



Last Supper Frescoe at Holy Trinity Church, Glendale Springs, NC

Some of the best camping of the year is ahead of us! The last couple of days have been a bit cooler here in North Carolina and the promise of Fall is being manifest in the poplar leaves that are already dropping on my lawn!

The Carolinas Jamboree is our next big event with almost 100 Airstreamers about to converge on Asheboro, NC and the North Carolina Zoo.

Are you experiecnig FOMO yet? Don't worry you haven't missed your chance to make a PNCAC rally this year. There are two opportunities left. Join us in Yadkinville or Hatteras. Information is included in the newsletter.

Cheers!
April Strader Bullin
Newsletter Editor

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The President's Message

September in North Carolina



Diane Byrum
President



Can you believe September is already knocking on our trailer doors? Just like that, the sweltering summer heat is beginning to break, paving the way for a beautiful new season of travel. Around our neighborhoods, the familiar yellow school buses are back on the streets and kids are heading back to the classroom. While it signals the official end of summer vacation, for those who love camping, it means the absolute best camping weather of the whole year is finally arriving.

Get ready for those crisp morning breezes, lower humidity, and the cozy comfort around an evening campfire. Fall in the Carolinas also brings the thrilling return of football season! Whether you are tailgating at your favorite stadium or streaming the big game right under your awning, nothing pairs quite as perfectly with college football as a beautifully polished Airstream.



PNCAC has two exciting events left in 2026.. We kick things off September 17-20, 2026 with the **Carolinas Jamboree**. This spectacular multi-club rally brings together the vibrant Airstream communities of both North and South Carolina for an unforgettable weekend at the **NC Zoo in Asheboro**.

The adventure doesn't stop there, though. We are also eagerly looking forward to the epic Mountains to Coast 50th Anniversary Caravan, alongside two wonderful individual 50th celebration rallies in Yadkinville and Rodanthe, NC.

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Airstreams: Happy Hours, Big Red Numbers, and Flamingos



Have you ever wondered why our silver community is so fiercely dedicated to our quirky campsite rituals? To the outside world, a sea of aluminum trailers surrounded by bright pink birds might look a bit eccentric. But to an Airstreamer, these beloved icons represent a rich, multi-generational history built on community, safety, and a whole lot of fun.

It all starts with those unmistakable Big Red Numbers. Back in 1951, our visionary founder Wally Byam organized the very first rugged Airstream caravan through Central America. With dozens of identical silver trailers navigating the dusty trails together, Wally needed an instant way to identify everyone from a distance. He assigned unique, highly visible red vinyl digits to each traveler so caravan leaders could use CB radios to call out road hazards, flat tires, or navigation changes. When the Wally Byam Caravan Club International (WBCCI) formed in 1955, these numbers became a permanent badge of honor, proudly tying families to a lifetime of nomadic identity.

But Wally didn't just care about road safety—he deeply valued camaraderie. That is exactly where our sacred 4:00 PM Happy Hour tradition comes from. During those grueling early international treks across Africa and Europe, Wally knew that a caravan was only as strong as its community bonds. Gathering at the end of a long driving day to share appetizers, pour a refreshing drink, and laugh about the day's bumpy roads became the ultimate bonding ritual. Today, we proudly keep that fellowship alive by grabbing our lawn chairs, clipping on our club name tags, and gathering precisely at 4:00 PM to swap stories and welcome friends old and new.

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And finally, what would an Airstream campsite be without a classic Pink Flamingo? In 1957, designer Don Featherstone sculpted the iconic plastic lawn flamingo just as post-war RV culture was exploding. Airstream owners instantly fell in love with the bright birds for a very practical reason: they provided a fabulous splash of vibrant color against our gorgeous, monochrome aluminum shells. Because flamingos are social creatures that thrive in large flocks, they perfectly mirrored our own close-knit caravan culture.



So, the next time you smooth down a red vinyl number, pour a 4:00 PM cocktail, or secretly plant a flamingo at a neighbor's campsite, remember that you aren't just camping—you are actively keeping a beautiful, 75-year-old American tradition alive and well!

Behind the scenes, your club officers are already dreaming big, scouting locations, and mapping out a stellar lineup of rallies for next year. We cannot wait to share the adventures we are cooking up for 2027! Thank you all for making this year's rallies so memorable.

Diane



Chambord Tonic

Ingredients

1 part Chambord
1 part gin
4 part tonic water
1 dash lime juice
Garnish with a
lime wedge

Method

To make this magnifique cocktail, we add Chambord, a gin of your choosing and a dash of lime juice to a highball glass. Then we add ice and top it off with tonic water and a lime wedge to garnish. Mmm-magnifique!

