



## January 2019 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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Presidents Corner:

Welcome to 2019 Everyone!!

Wow, seems like we were just starting into 2018 and poof, a year has flown by. And here we are in 2019 getting closer to the start of camping season.

This is my first go at an article for the Piedmont Club Newsletter, so hold on. Becky and I have been members since July 2013, although, our first year we did not have our Airstream 345 running, so only attended a few rallyes. (For club members who are in the same situation, we do encourage you to come and participate in our events.) We live outside Raleigh near Wake Forest, and have become more involved over the last few years. I do most of the work on our Airstream myself, and enjoy talking with our other members about best ways to solve common maintenance and upgrade issues. We have a number of members who have restored many Airstreams and other campers. They are a huge resource to the club members who are stuck on a repair/restoration problem.

We now have seven grandchildren with the birth of our twins in August 2018. One of the reasons we got into Airstreaming was to bring our grand kids out into nature and to get them away from all the electronic widgets. So, from time to time, we have and will continue to bring a couple of grandkids along for a weekend rally. We believe that that is how we will build the next few generations of Airstreamers. So, we encourage you to consider bringing a grand child along on a club rally.

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One of my goals for 2019 is to get every member to join in on a least one camping event. I know we have lots of folks that are very busy with their every day lives. For me, getting out on a camping event is a great way to slow down, spend time getting to know our wide variety of very interesting members, and to visit some less traveled, but very unique areas of North Carolina. This year we have a variety of camping opportunities at Lumberton, Four Oaks, Marion, Lake Mayo, Doswell, VA, Galax, VA, Statesville, and a couple of more locations to be determined. Along those lines, if you would like to co-host a rally, please give me a call/email. 919-349-1122 or [dickbmartin@gmail.com](mailto:dickbmartin@gmail.com).

Secondly, to those members who have not yet retired, we really want you to come and join us at our rallies. We understand that vacation days are limited, and please know that we encourage you to come and join us on Friday pm for the weekend events. We always have great activities on Saturday, and many times a joint meal on Saturday evening and a great camp fire. We encourage you to come join us for a lot of fun and fellowship.

Our first event this year is coming up Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, although we are not camping yet. We are meeting at Capital City Customs, 7801 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 at 10:00 am for a tour of their premier facility for remanufacturing/restoring/customizing Airstreams as well as other brands of luxury RV's. We are planning a joint lunch and going to Our Body: The Universe Within Exhibit. If you plan to attend this event, please email Donna at [dmoore6326@gmail.com](mailto:dmoore6326@gmail.com) or call 336-707-3740 by Thursday, January 31, 2019. We look forward to seeing you.

Also, we have a very special event coming up in July in Doswell, VA (just north of Richmond, VA). The WBCCI International is July 20-27 at Meadow Event Park (home of Secretariat). There are currently 660 Airstreams registered!! There is stillroom, so if you can make it, it will be a great event. Here is the link for registration: <https://wbcci.org/home/caravans/rallies/international-rally/2019-doswell-va/doswell-registration> This is the last International Rally on the east coast for a while, so if you want to go to an International, this is about a close as it will ever be. If you are planning to attend, and would like to caravan up to Doswell, please let us know.

One last thing to consider ó **“Have I paid my dues for 2019?”** If you have already renewed your membership, thank you. If not, the preferable way to pay is via the WBCCI website: [www.wbcci.org](http://www.wbcci.org). Click on the “Renew Online Today” button. This link will go directly to the renewal form. Or you can send your renewal (\$80, \$65 for National and \$15 for Piedmont Club) to our Treasurer, Steadman Brown at 5204 Fielding Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Let's have a great 2019 camping season together!

Respectfully,

Dick Martin, President

Piedmont Unit #161, WBCCI



**Birthdays**

December

Margaret Banke\_Hamernick  
Nancy Becker  
Ralph Meeks  
Dick Statham  
Susan Strong

January

Debbie Galloway  
Jamie King  
Susan Leake  
Sue Luke  
Ruth Meeks  
Susan Merchant  
Jerry Shelton  
Wardene Statham  
Todd Stroud  
Dean Woods



**Anniversaries**

December

Galloway  
Guy  
Meeks  
Stricks/Reece-Glore  
Shelton

January

Stroud 27th

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR January 2019**

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

David and Michi Johnson, Pittsboro, NC -Transfer  
David and Michi's email: dcjsmi@embarqmail.com  
Bill and Claudia Gregory have transferred to the Carolina Unit.

I will be contacting all 27 of our 2018 members who have not paid their 2019 dues and encourage them to renew their national and unit membership dues so they do not miss out on any upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and rallies in 2019.. As of this report, we have 60 members to renew for 2019. If you have not renewed you WBCCI and Piedmont Unit #161 membership for 2019, please do so. (November 30 was the deadline for your information to appear in the membership directory.) If you need to renew online go to <http://wbcci.org/renew> and charge your dues to your credit card. WBCCI dues are \$65 and Piedmont Unit #161 are \$15. You may also complete a hard copy of the membership form and mail the form along with your check to our Unit Treasurer, Stedman Brown, 5204 Fielding Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

Our current membership is 82 regular members and 5 affiliate members per the 2018 roster. This will be updated once 2019 renewals are completed.

