



March 2019 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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Presidents Corner:

Greetings Piedmont Airstreamers,

First, thank you to Bill and Shelly Townsend for a wonderful rally in Lumberton on March 14-17.

Weather was good most of the time and we really enjoyed Bob Bennett's maintenance review.

Looking forward, we have the Region 3 Rally coming up in Marion at the Tom Johnson Camping Center, April 24-28. There is plenty of room, over 300 spots, so come up to join us. Bill Townsend is heading up a little early, and will try to reserve spots for our club to park together. So far, I have the following attending:

Townsend
Beckers
Bennetts
Lloyds
Penningtons
Hamerick
Hvizdaks
Mounts
Scotts
Rydzewskis
Scudders
Martins

Please let Bill Townsend or me know if you are planning to attend and you are not on the above list.

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We are planning a Happy Hour at our trailer at 4:00 pm on Wednesday pm, so plan to bring an appetizer to share, chairs, and your favorite beverage. I will send out an email to all attending once we get a site.

Randy Godfrey just sent out this link: <https://mailchi.mp/e930700fb720/a-quick-look-at-the-schedule?e=36f3a07451> to view the developing agenda for the Rally. It is a great time to get to know other Airstreamers from our Region 3.

Our May Rally is a joint Rally with the Carolina Unit in Four Oaks, NC May 16-19. John and Nancy Beck with Margaret Van dee Ree are planning a fun weekend including a visit to the famous Whirly-Gig Park in Wilson. Remember to call Ph: 919-934-3181 before the April 15 Reservations Cutoff date, and mention Piedmont Airstream Club.

June Rally is at Mayo Lake Park near Roxboro. Giveö Streetö a call at 336-597-7806 to make a reservation and tell him you are with the Piedmont Airstream Club. We are finalizing some really fun and educational activities.

July is the International Convention in Doswell, VA. We are planning to caravan up midweek, around July 17. Will provide more details as we get more information. If you are planning to caravan with us, please let me know if you have not already done so.

Updated 2019Rally schedule is attached.

Dick Martin
President, Piedmont Unit, WBCCI

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR MARCH 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.

Vic Cocowitch and Dawn Erikson, Chapel Hill,NC We enjoyed meeting them at the March Rally and helped them learn all about their new Airstream. We look forward to seeing them in the future.

One Transfer of John and Rebecca Walsh, Weddington, NC ó to the Carolinas Unit.

As of this report, we have 69 members to renew for 2019. We still have 20 members that have not renewed. 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 2019 membership is 70 who have renewed including 5 affiliate members. We still have 20 members on the roster yet to renew for 2019. I will contact them to see if they want to renew soon and join us at our next Rally.

Becky Martin, Membership Chairperson

Tentative Region 3 Rally Schedule.

WEDNESDAY is arrival day. We have the entire Park reserved, nearly 300 sites with 20, 30, and 50-amp, water, and sewer. Plus, another 100 with power and water. No need for a site reservation. All sites are the same, park anywhere you like, we will have help available to assist. We also have designated Handicap Parking near the Pavilion and bathhouse. Registration times will be posted. Come meet and greet the neighbors and your Region 3 team at the opening reception, followed by the opening ceremonies.

THURSDAY we offer a continental breakfast, more registration times, and a free day. Get out and about, explore the area, have lunch with your friends, drive up to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Mt Mitchell, visit Asheville and the Biltmore House, enjoy downtown Marion, then return for a group social.

FRIDAY begins with continental breakfast. Grab a cup of coffee or juice, a doughnut, and join us for a seminar, all under the Pavilion. More registration times available. Enjoy another free afternoon, then join us for a group social, dinner on us, entertainment, and announcements.

SATURDAY begins with breakfast on us. We don't want you to go hungry so that you will be full and comfortable and will join us for our annual Region Board Meeting. It will not be a long meeting, please attend, it is for you. Lunch will be on your own, but don't tarry too long, we have a splendid Crafts Fair/Flea Market/Swap-n-Shop planned for Saturday afternoon, under the Pavilion. Then another group social, followed by a fabulous fish fry. The day wraps up with entertainment and announcements.

SUNDAY we gather for our final continental breakfast, have a short devotional with a prayer for the road and say goodbye.

MARCH 2019 RALLY

The March Rally hosted by Bill and Shelley Townsend was held at the Lumberton KOA March 14-17, 2019.

Attendees were The Deckers, Bennetts, Martins, Townsends, Hamernicks, Hvizdaks, Lloyds, Penningtons, Sheltons, and Morgans. Potential new members, Vic and Dawn Cocowitch, also joined us for the rally.

The rally started off with the traditional Happy Hour on Thursday followed by a meal provided by the Hosts. Everyone enjoyed renewing friendships and catching up on recent adventures.

Friday morning, everyone departed for a local plant tour (Titan Flow Control, Inc). Titan was formed by several executives of another company who were the victims of a merger. The owners are all local and have found a niche market in the industrial valve and strainer market. They currently have three facilities in Lumberton and a backlog of orders. A couple of the ladies almost decided to pass on the trip, but both admitted that they were very glad they didn't. Bill had asked Nancy Becker to provide a simplified Unit Logo for Titan to look at. Toward the end of the tour, we got to see their CNC Water Jet Cutter in operation and everyone was treated to their own souvenir. Bill and Shelley mounted theirs at the top of their entrance door.



Friday afternoon consisted of seminars and discussions led by Bob Bennett. Happy hour followed at the usual time. Dinner was held at a local BBQ and seafood restaurant where no one went away hungry.

Saturday morning, we all drove over to Fayetteville to visit the U.S. Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum.

On our return to the campground we were met by Gary and Linda Coyle who came from SC to spend the afternoon. Gary brought along his tools and treated everyone to a lesson in maintaining our trailer hitches complete with on site adjustments where requested.

Supper was a Low Country Shrimp Boil prepared on site by a local caterer.

The rally officially ended Sunday morning after a continental breakfast served by the hosts.



March

Birthdays

John Becker
Ann Lackman
Gary Mauger
Bruce Radford
Marge Schradie
Leland Tucker

Anniversaries

Bizon-Broom
Edwards
Morgan
Newton
Rydzewski
Statham



Region 3 Rally Registrar's Report

Pre-Registration for the Region 3 Rally as of March 14, 2019, by Units:

- 012 Southeastern Camping Unit - 17
- 021 Carolinas Airstream Club - 14
- 022 Palmetto State Airstream Club - 11
- 027 Florida Airstream Club - 13
- 030 South Florida Airstream Club - 4
- 032 Georgia Unit - 10
- 037 Coastal Georgia Airstream Club - 1
- 109 Virginia Unit - 1
- 110 Northern Virginia Airstream Club - 6
- 111 Tidewater Virginia Airstream Club - 3
- 129 Suncoast Airstream Unit - 1
- 149 Shenandoah Valley of Virginia Unit - 4
- 150 South Carolina Coastal Airstream Club - 10
- 153 Big Bend Florida Airstream Club - 2
- 161 Piedmont North Carolina Unit - 12
- 162 Florida Treasure Coast Airstream Club - 10
- 169 Western North Carolina Unit - 2
- Attending from other Regions - 5
- Members at Large - 4
- Non-WBCCI (prospective members) - 2

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