



## February 2017 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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### Presidents' Corner ó February 2017

Greetings from Pinehurst to all öPiedmontersö,

February is a month in 2017 to share a Happy Valentine's greeting with all the Piedmont members from Margaret, Sammy and me. Margaret and I shared a cheerful greeting with a glass of öPINK Champagneö; Sammy got a tasty pink cookie, and I'm a lucky guy. What a day!

The events so far in the Piedmont unit included a wonderful day at the North Carolina Museum of Art where those of us lucky enough to attend, viewed a showing of Ansel Adams art. The event was organized and led by Lance & Shirley Perryman. A salute to a good job to them from all who attended.

Ansel Adams had a unique gift in the art world, along with insight to enlighten many of us to the beauty in many of our Nations National Parks & Forests.

This month brings another fantastic adventure for the Piedmont unit members in that we are blessed to have as fellow members, Rick & Marsha Morgan. They are proprietors of one of the most unique business operations in the US, one that provides a service to worldly adventurers who have visited jungles and desolate regions of the world to capture wildlife.

The Morgan's business is entitled Carolina Fur Dressing Company, located at 900 Freedom Drive, Raleigh. Caroline Fur Dressing Company is ö..one of the largest, most modern taxidermy tanning facilities in the world..ö

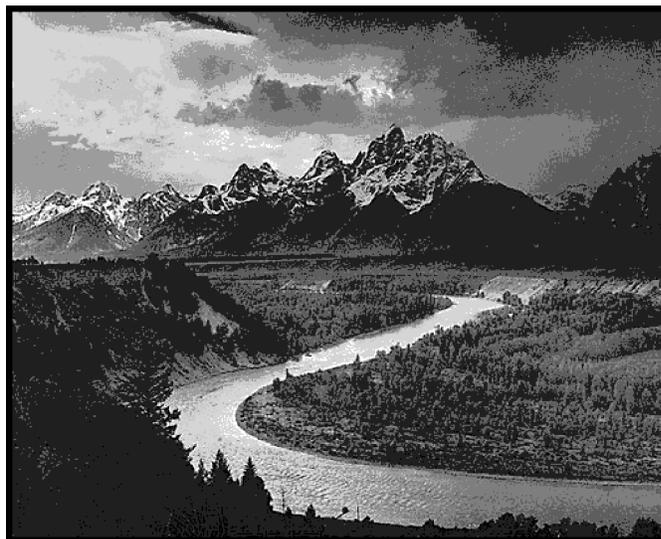
Their website, entitled, öCarolinafurdressing.comö gives the visitor a clear image of the operation, showing photos of the facility, along with images of how they provide this specialized service to their client base.

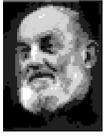
Our scheduled tour of their facility is set for March 10. All who will attend should gain an understanding of how their business performs in this very unique niche of the sporting adventure world.

The following pages offer some insight into the interesting visit to the Ansel Adams exhibition, along with a peek at his individual vision.

Just a thought to leave with,  
A Happy Valentine greeting to all Piedmont members  
See you on the road.  
Keep those òRigsö rollinøthis year.

Your President,  
Jim Hamernick  
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## Ansel Adams > Quotes

(showing 1-30 of 30)

öWhen words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall be content with silence.ö

öYou don't make a photograph just with a camera. You bring to the act of photography all the pictures you have seen, the books you have read, the music you have heard, the people you have loved.ö

öYou don't take a photograph, you make it.ö

öNo man has the right to dictate what other men should perceive, create or produce, but all should be encouraged to reveal themselves, their perceptions and emotions, and to build confidence in the creative spirit.ö

öTo the complaint, 'There are no people in these photographs,' I respond, there are always two people: the photographer and the viewer.ö

öA great photograph is one that fully expresses what one feels, in the deepest sense, about what is being photographed.ö

öThere are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs.ö

öSometimes I arrive just when God's ready to have someone click the shutter.ö

öThere is nothing worse than a sharp image of a fuzzy concept.ö

öIt is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment.ö

öNot everybody trusts paintings but people believe photographs.ö

öIn wisdom gathered over time I have found that every experience is a form of exploration.ö