Becky Martin, Membership Chairperson

## CARAVAN OPPORTUNITY

Openings are available in a national caravan that is in our area - the American Revolutionary War - Southern Campaign. See the WBCCI website or contact the caravan leaders (Beth and Ed Jones). This is a great opportunity if you have not been on a caravan to join one that is close to home with outstanding leaders.

John Becker

Region 3 Caravan Chairman

### **From the Regional Caravan Chairman**

Greetings! I have been asked by some members if there are caravans or groups traveling to Doswell, VA for the 2019 International Rally. I reached out to the local club Presidents and there are some in the planning stage. Watch this space as they will let me know if they have room for people to join. While it may be more relevant in 2020 when the International Rally is in Colorado (due to the distance to the location from Region 3) I still want to ensure members are aware of opportunities in 2019.

We continue to be asked about shorter caravans, especially by members who are working and could participate in a caravan for nine or so days (two weekends and the intervening week). If you are interested in creating one please let me or Jay Thompson (National Caravan Chairman) know. The training for leaders has been totally revised and there are many downloadable tools to help plan and manage a caravan.

On a personal note, Margaret Van de Ree of the Carolinas Unit along with my wife Nancy and I of the Piedmont Unit are leading a national caravan - Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond - in the Fall of 2019. We have space available! The detailed description is on the WBCCI website at <https://wbccicaravan.wbcci.net/future-caravans-2019/> and we would love to have you join us! If you are new to the Club and Region 3 and looking for an opportunity to go on a national caravan please take a look. It is medium length and starts and ends in Kentucky so it is not too far away.

Finally, my wife and I will be hosting a "Caravanning Round Table" at the Region 3 Rally in April and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

John Becker

Region 3 Caravan Chairman

## Register Now for the 2019 Region 3 Rally

There are three ways to pre-register. PICK ONE!

- Online fill out the 2019 R3 Rally Registration form on the R3 website [region3.wbcci.net](http://region3.wbcci.net) and pay the rally fee when you arrive. Or,
- Download, print, and mail the registration form (click the button below) with your rally fee check, payable to WBCCI Region 3, to Alicia Rafter, R3 Registrar, 1864 Indian Rd W, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 to arrive by April 10. Or,
- Fill out the coupon in the Blue Beret and send with your rally fee check, payable to WBCCI Region 3, to Alicia Rafter, R3 Registrar, 1864 Indian Rd W, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 to arrive by April 10.

Pre-register in order to receive all the informational emails concerning the rally, including detailed directions, activities, and schedules. Pre-registering also helps ensure enough tables, chairs, food.

Everyone will pay their camping fees directly to the campground after arrival and before coming to the rally registration table. You may register in the campground office between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Bring your campground receipt with you to the rally registration table.

Please do NOT call the campground to reserve a site. The entire rally park is ours. There are 280 sites with full hook-ups and 100 with water and electric. Choose your site when you arrive. They are all the same. The campground fee is \$32 per night.

[Click Here for Rally Reistration Form](#)

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<b>2019 Rally Sites:</b>	
<b>Jan 21-25</b>	<b>Midwinter IBT, Hosts WBAC Region 6,</b> Baldwin County Coliseum and Arena, Robertson, Al. <a href="mailto:2019midwinteribt@gmail.com">2019midwinteribt@gmail.com</a>
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Luncheon/Tour,</b> Hosts Bud and Donna Moore, Capital City Customs, 7801 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603 phone: 919-772-3005
<b>Mar 14-17</b>	<b>Piedmont Maintenance Rally,</b> Hosts: Bill & Shelley Townsend, Lumberton/I-95 KOA, 465 Kenric Dr., Lumberton NC 800-562-0845 (reservations)
<b>Apr 25-29</b>	<b>Region 3 Rally,</b> WBAC Region 3, Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 US Hwy 70W, Marion, NC, Go to WBCCI Region 3 website for reservation info.
<b>May 16-19</b>	<b>Joint Rally with Carolinas Unit Hosts John and Nancy Becker, Margaret Van de Ree,</b> Raleighs Oaks Rv Resort, 527 US Hwy 701 South, Four Oaks, NC 27574, Ph: 919-934-3181, Reservations cutoff April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 Mention Piedmont Club
<b>Jun 7-10</b>	<b>June Rally,</b> Hosts Dick and Becky Martin , John and Dee Lloyd, Mayo Lake Park, 1013 Neal's Store Rd., Roxboro NC, Reservations, 336-322-0109, mention Piedmont Club
<b>July 20-27</b>	<b>WBCCI Internaional Rally,</b> Meadow Event Park, 13111 Dawn Boulevard, Dosewell, VA 23047, <a href="https://dosewell.wbcci.net/registration-details/">https://dosewell.wbcci.net/registration-details/</a>
<b>Aug 5-11</b>	<b>Galax Old Fiddler's Convention, Host Region 3,</b> Cool Breeze CG, 2330 Edmonds Rd, Galax, VA 866-342-0300, <a href="mailto:robert@coolbreezecampground.com">robert@coolbreezecampground.com</a> , phone 276-236-0300
<b>Sep 12-15</b>	<b>Fall Piedmont, Rally</b> Hosts Todd and Debbie Stroud TBD
<b>Oct 18-21</b>	<b>Alumilina Rally ,</b> Host Lohn Leake, Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 US Hwy 70W, Marion, NC, Contact John Leake at <a href="mailto:john@leakesantiques.com">john@leakesantiques.com</a> for Rally info.
<b>Nov 1-3</b>	<b>Installation Rally,</b> TBD