



## July 2019 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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### July 2019 Presidents Report

Hello All,

We had a tremendously warm start to the 62<sup>nd</sup> WBCCI International Rally in Doswell, VA. We had 17 rigs representing the Piedmont Club. We all convened at the Doswell truck stop on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and caravanned to the Meadow Park staging area. We were all parked very near the main building by 2:30. We all had 30 amp power connections, and shared multiple water connections. The first four days were really HOT!! Our A/Cs worked and worked to try to cool the trailers. Then, on Monday, we got a cool front and had rain on Tuesday, and the temps dropped to the low 80s. The rest of the week was very comfortable.

I proudly carried our beautiful flag in the opening ceremonies. Region 3 was the largest group with over 400 people attending the rally. We had a variety of entertainment each evening, from a barbershop chorus from Richmond, to a family of young musicians, and the WBCCI band and chorus.

The seminars at the Rally were excellent this year. There were over 90 different seminars, including one by our own John Becker on online security. There were 20+ vendors for everything from solar panels to embroidered hats and shirts. All of the many caravan leaders had tables that described each caravan, and had sign up sheets for those interested in joining.

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But, the best part of the rally was seeing friends from all over the country and having nightly happy hours where our club members could relax and get better acquainted. We all went to the Hanover Tavern for our club social/dinner on Wed evening, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Nearly all of our members attended, and we ate some really good food and had wonderful fellowship.

The only challenge was early in the first few days when Jim Hamernick twisted his knee, and was in a lot of pain. He and Margaret decided to head back home for Jim to recuperate and get to see their doctors. I spoke with Margaret recently, and he is on the mend. They will find out more on the next steps this week so keep them in your prayers.

If you were not able to attend, please consider putting Loveland, CO on your calendar for next year, the dates are June 20-27. This will be the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Wally Byam Caravan Club and it will be held at the Ranch Events Complex, a 240 acre facility at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. You can find more info and registration details at: <https://loveland.airstreamclub.net/>

We have three more rallies scheduled for the rest of this year. Our September rally is the 12-15<sup>th</sup> at Holly Point campground at Falls Lake just north of Raleigh, NC. For reservations to to: <https://www.ncparks.gov/falls-lake-recreation-area>. Try to book on Loop #3. Debbie and Todd Stroud are planning a wonderful time, with the theme: Camp like you were a Kid!!

Our October Rally will be held in conjunction with the Alumalina Rally at Tom Johnson Campground in Marion, NC, October 24-27. There is a lot of space so you don't need a camping reservation, but let John Leake know if you are planning to attend, at [John@leakesantiques.com](mailto:John@leakesantiques.com) or on the Air Forums website. We will be holding a business meeting at the rally, and have our election of officers, so please plan to attend. One of the items on the agenda is to vote on changing our official name to Piedmont NC Airstream Club, updating our logo, and flag. I will be sending out more on the details of this soon. The national WBCCI has already done this and I think we are the last Region 3 club to make the change official.

Our Installation Rally will be the next weekend, October 31-Nov. 3 at the Cross Winds Family Campground in Linwood, NC. We have been to this location before, and they have a new section that we will all be in. Call (336) 853-4567 for Reservations, office is open from 10am-6 pm, web site is: [www.crosswindsfamilycampground.com](http://www.crosswindsfamilycampground.com). We have moved the date up to make sure our new president, Mike Bizon will be in NC before they head to FL for the winter. More details on the activities for this rally will be coming out in Sept.

To all of our members who have not had a chance to attend a club rally, please strongly consider joining us for one or more of these rallies. The fall is such a great time to camp, with the beautiful NC colors, and cool weather with great campfires in the evenings.

By the way Mike is looking for members to claim a rally weekend to host for 2020. So if you have a favorite campground that would accommodate 15-20 campers, please let him know at [mikebizon@me.com](mailto:mikebizon@me.com).

Respectfully,

Dick Martin

President Piedmont NC Airstream Club

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR JULY, 2019

Please welcome new members to the Piedmont Unit #161 who joined in July.

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Please reach out and invite them to come meet us at our next rally in a just 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 79 members thus far in 2019.

If you have not renewed you WBCCI and Piedmont Unit#161 membership for 2019, please do so. You can also start to send in your RENEWALS for 2020 (November 30 is the deadline for your information to appear in the membership directory.)

Please 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 79 who have renewed and 5 affiliate members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Martin, Membership Chairperson

**Oh my goodness, what a time you missed! The International Convention in Doswell, Va. was an excellent experience for us.**

**Seeing over seven hundred Airstreams is breathtaking.**





Hats off to the Army of volunteers it took to make it happen.

We learned, we asked Airstream executives though questions and enjoyed a few Happy Hours. Doswell was just a short trip.

Next year it's off to Colorado. You should consider going.

The Piedmont unit is going to coordinate travel with some other units in Region Three to caravan out and back.

If you are interested, just a little bit, right now, let me know. If any of you were a part of the caravan to Escanaba, that's what we have in mind.

We are breaking the planning and travel into smaller, manageable chunks than we all can enjoy.

Take a good look at your calendar and see if we can cross together! Contact:mikebizon@me.com

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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> Raleigh 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 13-16</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/resgistration-details/">https://dosewell.wbcci.net/resgistration-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,</b> Rally Hosts Todd and Debbie Stroud, Holly Point campground at Falls Lake.
<b>Oct 24-27</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.
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