



June 2019 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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June 30, 2019

Dear Piedmont Airstreamers,

Summer is really here!!

We had a great rally at Mayo Lake Park earlier this month. See the write up below.

The next big event is the 62nd Airstream International Rally in Doswell, VA. To see the event details, go to <https://doswell.wbcci.net/rally-dates-and-information/> for tons of great information about the rally.

We are planning to have Hospitality Time each afternoon starting on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. We are going to be visiting our daughter and grand kids on July 18-19. I am checking with other members to see if they want host on Thursday and Friday evening. We will be back on Saturday am, and begin hosting the happy hour at 4:00 to 4:30 pm.

The Rally Welcome Dinner starts at 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

Beginning on Sunday, July we will host happy hour at 4:30 pm at our trailer, # 2753. Bring your chairs, favorite beverage, and an appetizer.

On Monday, July 22, 2019, we will have our Happy Hour at 4:00 -5:00 pm and have a potluck Piedmont Club Potluck dinner from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at our trailer, #2753. Bring your chairs, favorite beverage, and a dish to share.

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There will be evening entertainment every day, with a wide variety of talent.

If you have not, download the app "Grupio" from apple or android store, and search for "wbccio" and you can then customize your calendar with events that you want to attend.

We are looking forward to a great Rally in Doswell.

Future Rallies:

August 4-10, 2019

Old Fiddlers Convention Rally.
Cool Breeze RV Park, Galax, VA

September 12-15, 2019

Camp Like When You Were a Kid Rally
Falls Lake Holly Point Campground Loop #3
For Reservations go to: <https://www.ncparks.gov/falls-lake-state-recreation-area>
Sites 096-102 and 104-107 were open, our group will be on Loop #3.
More details coming in July.

October 24-27, 2019

Alumalina
Tom Johnson Camping Center in Marion, NC.
Go to Air Forums website or email John Leake at john@leakesantiques.com for rally info.

October 31- November 3, 2019

Piedmont Club Installation Rally
Location TBD

Hope you all have a great summer. Looking forward to seeing you at the next rallies.

Dick Martin

President, Piedmont Unit #161

June Rally at Mayo Lake Park

We had a great time at Mayo Lake Park near Roxboro, NC from June 13-16. We had fourteen units join us, including Julia and Russ Harper from Richmond, (at large members) VA and David and Michi Johnson (new Piedmont member) from Pittsboro. We had a lot of great conversation getting to know them both.

Thanks to Dee and John Lloyd for co-hosting with us, we had a wonderful time together.

We enjoyed a fun arrival dinner on Thursday evening featuring tacos in a bag, watermelon, birthday cupcakes (Happy Birthday Debbie Stroud).

On Friday am we carpoled to the Sunset Ridge Buffalo Farm southwest of Roxboro. We toured the fields with owner Jack Pleasant. Jack was a wealth of knowledge about buffalo/bison behavior and habits. There were a number of new calves in the herd.



We all enjoyed buffalo burgers, baked beans, chips, watermelon, and cookies at the gazebo on the 4-acre pond on the farm. Delicious!!!

In the afternoon, John and Nancy Becker graciously brought their pontoon boat over to the park for an afternoon lake excursion. Thanks very much to John and Nancy.

Saturday was an open day to explore the many fun things in and around Roxboro, and spend time on or near the beautiful clear water of Lake Mayo.

Saturday dinner was at the Old Country Club Restaurant in Roxboro. We feasted on steak and a fantastic salad bar.

We enjoyed campfires each evening. The weather was just right for a little warmth after the sun went down.

Sunday, we all rose to a continental breakfast of coffee, juice, melon, pastries, and yogurt. After a prayer for safe travel, we all departed for home.

Dick & Becky Martin

WBCCI #2753

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR JUNE 2019

Please welcome new members to the Piedmont Unit. Heather Bristol of Morrisville , NC You can reach out to her at heather.bristol@yahoo.com or call her at 352-262-1101, she joined 6/10/19. William and Linda Wilson of Liberty, NC at w.m.wilson@att.net also joined. Please reach out 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.

As of this report, we have 75 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 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 75 who have renewed and 5 affiliate members.

Becky Martin, Membership Chairperson

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Please plan to join us for our Region 3 Luncheon in Doswell; Tuesday, July 23, 2019; 12:00 p.m; in the Meadow Pavilion. We will be serving up fresh, locally prepared bar-b-cue, along with coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, water, and the best conversation and fellowship to be found anywhere.

[The meal is on us! No sign ups, no setups, just show up and enjoy.](#)

Hosted by your Region 3 officers: John, Randy, and Bill, along with our wives Susan, Pat, and Barbara.

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Why We Joined?

By Mike Bizon, Unit VP

I have been asked, "Why did you join the Piedmont Unit?" It was because of one simple thing. Gaile and I had a heart to heart discussion on the way back from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, FL. I had just had a device placed in my heart to block two holes that had been there since birth. They took a while to make themselves known. I didn't need a stroke to let me know, but that was the method they chose to get my attention.

So a stroke and heart surgery got us to talk about all the things we said we wanted to do when we retired. We'd already been retired for a couple of years. So as we cruised up 95, she said, we should buy a motor home. I told the only thing I would consider is an Airstream.

That began the search for our Airstream.

I got some excellent advice from a neighbor. He suggested I reach out to the local Airstream units and see if there were any rigs for sale.

I searched the web and sent emails to the executives listed for every Airstream unit listed in NC, SC, and VA. I introduced myself and asked my question. "Know anyone selling a rig?"

There was only one response. It was from our unit.

There was an invitation to a rally to talk to owners. There was a link to the Blue Beret for sale page. I was already creeping the Airstream Forum and classified, but that was also shared as a resource.

That quick response and reaching out convinced me that these could be my people. That was the one thing that convinced me to join the WBCCI and the Piedmont unit.

There is an Airstream parked where I store my rig. I've given him our information. I drive past a couple of Airstreams with no big red numbers parked in storage areas and want to go and invite them. I'm always ready with the information about our unit to share with all.

This unit is a great one. I invite you to share your story of why you're in the Piedmont Unit.

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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 Internatinal 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