MADISON • VICTORIA VICTORIA
OKAN • BANDITS ON THE RUN • TAE & THE NEIGHBORLY

SAMIR LANGUS • FLORENCIA & THE FEELING • RAKISH
RANFORD ALMOND • LERDY PRIDGEN IV • BRASS QUEENS
SIGNAL FIRE • KARLA DAVIS

BALA ROOTS • NIKKI MORGAN • TOO PHAT BRASS BAND • FOLKKNOT
• ABIGAIL DOWD TOM TROYER • KING M DOT & THE LEFTOVERS • THE
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WITH SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FROM:
NC A&T DRUMLINE AND THE GMAJ JAZZ ENSEMBLE

AND, WE AREN'T DONE
More artists are on the way.
Full lineup drops at
the beginning of June.

PNCAC 50th Anniversary Celebration Rally

Halloween costumes • campfire nights • shiny celebration of 50 years in Airstream style



Dates: Thursday, October 29 –

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Cost: \$50.00 per person

[Registration LINK 50th](#)

Hosted by David and Debbie Stubbs

To reserve your site Call Yadkin Valley RV

Resort 336-553-9907 **mention the

Airstream rally [https://](https://yadkinvalleyrvresort.com/)

yadkinvalleyrvresort.com/

Make plans to join your Piedmont NC airstream friends in Yadkinville, NC for the 3rd stop of our 50th Anniversary Celebration Caravan to celebrate 50 years rolling in shiny rigs with great friends! Enjoy the piedmont charm—rolling hills, BBQ, and local vineyards—we will seQle in at the brand-new Yadkin Valley RV Resort (bathhouse, laundry, pickleball/basketball, dog park, pavilion, and community fire pits). Costumes are a must for our spooky Halloween bash—details below!

Tentative Activities

Thursday 10/29/26

5:00 PM Happy Hour Heavy Appetizers

7:30 PM Campfire

Friday 10/30/26

5:30 PM 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 10/31/26

6:00 PM – Halloween Costume contest (Pavillion) and trick or treat for kids at Campground

Sunday, 11/01/2026

9:00 AM Devotional and Departure Breakfast

Piedmont North Carolina Installation 50th Celebration Rally

Coastal-inspired fellowship • lighthouses • sea-breeze evenings

Dates: November 4 – November 8, 2026

(***Wednesday- Sunday)

Cost: \$50.00 per person

[https://pci.jotform.com/form/ 261086654918164](https://pci.jotform.com/form/261086654918164)

Hosted by Steve and Leslie Lovett



**To reserve your site at Camp Hatteras RV Resort and
Campground 252-987-2777 **mention the Airstream rally
[hAps://www.camphaAeras.com/](https://www.camphaAeras.com/)**

Join us on the last stop on the caravan for the PNCAC Installation Rally at Camp Hatteras RV Resort in Rodanthe, NC— We extended the rally to run Wednesday through Sunday to make the drive easier for those attending the rally only. We'll install our 2027 officers and wrap up our 50th Anniversary with salty breezes, lighthouses, beach time, and a little Kitty Hawk history—miles of gorgeous shoreline....

Tentative Activities Additional activities are currently under development

Wednesday, 11/04/26

5:30 PM Happy Hour & Arrival Meal: Cowboy Stew – drop anchor, grab a bowl, and swap sea stories with the with Alan and Jane Hzvidak

7:00 PM Movie “Nights in Rodanthe” – coastal romance on the big screen [Movie Info](#)

Need local bearings - [Outer Banks Guide PDF](#)

Thursday, 11/05/26 (All Meals on your own)

9:00 AM Wright Bros Memorial; KiKy Hawk Kites; Bodie Lighthouse; Fort Ralieggh; Just explore

Friday, 11/06/26 (Breakfast/Lunch on your own)

9:00 AM Rodanthe Chicamacomico Life-Saving StaHon/Museum

[Black Pearl Rodanthe](#)

[Pea Island Visitor Center](#)

[Rodanthe The Pier](#)

5:00 PM Potluck Dinner with Spirit of VA Club
(Bring a generous dish to share ~ 60 people)

7:00 PM Campfire

Saturday 10/31/26

Breakfast/Lunch on your own – shop enjoy the beach

5:00 PM 50th Celebration Happy Hour and Dinner

7:00 PM Installation of 2027 Officers

7:30 PM Dancing with DJ Bill

Sunday, 11/01/2026

8:30 AM Devotional and Departure Breakfast

Club Membership Report

July 2026

Welcome New Members

Richard & Roberta Standridge BRN 3069 2012 25-ft TT Yadkinville, NC



Thank You Renewed Affiliate Members

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

Thank you for continuing to be a part of the Piedmont NC Airstream club and I hope to see you down the road in 2026.

Debbie Stubbs
Membership Chairperson

