



## October 2018 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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### PRESIDENTS CORNER:

Greetings from Lumberton, North Carolina. I hope everyone in the Piedmont Unit is doing well.

It has been a busy few days for me. This past weekend we were at the Balloon Festival Rally in Statesville/Troutman. We took the Airstream directly to Tom Johnson's Campground in Marion for the Alumilina Rally. I dropped Shelley and the Airstream and departed for Lumberton for a couple of days work on several ongoing projects. Two days later, I returned to Marion and am currently enjoying John Leake's non-stop Alumilina Rally. To enjoy an Airstream, you have to keep it moving and Shelley and I are doing just that.

Anyone who was not at the Balloon Festival missed a great time hosted by Bud and Donna Moore. They had a very well organized weekend put together for us. I am afraid the several new members in attendance were spoiled as everything needed was furnished by Bud and Donna including setups at each meal. A big THANK YOU to Bud and Donna!!

At our annual business meeting we held elections and I want to congratulate our newly elected officers:

President: Dick Martin; Vice President: Mike Bizon; Corresponding Secretary: Greg Ray; Recording Secretary: Shelley Townsend; Treasurer: Stedman Brown; and Trustees: Jim Hamernick and Bud Moore. (THANK YOU ALL FOR STEPPING UP!)

Details of our business meeting will be covered in the Recording Secretary's Report.

I hope everyone can join us next month for our Installation Rally hosted by Todd and Debbie Stroud. See you there.

## OCTOBER CAROLINA BALLOON FEST RALLY REPORT

The October Carolina Balloon Fest Rally was held at the Iredell County Fairgrounds on October 18-21 and was hosted by Bud & Donna Moore. The following members attended:

Ed & Christine Baker (Affiliate)  
Bob & Marge Bennett  
Stedman Brown  
Terry & Nicki Cormier  
Dana & Donna Edwards  
John & Thelda Guy  
Alan & Jane Hvizdak  
Bernie & Ann Lackmann  
John & Dee Lloyd  
Dick & Becky Martin  
Bud & Donna Moore  
Jim & Amy Mount  
Carl & Karen Newton  
John & Donna Pennington  
Bruce & Kelly Radford  
Jerry & Billie Shelton  
Jeff & Sheri Skeahan  
Bill & Shelly Townsend

The Plaxcoø were not able to camp with us but live nearby and joined us for some socializing and for dinner on Friday night. It was a pleasure meeting them.

The rally started Thursday with a very merry social hour followed by a dinner of red chili, white chicken chili (and all the fixins), salad, French bread, and assorted desserts. Our evening campfire felt really good since we finally had fall temperatures.

Friday morning was a cool, windy morning for a business meeting at the picnic shelter. Changes to the bylaws and the nomination/election of 2019 officers were discussed as well as membership renewal and treasury reports were given. Shelly Townsend, First Lady and Recording Secretary will provide minutes of the business meeting. Dinner Friday night was at Juliaø's Tally House in Troutman, NC. The food was family style, good and plenty. From the noise coming out of our dining room, Iø'm sure everyone knew a bunch of happy Airstreamers were there. After dinner, we all warmed ourselves by a roaring campfire.

We awoke Saturday morning to rain, which is not a good situation for flying hot air balloons. The fairgrounds provided a free shuttle to the airport to the balloon fest and many traversed back and forth Saturday waiting for a lift off. Several members explored other attractions in the area. The balloon fest was able to have their traditional evening glow where they inflate and light the balloons at dark; this is such a wonderful sight. Everyone was on their own for dinner Saturday night and of course there was still a lot of libations and merriment around a campfire.

The rally ended Sunday morning with a continental breakfast. After the rally, several members decided to spend the day at the balloon fest in hopes of more balloon flying since the weather was better.

This was the first Piedmont Unit Airstream rally for several members and we sure enjoyed having them. We enjoyed hosting the rally, hope everyone had a good time, and look forward to seeing you all at future rallies.

Bud & Donna Moore

### **MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018**

Please welcome the following new members to the Piedmont Unit. We are delighted to have them as new members and look forward to seeing them at many rallies and events.

