



September 2019 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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September 2019 President's Report

Hello All:

I hope you have been camping or are planning some trips in the next couple of months before the winter arrives. We are about half way through the Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond caravan and having a great time. Just like in NC, the weather has been really hot, and the A/Cs are working hard. So far, we have been able to visit a number of distilleries and wineries, the Corvette Museum, explore various caves in the area, attend the Bardstown Bourbon Festival, have a tour, lunch and watch horse races at Churchill Downs, and take a ride on the Belle of Louisville river boat. We are looking forward to stops in Lexington, Berea, and Frankfort in the coming weeks. If you enjoy seeing a wide variety of distilleries, beautiful Kentucky countryside, and meeting some great people, consider signing up for the next Kentucky Bourbon and Beyond Caravan.

Debbie and Todd Stroud hosted a great "Camp like you are a Kid" rally September 12-15 at Holly Point Campground on Falls Lake, just north of Raleigh. The event was very well attended with over a dozen rigs and they welcomed new club members.

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Our next Unit camping event will be at Alumalina October 24-27 in Marion, NC. Here is the announcement from John Leake, organizer:

“Alumalina 2019

OCTOBER 24-27, 2019

Tom Johnson Camping World Rally Park, Marion N.C.

Welcome folks, to Alumalina 2019. As always, we will have 4 days of fabulous fun planned, including food, entertainment, seminars, open house, happy hours, craft fair, flea market, hiking, biking, paddling, and lots of paroozing.

Nearly 300 full hook up sites, another 100 water/electric, all on flat, level, thick grass in rally style parking. Bath house, huge pavilion, Catawba River, Blue Ridge Mountains/Parkway, and Mt Mitchell.

No need to call or reserve with the park, just sign on right here, I will be the keeper of the list. We have room for everyone.

Details are still in the works, so for now, just mark your calendar and plan to join us.

We have secured a camping rate of \$32/night, all sites. Our rally fee is yet to be determined but as always, will be a bargain. You may come early and stay late, same rate. No advance payment required, simply pay when you arrive.

If you are an Alumalina alumni or are new to the rally scene, rest assured, everyone is welcome, we are all family, and....You will have a great time.ö

You can let John know that you plan to attend by logging in on AirForums at:

<http://www.airforums.com/forums/f47/alumalina-2019-a-195376.html>

Or send John Leake an email at: john@leakesantiques.com

We will be holding a Piedmont Unit business meeting at the Rally. We will be voting on changing the name of our unit from Piedmont NC Unit to Piedmont NC Airstream Club. The national WBAC organization has made this change some time back, and all but our club in Region 3 have made the change. We will also be updating our logo, badges, and club flag. Please plan to attend as this will bring us into compliance with the national club.

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.crosswindfamilycampground.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. We are planning a Halloween party on Thursday evening, so bring your best costume, some candy to share and lets have some fun!!

If you have not been able to join us this year for a rally, this will be a great chance to get the camper out one last time. Weather should be a little cooler, and the leaves will be turning, so we look forward to seeing everyone. **Please drop Becky or me an email to let us know if you are planning to attend, as we can get the right amount of food.** dickbmartin@gmail.com or bwmartin51@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR September, 2019

Please welcome these new members who joined in September to Piedmont Unit #161.

Carl and Caryl Voorhees 410 Lord Chase Dr. Southport NC 28461 email is carlv50@gmail.com 732-500-5336 and Caryl email is caryljv@gmail.com cell is 732-500-5336

Deb and Don McClain 810 West End Boulevard Winston Salem, NC 27101 Don email is emccclaim@wakehealth.edu, 801-550-2905 and Deb email is debburcombe@gmail.com, 801-647-7605

New Affiliate members:

John and Victoria Magnacca, mailing address is 921 Northbrook Dr Raleigh, NC 27609 and home address is 761 Bishops Park Dr. # 204 Raleigh, NC 27605. John's email is jrmagna44@gmail.com, 561-302-2436 and Victoria's email is airstream5591@gmail.com, 561-445-0933

Please 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.

If you have not renewed your 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 the new website at airstreamclub.org to 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 85 with 6 affiliate members.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Martin, Membership Chairperson

Mike's Rally Review:

OK I'll own up to it. I didn't get my AmEx card back from our visit to the Tapas Bar on our last rally.

Kudos to Debbie and Todd for setting up a fun and relaxing rally. They included a visit to a Tapas Bar and that was an experience. A correction needed to be made on the pronunciation of "Tapas" (/ tap s/ defined as small Spanish savory dishes, typically served with drinks at a bar. Not / täpl s/ defined as of a place such as a bar or beach where there are women wearing topless clothing.) Corrected pronunciation led to refolding of dollar bills as the group went to carpool for the short trip.

Gaile and I were the last to arrive. We had to settle down HRH BB the poodle before we got to escape. We had spent a couple of weeks in Spain several years ago and felt like we knew what to expect for dinner at a Tapas restaurant. The place was authentic in excellent wine, food presentation and portion size.

Jimmy Buffet is looking for his lost shaker of salt in Margaritaville . Todd is looking for his ½ deviled egg at the Tapas bar. How do you serve 3, ½ deviled eggs?

On the way back to our lovely campground we needed to stop and purchase ice and something for dinner. Has this ever happened to you? As we were getting back into the truck I realized that I didn't buy the ice. The main purpose for the trip. Sound familiar?

When I went to pay I discovered that my AmEx was missing! It was not in its usual place in my wallet. Panic set in as we retraced my steps. Easy enough to discover that the last place I used my AmEx was at the Tapas bar. I did have the receipt with phone number.

I was barely able to get out my name and reason for the call before they said, "Yes, we have your card." I was ready to turn around and pick it up, but before I could hang up they asked another question. "Do you know (name withheld)?" They were a part of the large group too.

I knew they would not give me their card. So back to the campground we went.

I knocked on the trailer door and asked the question. "Anyone leave a credit card?" A panic search and "yes" Back we went to the Tapas bar and we were greeted by two cards to return to our respective pockets.

What are the chances that two people would not receive their cards and be in the same party?

We both decided that it was the waitress's fault, obviously.

So all's well that ends well. Again thanks to Debbie and Todd for setting up a great rally.

Mike Bizon, Unit Vice President

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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, Holly Point campground at Falls Lake.
Oct 24-27	Alumilina Rally , Host John Leake, Tom Johnson Rally Park, 1885 US Hwy 70W, Marion, NC, Contact John Leake at john@leakesantiques.com for Rally info.
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