

The Shiny Hiney Review

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Greetings from the Presidential Aluminum Office



Dear Piedmont NC Members and Affiliates,

Wow, I can't believe that this will be my last article as your president. The year has flown by and we have accomplished a lot as a club. To all of the board members, thank you for making my job an easy one. You all are a great team! To our members and affiliates, thank you for participating in rally's, caravans, and JotForm voting to move club business along. We appreciate your input.

At our November installation rally we put in place your officers for next year. Our own Bob Ealy, Region 3 President, did the honors. They are a great group with lots of enthusiasm. I'd like to introduce them for those who didn't get to attend the rally:



2026 President:
Diane Byrum

Diane and her husband, Bill, have been members of the Piedmont Club since 2018. Diane is full of energy and great ideas. She enjoys line dancing and walking and she loves her Airstream friends! She is excited to lead our club to the next level! Thank you Diane for your willingness to serve.



Vice President:
David Stubbs

David and his wife, Debbie, have been members of the Piedmont Club since 2018. David is an avid cyclist and enjoys hiking. He currently serves as the Region 3 Parliamentarian and has served our club as a Trustee in the past, bringing a sense of fairness and logical thinking to both boards. David will be working on rallies this year so when he reaches out to you about hosting or co-hosting, please say "Yes!"



Treasurer:
Jim Mount

Jim and his wife, Amy, have been members of the Piedmont Club since 2017. Jim is continuing as our treasurer again this year. He is a small business owner in the Raleigh area and is probably one of the most welcoming people you will ever meet. If you are a newcomer to one of our rallies, it is likely that Jim will be the first person who says "hello"!



Membership Chair:
Debbie Stubbs

Debbie is continuing as our Membership Chair. She is that nice lady who contacts you about renewing your membership in WBCCI and our Piedmont club and keeps up with all of our stats. Debbie, like David, likes cycling and hiking. She also loves a good beer! (David does too!) They make a dynamic duo and we are thankful for their willingness to serve as officers in our club in addition to all of the other volunteer work they do in their community.



Recording Secretary:
Debra Stroud

Debra and her husband, Todd, have been members of the Piedmont Club since 2013. She is continuing as our Recording Secretary. Debra loves food and loves making and serving it to others. It's her love language folks! If you have been to one of their rallies you know that we always eat very well and that Debra makes everything! She has contributed some recipes for the newsletter in the past and we hope that she will keep them coming!



Trustees:
Terry Earle (far left, top photo)

Terry and his wife, Karen, have been at large members of WBCCI since 2023. We met them at the Region 3 rally in Ladson, SC and Diane Byrum invited them to join us at our table for dinner. Terry and Karen are so much fun and they decided that we are fun too so they became members of the Piedmont Club shortly after the rally! Lucky for us, Terry is happy to serve as a trustee of our club.



Jeffrey Skeehan (middle, top photo)

Jeffrey has been a member of the Piedmont Club since 2018. He is continuing as a trustee for his second year. He loves to caravan and we usually only see him at rallies a couple of times a year because he is on the road. He sets an example of how to be involved with the International and local club in fulfilling ways. Thank you, Jeffrey, for serving.



Dick Martin

Many of you already know Dick. He is the go-to guy for all things Lithium and Solar. Dick and his wife, Becky, have been members of the Piedmont Club for many years and part of WBCCI since 2013. Dick is our sturdy mid-westerner whose can do attitude and down to earth thinking help our club stay on track. Not to mention he can help with all kinds of Airstream troubleshooting. He's a great guy to know. Thanks, Dick, for serving your second year as trustee.



Jessica Smith

Jessica and her husband, Jerry, have been members of the Piedmont Club since 2021. Jessica works for a hospice organization and is dedicated to her patients. She definitely has a gift of a kind and giving spirit. She and Jerry have co-hosted several fun rallies and will be more involved after they retire in a few years. Thanks, Jessica, for dedicating some of your free time to the Piedmont Club as a trustee.



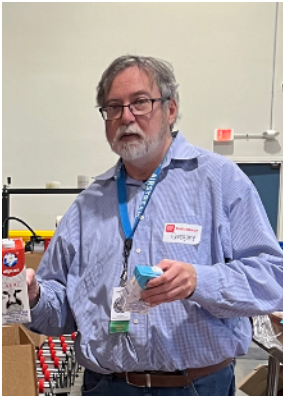
Corresponding Secretary/Newsletter Editor:
April Strader Bullin

Chris and I have been in the Piedmont Club since 2021. I have enjoyed serving as your president this past year and look forward to continuing to be involved with the club as Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Please send me items that you think our club would be interested in for publication!
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Webmaster:
Bill Byrum

Bill is Diane's side-kick! They are great caravan leaders at the local and international level. If you need to plan a trip they can give you all kinds of tips. They make a great team and we are looking forward to Bill serving as our webmaster for 2026.