Dan & Diana Amburn, Burlington, NC  
Dan & Diana's email: damburn@triad.rr.com

Ed & Christine Baker, Bluffton, SC ó Affiliate Member  
Ed's email: ebak@aol.com, Christine's email: crsbak@aol.com

John & Joyce Plaxco, Denver, NC ó Transfer from Carolinas Unit  
John & Joyce's email: jcplaxco@wbcci.net

As of this report, we have had 36 members to renew for 2019. If you have not renewed your WBCCI and Piedmont Unit #161 membership for 2019, please do so. You must renew your membership before November 30 in order for your information to appear in the membership directory. If you would like, you can renew online at <http://wbcci.org/renew> and charge your dues to your credit card. WBCCI dues are \$65 and Piedmont Unit #161 dues are \$15. Of course, you can still complete a hard copy of the membership form and mail the form along with your dues check to our Unit Treasurer Stedman Brown, 5204 Fielding Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Our current membership is 82 regular members and 5 affiliate members.

Donna Moore, Membership Chairperson

## **Piedmont Unit Minutes**

**October 19, 2018**

**Troutman, NC**

The October meeting at the Iredell County Fairgrounds, Troutman, NC was called to order by President Bill Townsend at 10:05AM.

Officers present:, Bill Townsend ,President ; Dick Martin, VP; Shelley Townsend, Recording Secretary; Trustee: John Lloyd.

Members in attendance: Richard Paschall, Stedman Brown, Bennetts, Townsends, Moores, Lloyds, Penningtons, Martins, Edwards, Guys, Hvizadaks, Lackmanns, Sheltons, Mounts, Cormiers, Newtons, and Skeahans.

Donna Moore, Membership Chair and Rally Host, discussed rally details and reminded us that membership renewals for next could be done on line through the WBCCI website. Renewing on line will save a lot of work for the treasurer and membership chair. For those who prefer not to renew on line, dues can still be sent to our treasurer, Stedman Brown. There are currently 81 members and four affiliates in the Piedmont Unit.

Stedman Brown, Treasurer, presented his report. We currently have \$x,xxx in our treasury with a couple of outstanding bills. He addressed the fact that the club traditionally paid for the registration fee (not travel expenses) for the club representative to the International Rally. Appropriate motions were made and approved to reimburse the registration fee for the 2018 International Rally.

Richard Paschall, Constitution and Bylaws Chair, reminded us that our Constitution and Bylaws must be reviewed and reapproved every five years and this is the fifth year. He then presented minor changes to get us in line with International and hard copies were distributed to those present. After appropriate discussion and motions, the changes presented were approved.

Dick Martin, Vice President, led a discussion on the rallies for next year, dates, places and hosts. A couple of details need to be firmed up. These will be presented at our November rally.

The floor was opened for New Business. A discussion ensued on a new recruitment tool. Discussion revolved around paying the Rally Fee only for prospective members who were invited to a rally with us (first time only). Appropriate motions were made and passed. Richard Paschall brought up that since we were finalizing our Constitution and Bylaws, it might be appropriate to include this now. After discussing where this should be documented, appropriate motions were made and passed to include the payment of Rally Fee only (one time) for prospective members.

Slate of officer nominees for 2019 was presented by Bill Townsend and voted on after appropriate discussion and motions.

**The following were elected:**

President: Dick Martin

VP: Mike Bizon

Treasurer: Stedman Brown

Corresponding Secretary: Greg Ray

Recording Secretary: Shelley Townsend

Trustees 2019-20: Bud Moore and Jim Hammernick

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Shelley Townsend, Recording Secretary



Airstream and Cadillac

## **November Rally Agenda:**

Nov 8 - 11, 2018

[raleighoaksrvresort.com/](http://raleighoaksrvresort.com/)

### **Thursday - Nov 8**

Welcome Dinner - **Raleigh Oaks Rv Resort White House**

Bring set ups (Plate, Bowl, Eating Utensils & Cup)

### **Friday - Nov 9**

Breakfast on your own

Morning Tour - Raleigh NC **Little Known Historical Sites**

This will be a caravan tour, we are seeking volunteers who have a CB and are willing to transport passengers. Please email [goodfoodlady@gmail.com](mailto:goodfoodlady@gmail.com) if you are willing and able.

Lunch - **Farmers' Market Restaurant** 1240 Farmers' Market Dr. Ral, NC

Afternoon Event - **Annual Farmers' Market Crafts Fair** NC Farmers' Market

Social Hour (site #201) - Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share.

Potluck Supper (Rally Room) - Bring a dish for yourself + 1 (don't forget your set ups).

Movie Night (Rally Room) - Popcorn, Candy and Drinks (or bring your own) will be provided

Fire (Site #201) - Bring a blanket (I prefer a sleeping bag) if it is cold and a chair.

### **Saturday**

Breakfast (possibly sponsored) or on your own

Morning Event **NC Piedmont World Games Tournament (Pass the Pig, Billiards, Pickle Board, Putt Putt, Ping Pong)**

Win prizes! Teams will be assigned and you must sign up for this event.