öA photograph is usually looked at- seldom looked into.ö

öA great photograph is a full expression of what one feels about what is being photographed in the deepest sense and is thereby a true expression of what one feels about life in its entirety.ö

öLife is your art. An open, aware heart is your camera. A oneness with your world is your film. Your bright eyes and easy smile is your museum.ö

öLandscape photography is the supreme test of the photographer - and often the supreme disappointment. ö

öThere are two people in every photograph: the photographer and the viewerö

öThe whole world is, to me, very much "alive" - all the little growing things, even the rocks. I can't look at a swell bit of grass and earth, for instance, without feeling the essential life - the things going on - within them. The same goes for a mountain, or a bit of the ocean, or a magnificent piece of old wood.ö

öThe single most important component of a camera is the twelve inches behind it!ö

öYosemite Valley, to me, is always a sunrise, a glitter of green and golden wonder in a vast edifice of stone and space.ö

öI have often had a retrospective vision where everything in my past life seems to fall with significance into logical sequence.ö

öI don't know anybody who needs a critic to find out what art is.ö

öBoth the grand and the intimate aspects of nature can be revealed in the expressive photograph. Both can stir enduring affirmations and discoveries, and can surely help the spectator in his search for identification with the vast world of natural beauty and wonder surrounding him.ö

öThere are no forms in nature. Nature is a vast, chaotic collection of shapes. You as an artist create configurations out of chaos. You make a formal statement where there was none to begin with. All art is a combination of an external event and an internal eventí I make a photograph to give you the equivalent of what I felt. Equivalent is still the best word.ö

öSometimes I do get to places just when God's ready to have somebody click the shutter.ö

öThere are always two people in every picture: the photographer and the viewer.ö

öDodging and burning are steps to take care of mistakes God made in establishing tonal relationships" ..ö

öEvery experience is a form of exploration.ö

öWith all art expression, when something is seen, it is a vivid experience, sudden, compelling, and inevitable.ö

öIt is all very beautiful and magical here---a quality which cannot be described. You have to live it and breathe it, let the sun bake it into you. The skies and land are so enormous, and the detail so precise and exquisite that wherever you are you are isolated in a glowing world between the macro and the micro, where everything is sidewise under you and over you, and the clocks stopped long ago.ö

Submitted by Jim Hamernick

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR February 2017**

It was such a pleasure to start to back into the swing of our Airstream club experiences. Diane and I thoroughly enjoyed our time at the North Carolina Museum of Art. Thanks to Shirley and Lance Perryman for putting together such a wonderful event. It was a treat, from the winter, blues to meet with all those who could attend. Diane and I dined with the Albees who travelled several hours to get there, and the Newtons who didn't have quite so far to go. The conversation and the food was great; as was the tour of the Ansel Adams exhibition.

Our club keeps growing; a large reason for that are the events where we can socialize with our great members and learn new things about our state and beyond. We are sure this will be a great year for our unit.

We welcomed six new members since January. They are:

- John and Donna Pennington. Their address is 6817 Wyck Farm Way, Wilmington, NC. Their phone is 910-620-5014. John's email is penningtonjohn@bellsouth.net
- David and Denise Funaro. Their address is 1113 Tidalwalk Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409. Their home phone is 203-305-4181 and their cell is 203-537-1492. David's email is [dfunaro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dfunaro@sbcglobal.net); Denise's email is [dfunaro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dfunaro@sbcglobal.net).
- Jim and Mary Weaver. Their address is 587 Union St., Concord, NC 28025, NC. Their home phone is 704-699-4954. Jim's cell and email are 408-788-9053 and [jweaver@alsoproducts.com](mailto:jweaver@alsoproducts.com). Mary's cell and email are 794-707-5860 and [maryweaverkids@gmail.com](mailto:maryweaverkids@gmail.com)
- Tom Jacobs. His address is PO Box 4245, Wilmington, NC. Home phone 910-686-2773, cell 910-616-6820, email [kd4bfq@bellsouth.net](mailto:kd4bfq@bellsouth.net)

We now have 63 regular members and 5 affiliated members. We continue to get transfers from the Eastern Unit.

