



May 2019 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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Presidents Corner:

Dear Piedmont Airstreamers,

Summer is really here!! Wow, the last week has been really hot and not any rain.

We had a great rally at Raleigh Oaks with the Carolinas Unit. Many thanks to John and Nancy Becker, Todd and Debbie Stroud for a wonderful rally. We had a great time getting to now the members of the Carolinas club, and were honored to have John and Susan Leak join us. John is the current Region 3 President.

The June rally at Mayo Lake Park is from June 13-16. We still have space available at the park as they added more sites during this past year. There are also cabins available for rent in the park. For reservations, call Streetö at 336-597-7806 and tell him you are with the Piedmont Airstream group. For more details on Mayo Lake Park, see the Park website at:

<http://www.personcounty.net/departments-services/departments-i-z/parks-recrea'on/mayo-park-and-lake>.

The sites have electric and water, and there is an RV dump at the park. We have Shelter 6 for the duration of the rally. We have some really fun activities available, including a visit to Sunset Ridge Buffalo farm.

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Also, there are a number of local attractions to explore including the Person County Museum, Southern Treasures Consignments and Antiques, Black Creek Brewery, Rock of Ages Winery, and many others. We are planning a great steak dinner on Saturday evening at the Old Country Club Steak House.

We are planning to tour the Buffalo Farm on Friday morning at 10:00 and then after our tour, we will have lunch in the Gazebo on their lake. If you would like to try ¼ lb. buffalo burgers that we will grill on site, please let us know by June 7th if you don't wish to try burgers, please plan to bring your own meat for us to grill. We will provide salad, buns, condiments, baked beans, cookies and iced tea. Thanks to everyone who has given us their buffalo burger orders. If you have not, please let us know by Sunday, June 9th

Don't forget that our July event is the International Rally in Doswell, VA. We have 14 members signed up to park together at Doswell. We are going to meet at the abandoned truck stop on the east side of I-95 at Exit 98 at 1:00 pm on July 17. We are scheduled to arrive at the staging area at 2:00 pm that day.

For more details on the International Rally, please see the last Blue Beret Magazine.

Our August Rally is the Old Time Fiddlers' convention in Galax, VA. We are camping at Cool Breeze Campground. They usually fill up quickly; so if you are planning to join us, please call Robert right away to see if there is space available. His number is: (276) 236-0300.

Our September Rally will be held at Holly Point campground at Falls Lake, just north of Raleigh. Todd and Debbie Stroud are planning a great time, so mark September 12-15 on your calendars.

More info to come next month.

Happy Camping,
Dick Martin, President
Piedmont Unit, #161

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR MAY 2019

Please welcome new members to the Piedmont Unit. Jim and Cheryl Humphries of Greensboro, NC have joined our club as of April 15. You can reach out to them at jim3302@gmail.com or 336-215-1248 and invite them to come meet us at our next rally in a few weeks.

We are happy to have them as new members and look forward to seeing them at many rallies and events.

One Transfer of Dennis and Barbara Hackett of Greensboro, NC to the Carolinas Unit

As of this report, we have 72 members to renew for 2019.

If you have not renewed your 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 dues 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 72 who have renewed and 5 affiliate members. I am contacting non-renewal members to see if they want to renew and join us at our next Rally

Becky Martin, Membership Chairperson

It's camping season and I'm going to need your help. The major task for the Vice President is to line up Unit Rallies. John Leak put it out there at our Raleigh Oaks Rally, "Get involved", he said. Here's my invitation to you to get involved.

As you travel around this summer are you finding camping spots you would like to share with the rest of the Unit? Have you stumbled across a little town festival, music event or something just plain interesting? It's a good chance the rest of the Unit might enjoy camping there. Maybe it's a place we haven't camped in a long time. Is it time to go back?

I'll be reaching out to the club asking for members to host a rally. The best thing about hosting a rally? You don't have to do it alone. Two kinda interested people can be put together to make one whole dedicated team.

So be on the look out for your special place to invite your friends to see. And be thinking about how you'll get involved with your Airstream buddies.

Mike Bizon, Unit Vice President

JOINT RALLY WITH CAROLINAS AIRSTREAM CLUB

May 16-19, 2019

14 Rigs from the Carolinas Airstream Club joined 17 from the Piedmont NC Airstream Club for a joint rally in Four Oaks, NC. In addition, we were joined by Region 3 President John Leake and his wife Susan.

Attendees from Piedmont included Dave and Debbie Stubbs, Bud and Donna Moore, Stedman Brown and Tami Lowe, Bill and Shelley Townsend, Dick and Becky Martin, Billie and Jerry Shelton, Alan and Jane Hvizdak, John and Donna Pennington, Bill and Diane Byrum, Marge and Bob Bennett, Nancy and John Becker, Thelda and John Guy, Karen and Carl Newton, Debbie and Todd Stroud.

After a social hour, the Thursday arrival dinner was prepared by Raleigh Oaks Campground and featured hamburgers, cowboy beans, and chips. The evening finished with a campfire.

Friday morning featured a miniature golf tournament, with foursomes created by members of both clubs. Two performances were of particular note - both Billie Shelton and Tami Lowe tore up the course, with the best score in their respective foursomes. Both had two hole in ones.

Friday lunch and afternoon were free time to explore the local area or enjoy the campground facilities. Given the high temperatures, one of the two pools was a popular choice. After a social hour in the event center due to the heat, we went to Holt Lake BBQ and Seafood for a tasty meal. The evening finished with another campfire.

On Saturday, we began with a trip to Wilson, NC to visit the Whirlygig Park. These moving sculptures have been relocated from a farm to a new park near the center of town. There is a web cam so you can view them when there is more breeze. There was also a small farmer's market so we could stock up on vegetables and strawberries. Lunch was on our own in downtown Wilson and many of us were seen at the pool in the afternoon. After a social hour we had a potluck dinner, followed by the movie "Walk in the Woods". The movie featured Robert Redford and Nick Nolte and we had plenty of popcorn as well as ice cream sundaes at intermission.

On Sunday breakfast included fruit and sandwiches as well as coffee and best wishes for a safe trip home.

This was a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. We especially want to thank:

- John Leake and Susan for attending, and John for giving us an update on the overall club and Region 3
- Margaret van de Ree for assistance in planning the Rally
- Jill, Phil, and Jesse Wilson for co-hosting
- Debbie and Todd Stroud for assisting with the Restaurant and movie

Nancy and John Becker

Evelyn R. Campbell, 95, of Brookings, SD, passed away Friday, March 22, 2019, at United Living Community, in Brookings. Services will be held at a later date. Rudeø Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Evelyn R. Griffith was born on December 9, 1923, the daughter of John and Edna Griffith, in Grove City, PA. She grew up in Grove City and was a graduate of Grove City High School. She studied nursing at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She was united in marriage to James Reed Campbell on December 29, 1945, in Grove City. She spent her entire career in nursing until her retirement in 1988. In retirement, **Evelyn and Reed traveled the country in their Airstream trailer.**

Evelyn enjoyed gardening, sewing pajamas for her grandchildren, baking and spending time volunteering.

She is survived by her two children, Alice Harrison (Steve Loan) of Ramona, SD and Jeff (Ellen) Campbell, of Green River, WY; two grandchildren, Jennifer Pederson, of Volga, SD and Greg Harrison, of Stratford, NJ; two great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, one sister and one brother.

Memorials may be directed to United Living Community (105 1st Avenue, Brookings, SD 57006) in her honor.

<https://www.rudesfuneralhome.com/obituary/evelyn-campbell>

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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, Raleigh 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 13-16	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 24-27	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