This cocktail that brings out Chambord's flavor in its fullest form. This simple but elegant drink is perfect for any occasion including Airstream's storied Happy Hour!

The VP's Perspective

Hi Folks,

August seems to be a popular time to head out to those destinations beyond Region 3. Whether exploring Western national parks, Canadian Maritimes, or the upper peninsula of Michigan, it seems the waning days of summer call us to be afar. We hope your adventures have led you to discover some of the wonders and beauty of our great continent. We'd love to hear some of those stories and pictures from your travels! I am including a few pictures of our travels to Wyoming this past month.

Jackson Center, OH – the **Factory Tour and Heritage Museum** are great ways to engage in the history and assembly of your Airstream at the trailer factory. Allow a few hours.



Production Floor at the Airstream Trailer Factory

In the nearby town of New Bremen, OH, the **Bicycle Museum of America** traces the history of cycling with a collection spanning 150 years. Both are just about an hour north of Dayton, OH.

A serene setting at **D&W Lake RV** in Champaign, IL. A nice overnight stop if you are passing through the area. Most sites back up to the lake, with a cornfield in the



David Takes a Spin

distance and walking trail around the water.



Beautiful Views



David Stubbs
Vice President

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A new place we visited this year on advice of fellow Airstreamers was the **Wind River Valley**, which winds its way up from Rawlins, WY on US Rt. 287 to Dubois at the upper end of the Valley. The river itself is well known for its fly fishing, very wide and shallow with cool waters descending from the mountains adjacent to **Yellowstone** and the **Grand Tetons**, both parks just an hour away.



Cool Trout Filled Waters

A hidden gem in Dubois is the **National Museum of Military Vehicles**. Allow 2-3 hours, a tour is included with admission. A nice place to camp



Expansive Views

is **The Long Horn Ranch**. Wonderful views of the river and surrounding Canyons and distant Tetons abound. If you are considering attending the 2027 National Rally in Rock Springs, Wy, this could be an easy add on adventure.

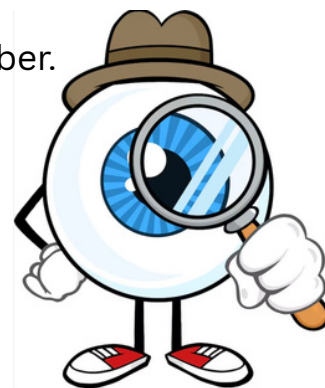


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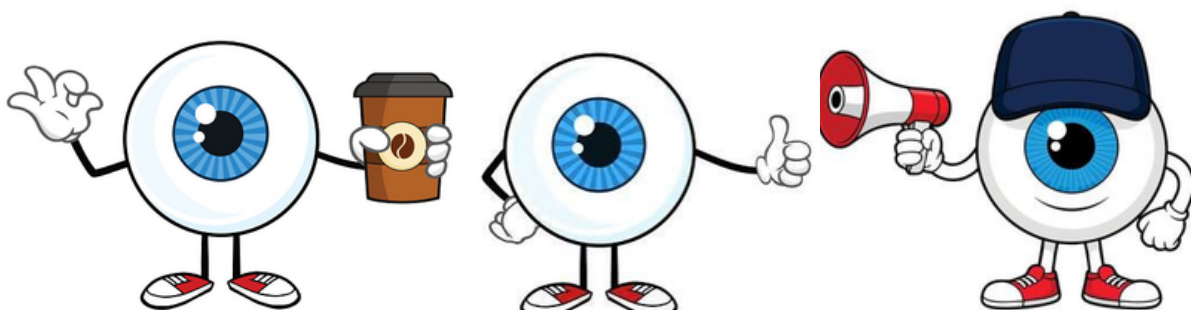
We are **seeking host** for the following rallies:
June, July, August, September, October, and November.

Just email (davidstubbbs57@gmail.com),
text or call (336-339-1406),
me with your month preference.



February	<i>Optional, usually someone hosts a luncheon</i>	July	Open
March	March 18 - 21, 2027 Leslie & Steve Lovett Pete & Bonnie Cap Oriental, NC	August	Open
April	April 7 - 11, 2027 Region 3 Rally Sevierville, TN	September	Joint Carolina's Clubs Rally Date/Place TBD
May	May 13 - 16, 2027 Chris Bullin & April Strader Bullin Bill & Diane Byrum Place TBD	October	Alumalina? Open
June	June 26 - July 1, 2027 International Rally Rock Springs, WY	November	Open

WHERE ARE ALL
THOSE HOSTS?!



