



January 2020 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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January 2020 President's Report

Hello Airstream Club! Can you feel it? Maybe it's just me, but once the Thanksgiving to New Year's Holidays are over, I'm ready to start planning for SUMMER! Yes I know there is still Valentine's Day and Easter to get through. But as I write this, summer is closer than it's ever been this year.

There are probably a few things you'll need to do to your rig to make it caravan or rally ready for 2020. Wow 2020! We were supposed to have flying cars by now right?

This weekend I was forced to test if gravity was a theory or fact. I was putting some Christmas decorations up in the attic when the first part of the test took off. The ladder crashed to the cement floor and proved that gravity works. A good experiment needs replication so I immediately followed the ladder to the floor. I was unable to prove that gravity has equal force regardless of weight. The ladder released slightly before me. I will tell you that as quick as you think you are, the chances of grabbing the frame of the attic opening on the way down are very slim.

A table that was between the floor and me delayed my time to the cement floor. I only caught the corner and my yoga training must be paying off as my back bent as far back as it ever has bending forward.

Good news. No broken bones. No need to go through the concussion protocol. I did go to the Urgent Clinic to be the tiebreaker over stitches or no stitches. No stitches by professional proclamation. However, the doc did pop my arm with a tetanus refresher

I didn't have time to get ready for a trip to urgent care. So this is where my tip comes in. I now suggest that each of us, if we haven't already, take a 3 x5 card and write down the prescriptions you take, when you had your last tetanus shot, surgeries you've had, and any hospital stays, etc. Of course, you can use the notes section of your cell phone too. When you're on your stomach with weeping wounds, you don't remember everything and neither does your traumatized spouse.

So when you check the tread on your tires, the LP in your tank, and just how empty your black tank is, take a couple off minutes to document your significant health stuff. We can all find our insurance cards, but when was your last tetanus shot? Be sure the significant other traveling with you has a copy.

Stedman and Tammy have a great opening event for us. Please plan to attend if you can.

See you down the road.

Mike

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Happy New Year to All!

Tami and I are hosting the first Piedmont Airstream Club activity for 2020. We invite you to join us February 15th at D & S Cafeteria in Raleigh. We will gather around 11:30 AM in the private dining room and go through the serving line around noon. After we eat John Becker will do a presentation and demo of Evernote, our online Piedmont Membership Directory.

After lunch, attendees have a choice of activities at the North Carolina State Fairground:

1. NC International Auto Expo, in the Jim Graham Building and a classic car show in Dorton Arena.
2. The NC State Fairground Flea Market, which is, near Dorton Arena and has inside and outside vendors.

Specifics

D & S Cafeteria (Located at South Hills Mall and Plaza area)
1177 Buck Jones Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606
Private Dining Room - Arrive between 11:30 and 12 noon.

North Carolina State Fairgrounds
1025 Blue Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC

NC International Auto Expo tickets are approximately \$10.

NC State Fairgrounds Flea Market -- No admission charge

Link to NC International Auto Expo website --
<https://www.ncautoexpo.com/>

Link to NC State Fairgrounds Flea Market website --
<https://www.theraleighmarket.com/>

As a courtesy and for logistical reasons please let me know if you plan to attend. Contact Info:
stedmanbrown6693@gmail.com or 252-314-7961.

We look forward to seeing our Piedmont Airstream friends again,

Stedman Brown and Tami Lowe

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR January, 2020

Please welcome these new members who joined in January to Piedmont Club #161. DAVID & LINDA RODDY, 156 Sandy Plains Road Tryon, NC 28782 David droddy@windstream.net, Cell 828-817-2733 Home 828-863-2942. Linda's email is lmroddy@windstream.net Cell 828-817-3676 Home 828-863-2942

We also had new member from the last year and welcome SUSAN HOLLOBAUGH, 107 Graylyn Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27516, Susan's email is suess33@gmail.com, Cell 919-923-7200 and Home 919-968-1045.

Please invite them to come to our next rally and to our luncheon in February. We are happy to have them as new members and look forward to seeing them at upcoming rallies and events.

If you have not renewed your WBCCI and Piedmont Unit# 161 membership for 2020, please do so. (November 30 was 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 Club #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 2020 membership is 75 with 6 affiliate members.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Martin, Membership Chairperson

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A Region 3 Rally update from John Leake,

Friends, we have apparently filled up the H and HH sections Ocean Lakes is holding for our rally. This is great news! It means we are having a SUPER RALLY!

If you have not reserved your site, DO NOT WORRY, there are PLENTY MORE in nearby sections. Call Ocean Lakes at 877-510-1113 and simply ask for a site that is as close as possible to the Recreation Center. Just be sure to reference the REGION 3 AIRSTREAM RALLY so that no matter where your site is, you will receive our special RALLY RATE. You will like it, and you will not be disappointed. Call me if you need anything. John 803-984-7225.

Ocean Lakes does not designate specific sites as HANDICAP sites, since everywhere is flat pavement. There is plenty of parking at the RECREATION BUILDING, where all activities take place. Ocean Lakes also rents golf carts to make getting around the park easier.

Stay tuned for more info! í

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2020 Rally Sites:	
January:	Mid-Winter IBT ,Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort,Las Vegas, NV
February:	Winter Luncheon, Stedman Brown and Tami Lowe, hosts February 15th at 11AM, D&S Cafeteria, South Hills Mall and Plaza, 1177 Buck Jones Rd. Raleigh, NC 27606
March:	(hosts needed)
April 1-5:	WBCCI Region 3 Rally, Ocean Lakes Family Campground Myrtle Beach, SC
May:	New Bern, NC, Alan and Jane Hvizdak hosts, May 14 -17 Make Reservations before March 1 2020, New Bern KOA, 800-562-3341
June 20-27:	WBCCI International Meeting, The Ranch Events Complex, Loveland, CO
July 23-26:	Todd and Debbie Stroud Hosts
August 2-10:	Galax Old Time Fiddlerø Convention, Cool Breeze Campground Galax, VA
September:	(hosts needed)
October 22-25:	Alumalina, Tom Johnsonø Camping World, Marion, NC
November 5-8:	NC Veteranø Day Rally Robin Gieniewski, host Fayetteville, NC