Historian:
Gregory Ray

Gregory has been a member of the Piedmont Club since 2007. He has served as Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor. His current post as club historian fits his personality perfectly as he enjoys all things Airstream. He is an avid collector of Airstream memorabilia and can give you all kinds of statistics and history about both the International club and the local club. He will be sharing some things during our 50th Anniversary celebration next year!

I also want to say a big "Thanks You" to all of the folks who served our club as officers last year. I appreciate your service and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Outgoing Officers:

Rob Rati - Corresponding Secretary and Newsletter Editor
Delia Rati - Webmaster
Peter Capp - Trustee
David Stubbs - Trustee

Happy Travels!

April Strader Bullin, President

VP Thoughts



Piedmont Airstream Club 2025 Rally Highlights

As 2025 winds down....what makes the Airstream lifestyle special is the people and memories.....

April

•Region 3 Streamin' in the Sawgrass: Bob & Ginger Ealy hosted at Carolina Coastal Fairgrounds, Ladson, SC.

•Allison Creek Park Rally: Hosted by Mike Bizon & Gaile Broom, York, SC.

June

•Crooked River & New River Rally: Bill & Diane Byrum with Jerry & Jessica Smith, Galax, VA.

August

•Myrtle Beach Pop-Up Rally: Organized by Bill & Diane Byrum, Myrtle RV Resort

September

•Carolina Mountain Jamboree: NC/SC joint rally by Palmetto State Club.

•Mayberry Days Rally: Chris & April Bullin at Black Dog Acres RV Park, Pilot Mountain, NC.

November

• Crosswinds Campground Rally: Hosted by Jim & Amy Mount, Alan & Jane Hvizdak, Linwood, NC

Month/Dates	Rally/Place	Host(s)
January - usually too cold	Maybe too cold for rally....think outside the box!!!...a pop-up lunch	
February- usually too cold		
March 4-8, 2026, Registration go live mid-October via JotForm Region 3 Register WAIT LIST ONLY	Region 3 - Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo Campground Lakeland, FL	Bob/Ginger Ealy (Rally info - evening activities begin on March 4; early arrival begins on Sunday, March 1
April 14-16, 2026	Airstream Maintenance & More – Lumberton/1-95 KOA Lumberton, NC	Bill Townsend & Shellie Townsend
May 14-17, 2026	TBD	Jim & Amy Mount
June	TBD	Chris & April Bullin
July	NEED Rally Site	NEED Host(s)
August 22-27, 2026	International Rally ND State Fairground Minot ND	International Committee
September	NEED Rally Site	NEED Host(s)

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September 17-20, 2026	Joint NC/SC club rally – Details coming soon!! Thanks to Jim and April	PAC Club lead
October 22-November 8, 2026	50 th Anniversary Celebration Caravan	Bill/Diane Byrum & Chris/April Bullin
If you are unable to join the caravan, there are three (3) 50 th Anniversary Celebration Rallies being planned in conjunction with the 50 th Anniversary Celebration Caravan. We need host(s) for each rally to work with Caravan leaders coordinating activities.		
Rally #1 50 th Anniversary October 22- 25, 2026	Asheville East KOA Holiday Swannanoa, NC	NEED Host(s)
Rally #2 50 th Anniversary October 29-November 1, 2026	Yadkin Valley RV Yadkinville, NC	NEED Host(s)
Rally #3 50 th Anniversary/ Installation Rally November 5 – 8, 2026	Camp Hatteras RV Resort Waves, NC	NEED Host(s)

In closing, I'd like to **send a round of applause to all the board members** of the Piedmont Airstream Club for their tireless efforts this year. Thank you for your support—whether you were rally hosts, enthusiastic event participants, or stepping up to serve as a club leader!

To our **retiring leaders, your dedication and guidance have truly shaped our Airstream club**—thank you for your commitment. Your wisdom and contributions will always be cherished and remain a valued part of our story. And **to our new leaders, a heartfelt welcome!** We're excited for the fresh ideas and energy you'll bring, and we're so glad to have you with us. Together, we make our club stronger!

A special thank you to **Rob Rati for serving as the newsletter editor** for the last several years. Your attention to detail, commitment to timely distribution, and ability to consistently deliver engaging and informative content have truly elevated our newsletter. **You have done an outstanding job!**

Also, **I want to thank Gregory Ray**, who has **meticulously documented our club's milestones** over the years, for providing us with countless pieces of information about the club's history. Gregory will be instrumental in providing history for our 50th anniversary caravan!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to April Strader Bullin, whose leadership shone brighter than a freshly polished Airstream. **April worked with our treasurer, Jim Mount, streamlining online signups for participants** and served as assistant webmaster, publishing our adventures and rallies on the ACI website for all to see. Her **ever-sunny “can do” attitude helped launch our very first club caravan** in celebration of our 50th anniversary—a true milestone on wheels. And let's not forget the **ever-supportive Chris Bullin, always ready with a helping hand and words of encouragement** as April took the helm as President of the Piedmont Airstream Club!

Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas with your families!!!! And blessed New Year 2026!!!

Thank You,

Diane Byrum, Vice-President



Piedmont NC Club Membership Report

By Debbie Stubbs, Membership Chair

December 2025

Let's welcome our newest Affiliate Members from 10/28 to 11/25/2025

Kathleen & Jim Dorosiewicz **BRN 6927** 1986 26-ft. Sovereign Jamestown, NC

Renewed Membership from 10/28 to 11/25/2025

Ernie & Madaline Bauer	BRN 241	2010 30-ft Classic	Youngsville, NC
Andy & Karen Karakos	BRN 2308	2023 28-ft International	Fayetteville, NC
Mart & Carolyn Plaxco	BRN 13517	2002 39-ft 396XL (motorhome)	Denver, NC
Thomas Rydrewski	BRN 4819	2004 34-ft Excell Classic	Cary, NC
Bill & Shelley Townsend	BRN 27070	1970 27-ft Overlander	Lumberton, NC

Renewed Affiliate Members from 10/28 to 11/25/2025

Dennis & Barbara Hackett **BRN 7355** 2020 31-ft Classic Greensboro, NC

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

For many of our members the 2026 Membership Renewal season is starting. Members who joined after July 1, 2021, have an expiration date associated with the date they joined and not a year-end date and do not renew at this time.

Renewal notices have already been going out from HQ and they are busy handling them. If you have already renewed, Thank You, and if you don't see your name on our list, I am sure I will receive that information soon.

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.

PAC 50th Anniversary Caravan



The Piedmont Airstream Club (PAC) turns 50 in 2026, and plans are underway to celebrate in a big way. The Bullins (Chris and April) and the Byrums (Bill and Diane) are planning a 50th Anniversary Caravan to travel across North Carolina October 22 - November 8, 2026 (18 days). The

PAC 50th Anniversary Caravan will be limited to 15 rigs (30 people). A caravan fee has been calculated: \$2200.00/couple; \$1800/single.

So, how can our members and other club members join us on this caravan? All you have to do is say YES! Then pay your caravan kitty payment fees. The Bullins/Byrums will take care of the rest making all the arrangements for campgrounds, activities, included meals, and of course, 3 awesome 50th celebration parties! The cost of the PAC caravan is \$2200.00/double; \$1800.00/single (see fee payment schedule below).

Caravan Registration Update:

The initial goal for the 50th anniversary caravan was to include fifteen (15) trailers, with registration available exclusively to Piedmont NC members until November 15, 2025. By the registration deadline, all fifteen (15) trailer spots were filled.

Due to increased interest, we have secured five (5) additional campsites at each location. These extra registrations will be made available to PAC members and affiliates, allowing more participants to join the celebration.



****In order, to hold your place in the caravan please use the registration link to pay the initial \$400.00 deposit now.**

******Click this [link](#) to register and pay deposit for the PAC 50th Anniversary caravan**

Additional kitty payments will be due as follows:

- **\$900.00/double; \$700.00/single 1st kitty payment due February 15, 2026**
- **\$900.00/double; \$700.00/single 2nd kitty payment due June 30, 2026**

Cancellation/Refund Policy:

\$400.00 deposit is refundable if cancelled on or before February 15, 2026.

****Cancellations requested after February 15, 2026, will be made minus monies spent for deposits on camping, restaurants/caterers or activities.

****Cancellations requested after September 1, 2026, will be subject to leaders' discretion.



Pulling the Caravan pieces together: Dates, Place and Parks



Caravan Dates & RV parks:

Stop #1 October 22-25, 2026, Asheville East KOA, Swannanoa, NC

Stop #2: October 25-28, 2026, Broad River Campground, Mooresboro, NC

Stop #3: October 28 – November 1, 2026, Yadkin Valley RV, Yadkinville, NC

Stop #4: November 1- 4, 2026, RV-Resort at Carolina Crossroads, Roanoke Rapids, NC

Stop #5: November 4-8, 2026, Camp Hatteras, Rhodanthe, NC

Unable to join us for the caravan? We are also planning 3 “rallies within the Caravan” (Thursday-Sunday) to be held at Stops #1, #3, and #5 complete with a 50th Anniversary celebration at each rally stops!

50th Celebration #1 – October 22-25, 2026 (Thurs-Sun) Asheville East KOA, Swannanoa, NC

50th Celebration #2 – October 29-November 1, 2026 (Thurs-Sun) Yadkin Valley RV, Yadkinville, NC

50th Celebration #3/ Installation – November 5-8, 2026 (Thurs-Sun) Camp Hatteras, Rhodanthe, NC

Rally registrations will be available at a later date.