Lunch On Your Own

Social Hour - Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share.

Installation Dinner - **Gregory's Vineyard/Lane's Steak House and Seafood** (see here for menu <http://www.gregoryvineyards.com/menu/lanes-seafood-steakhouse/>)

Fire - Site #201 (Don't forget possible cold weather)

### **Sunday**

Breakfast & Prayer for the Road



**October Birthdays**

Ned Albee  
Bill Barefoot  
Marge Bennett  
Pat Paschall  
Shirley Perryman  
Alissa Rdzewski  
John Strickler  
Tom Wren

**Anniversaries**

Bennett  
Ferrell-Dressler  
Mauger  
Stewart



Airstream and Cadillac, See, I do own one..... 1967

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<b>2018 Rally Sites:</b>	
<b>Jan 8-12</b>	<b>Midwinter IBT</b> , Sarasota County Fairgrounds 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota FL <a href="mailto:region3registrar@gmail.com">region3registrar@gmail.com</a> (for reservation and registration)
<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>Luncheon/Tour</b> , NC Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh Hosts: Lance & Shirley Perryman 970-420-0063 (registration)
<b>Mar 15-18</b>	<b>Maintenance Rally</b> , Lumberton/I-95 KOA, 465 Kenric Dr., Lumberton NC 800-562-0845 (reservation) Hosts: Bill & Shelley Townsend 910-734-5940 (registration) Townsend email: <a href="mailto:wctownsend48@gmail.com">wctownsend48@gmail.com</a>
<b>Apr 25-29</b>	<b>Region 3 Rally</b> , Ocean Lakes Family CG 6001 S. Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach SC 877-510-1413 (reservations) <a href="mailto:region3registrar@gmail.com">region3registrar@gmail.com</a> (registration only)
<b>May 10-13</b>	<b>Rally</b> Twin Lakes RV & Camping Resort 1618 Memory Lane, Chocowinity, NC 27817 Reservations 1-877-570-2267 Hosts: Dick & Becky Martin 919-637-6883 (registration only) Martin email: <a href="mailto:beckywmartin@earthlink.net">beckywmartin@earthlink.net</a>
<b>Jun 7-10</b>	<b>June Rally</b> Charlotte/Ft. Mill KOA 940 Gold Hill Rd., Ft. Mill, SC 888-562-4430 (reservations) Hosts: Chris & Shirley Brown 704-526-6348 (registration only) Brown email: <a href="mailto:chris@affordablesweep.com">chris@affordablesweep.com</a>
<b>Jun 23-30</b>	<b>61st WBCCI International Rally, Salem OR</b>
<b>Jul 12-15</b>	<b>Buddy Rally</b> at Mayberry Campground, 114 Bunker Rd., Mt. Airy NC 336-789-6199 (reservations) Hosts: Paschalls (919-614-7415) and Bizon/Broom (704-502-3399) <a href="mailto:afo6@att.net">afo6@att.net</a> or <a href="mailto:gailebroom@aol.com">gailebroom@aol.com</a> (registration only)
<b>Aug 5-12</b>	<b>Galax Old Fiddler's Convention Region 3 Rally</b> Cool Breeze CG, 2330 Edmonds Rd, Galax, VA 866-342-0300 Hosts: Bernie and Ann Lackmann 919-740-1711 (information)
<b>Sep 13-16</b>	<b>Rally</b> at Mayo Lake 336-597-7806 (reservations) 1013 Neal's Store Rd., Roxboro NC Hosts: John & Nancy Becker 336-322-0109 (registration only) <a href="mailto:nsbecker@me.com">nsbecker@me.com</a>
<b>Oct 18-21</b>	<b>Carolina Balloon Festival Rally</b> Irdell County Fairgrounds, 630 Mains St. Troutman, NC Reserve by mailing \$30 check by Jul 18 to Jim Head, Mgr, Iredell County Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 1434, Stateville, NC 28687, note Piedmont NC Unit on check Hosts: Bud and Donna Moore (336)-707-3740 (registration/Information) Moore email: <a href="mailto:dmoore6326@gmail.com">dmoore6326@gmail.com</a>
<b>Nov 8-11</b>	<b>Installation Rally</b> , Raleigh Oaks Resort & CG 527 US Hwy 701 S, Four Oaks NC 919-934-3181 (reservations) Hosts: Todd & Debbie Stroud 919-963-6953 (registration only) <a href="mailto:goodfoodlady@gmail.com">goodfoodlady@gmail.com</a>