RALLY RESOURCES

Recent Rally Campground List (within an easy days drive, preferably within NC, SC, eastern TN, or southern VA). All of these campgrounds have welcomed us for rallies in the past. New camping adventures are always welcome!

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	raleighoaksvresort.com	
Salem Breeze RV Park	Winston-Salem, NC	coolbreezecampground.com	Open Apr. - Nov.
Sea Breese RV Park	Supply, NC	seabreezenc.com	
Yadkin Valley RV Resort	Yadkinville, NC	yadkinvallyrvresort.com	



Frontier Days Rally

Nine Piedmont Club members plus Carolinas Club members Leif & Joyce Svensen from Charleston, SC. enjoyed an excellent weekend in August in Boone, NC. The weather was perfect for Dutch oven cooking and exploring.

Dick and Becky Martin did the pinch hitting for Ed and Jean Yost since Jean was recovering from her knee replacement surgery.

The rally started with Happy Hour and a lovely meal of Dutch Oven lasagna, mixed green salad and then Dutch Oven blueberry cobbler for dessert provided by the host!

After all the good food, there was a great storyteller and crafts!



Friday morning dawned bright with all-you-can-eat breakfast at the Dan'l Boone Inn!

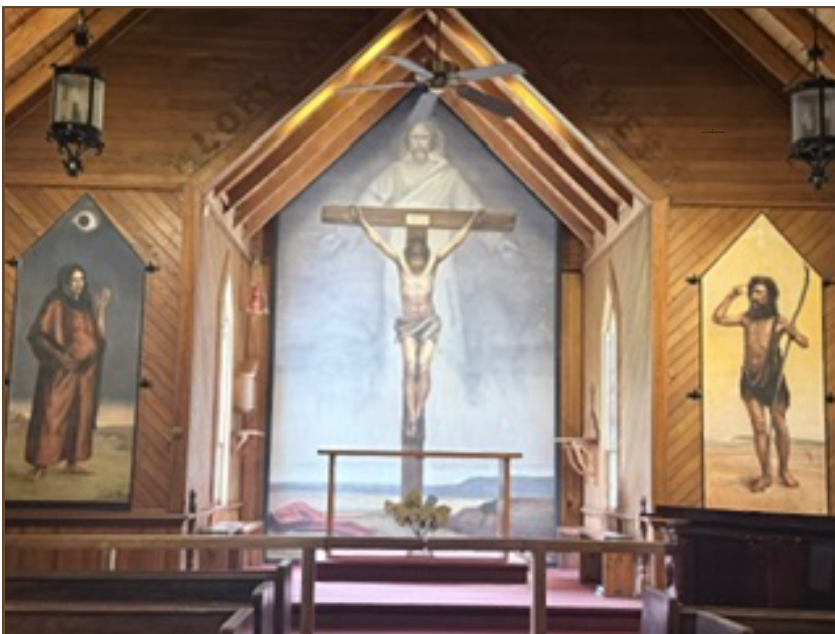
Friday evening participants enjoyed Horn in the West outdoordrama.



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Frontier Days Rally

On Saturday the group set out to explore the area visiting West Jefferson and Ashe County Cheese. They also enjoyed the frescoes by Benjamin Long at St. Mary's Episcopal Church and more frescoes at Holy Trinity Church in Glendale Springs.



Frescoes by Benjamin Long
at St. Mary's Episcopal
Church.



Registration Open!



50th Anniversary Celebration Rally

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

REGISTER NOW

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.**

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

REGISTER NOW

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.*

RALLY CENTRAL



March 18-21, 2027
Oriental, NC
Details TBD



Sail on in for some fun! Pete and Bonnie Cap and Steve and Leslie Lovett are planning a whale of a Rally! Details are on the way!



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 FALL 2026!



May 13 - 16, 2027
Details TBD

Bill and Diane Byrum and Chris Bullin and April Strader Bullin have no idea what's going to happen for this rally. We can say it is guaranteed to be a BLAST!



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!

HEY, we're Looking for YOU!

Contact David Stubbs to grab your spot!

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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

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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

September 2026

Welcome New Members

Kathy & Joe Taura BRN 4716 2024 28-ft. Pottery Barn Chapel Hill, NC

Thank You Renewed Members

Jerry & Jessica Smith BRN 20703 2021 22-ft. Bambi Sport Stokesdale, NC



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