Diane and I wish everyone a happy start to the camping season. We look forward meeting up at March outing.

Russ and Diane Barberio, Incoming Membership Chairpersons

### **Treasurer's Report for February 2017**

The move to online banking between our club and WBCCI Headquarters is now complete. When invoices are received from WBCCI, the treasurer goes online and uses the Bill Pay function of our bank account. The WBCCI invoice is then paid directly by our bank, there is no check for the treasurer to write, no envelope to address, no postage and the invoice is paid quicker.

When a member joins or renews using the "online" process, they enter or verify their own unique information reducing the chance of errors and the application or renewal is processed almost immediately. Instead of the treasurer having to write and mail a check, WBCCI headquarters keeps the international dues and deposits the unit dues directly into our club's bank account. WBCCI then sends the unit treasurer an email identifying the purpose of their deposit. This reduces the time to process an application or renewal from one to two weeks to one to two days.

IRS Form 990-N (Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations) for the year ending October 31, 2016 has been filed with the IRS.

Stedman Brown, Unit Treasurer

Piedmont Unit 161 group activities began February 11, 2017 with 26 members gathering at the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh. We added one new member, Tom Jacobs from Wilmington, who joined our unit on site and participated in the day's event. We enjoyed a catered lunch of freshly-poached chicken salad of the day, cracker bread, mixed field greens, fresh fruit and vegetables, herb shallot vinaigrette, and ice tea followed by a delicious dessert tray. The Museum staff provided us with a private dining room that offered beautiful views to the outdoors and facilitated plenty of time for visiting with one another. Lunch was followed by a ticketed docent-led tour of an **Exhibition of Ansel Adams: Masterworks**. The exhibition focused on a collection of 48 photographs by Adams. He personally made the selection late in his life as a representation of his best works showing the power and beauty of the natural world which our docents brought to life with their animated commentary.

The North Carolina Museum of Art is a beautiful facility and the exhibit was truly one of a kind! The outstanding Museum staff, the Museum's various collections, and the spring-like day all contributed to a very special kick-off event for Piedmont Unit 161 in 2017.

Lance and Shirley Perryman, Hosts





### February Birthdays

Brasefield, Jennie  
Hamernick, Jim  
Luke, Rich  
Martin, Dick  
Marshall, Hunter  
McLeroy, Doug

Anniversaries  
None



## Spring Kick Off Rally

April 6-9, 2017

Contact Todd & Debbie Stroud @ [goodfoodlady@gmail.com](mailto:goodfoodlady@gmail.com) for more information

### Raleigh Oaks RV Resort and Cottages

527 U.S. 701 South  
Four Oak, NC 27524  
919-934-3181  
[www.raleighoaksrvresort.com](http://www.raleighoaksrvresort.com)

We have the following sites reserved:

201-207  
301-306  
401-407

### Agenda

#### Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**4:30 pm** ó Social Hour (Rally Room) bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share.

**5:30 pm** ó Welcome Dinner (Rally Room & Bar-B-Q Area) dinner provided (included in Rally fee) please bring your setups and favorite beverage.

#### Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast on your own (Raleigh Oaks has waffles and coffee every morning in the White House)

**10:00 am** Putt Putt Golf Tournament (win big, big prizes)

Lunch on your own – you will receive your Welcome Packet on Thursday evening or at the tournament on Friday morn, the packet will have all kinds of suggestions and coupons for places to visit and to eat.

**4:30 pm** Social Hour (Rally Room) bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share.

Dinner on your own (lots of suggestions in your packet)

**7:30 pm** Movie Night ó movie TBA (Rally Room) Popcorn & Candy provided, bring your favorite beverage.

**9:00 pm** Evening Fire ó site to be determined

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast on your own (don't forget the White House offerings)

**9:30 am** ó Leave for first tour, line up across from the White House, carpooling recommended

**10:00 am** ó

Broadslab Brewery

\$10/person (Farm & Brewery Tram-ride tour, tasting, shot glass & koozie included) kids welcome & free

4834 NC Hwy. 50 South

Benson, NC 27504

919-291-0691

**12:30 pm**

Picnic Luncheon & Harper House Tour (lunch included in rally fee, bring blankets or chairs, picnic tables are available at the shelter).

Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site

5466 Harper House Rd.

Four Oaks, NC 27524

910-594-0789

**4:00 pm**

Business Meeting ó site to be determined

**5:00pm**

Social Hour ó pool side

**5:45 pm** – leave for dinner

**6:00 pm** ó Club Night Out

***Supper by the Pond***

Lazy O Farm

3583 Packing Plant Road

Smithfield, NC 27577

Phone: (919) 934-1132

\$25/person, please mail to Debbie Stroud by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we need a minimum of 20 attendees.

Debbie Stroud

615 NC Hwy 96 South

Four Oaks, NC 27524

**9:00 pm** – Evening Fire

**Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am** Breakfast (Don't forget your White House waffles, but there will be other breakfast items available in the rally room)

Settle up with Treasurer and Prayer for the Road

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 Piedmont NC Unit, WBCCI  
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First Class

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**2017 Rally Sites:**

**February 11- Exhibition of Ansel Adams: Masterworks**, North Carolina Museum of Art, 2110 Blue Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607 (919) 839-6262, Tour cost estimate \$42 per person including lunch. Noon to afternoon. Hosts: Lance and Shirley Perryman

**March 10- Carolina Fur Dressing, Big Rock Sports**, International Wildlife leather goods tour, **10AM**, 900 Freedom Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610, Hosts: Rick and Marsha Morgan (919) 231-9933

**April 6-9- Raleigh Four Oaks RV Resort Rally, Buddy Rally**, 527 US Highway 701S, Four Oaks, NC 2 Hosts: Todd and Debbie Stroud Reservations: (919) 963-3596

**April 19-26- "Mountains of NC"** Unit Caravan to Region 3 Rally, Schedule to follow, Leaders: Shelly & Bill Townsend, Nancy & John Becker

**April 26-30- Region 3 Rally- Hiawassee, GA.** Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, <http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/> 1311 Music Hall Road, P.O. Box 444 Hiawassee, GA 30546 (706) 896-4191 Region 3 Hosts

**May 11-14- Country Music Rally**, Shelby/Cleveland County Fairgrounds 1751 E. Marion St., Shelby, NC (704) 487-0651 Hosts TBD

**June 8-11- Cross Winds Family Campground**, 160 Campground Lane, Linwood, NC 27299 (336) 853-4567, Hosts: Stedman Brown and Joy Porter, Chris and Shirley Brown.

**July 22-29- WBCCI International Rally**, Escanaba, MI

**August 7-12- Galax Fiddler's Convention** [www.oldfiddlersconvention.com](http://www.oldfiddlersconvention.com) Cool Breeze Campground, 2330 Edmonds road, Galax, VA 24333 [www.coolbreezecampground.com](http://www.coolbreezecampground.com) Reservations: (866) 342-0300 Hosts: Region 3 Unit Host: Bernie and Ann Lackmann

**August 17-20- Hickory Nuts Falls Family Campground** [www.hickorynutfallsfamilycampground.com](http://www.hickorynutfallsfamilycampground.com) 639 Main Street, Chimney Rock, NC 28730 HOSTS TBD

**September 7-10 Rutledge Lake Campground, Buddy Rally**, 170 Rutledge Road, Fletcher NC 28732 [www.rutledgelake.com](http://www.rutledgelake.com) Reservations: (828) 654-7873 HOSTS TBD

**October 12-15 – New Bern KOA**, [www.koa.com/campgrounds/new-bern](http://www.koa.com/campgrounds/new-bern), 1565 B Street, NC 28560 Reservations: (252) 638-2556 HOSTS TBD

**November 9-12 – Installation Rally**  
 North Carolina Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Contact, Claudine Davis, [Claudine.davis@ncagr.gov](mailto:Claudine.davis@ncagr.gov), (919)-839-4501, [www.ncstatefair.org](http://www.ncstatefair.org), Raleigh, NC, Advise you are with the Wally Byam Piedmont Unit. Hosts Dick and Becky Martin