



September 2017 Newsletter

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Region 3, Unit 161

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September Rally
Rutledge Lake Campground
Fletcher, NC

Attendees:

Bob & Marge Bennett
Bill Rowse
Jim and Margaret Hamernick

We all arrived on Thursday, September 7th to a very nice campground and a beautiful day. We had happy hour and dinner of beef stew, corn bread muffins and amaretto chocolate cake provided by the hosts, Jim and Margaret Hamernick.

A lot of members of the Piedmont Airstream unit chapter had conflicting plans for the outing so the turnout was small. Even though there were only five of us we had a very enjoyable time. It was very nice to meet and interact with Bill Rowse, a new "Airstreamer". This was his first rally with our group, although as he says his real commitment is a long time life commitment, as a serious "birder"



"Pretend you don't notice him."

Bill follows his hobby several months during the year. We look forward to having him join us in the future so everyone can meet him. Bill shared some good adventure episodes with us during our time together. His introduction to Bob and Marge Bennett, long time Airstreamers in our unit, went a long way to show Bill what a good group we have.

Bill has a new 2017 Airstream 28ft Flying Cloud. Everyone with enjoy meeting him, and hearing of his field trips.

On Thursday we took the trolley tour around and through Asheville. We had a very good guide that gave the history of Asheville and highlighted the magnificent estate homes and various areas including the arts district. We had barbecue for lunch at Buxton Hall Barbecue recommended by our guide and, of course, followed by yummy dessert. By mid afternoon it was nap time followed by Happy Hour.

Several people on the trolley and at our campground were either escaping the hurricane, IRMA, or weren't able to go home to Florida.

On Saturday the Hamernick's planned on attending the state fair but we all reconnoitered in the morning, visited a couple hours (Marge worked her first gigsaw puzzle on my iPad) and decided to go on a winery tour at the "Burntshirt Vinyards instead. On the way we stopped at "A Day in the Country/Cafe on the Veranda" for lunch. The Cafe was busy and the Vinyard was especially busy. There were 26 people on our tour and many more tasting and enjoying the low 70's temps. There are apple orchards and vineyards surrounding the property and flowers everywhere. A great atmosphere. Once again, nap time when we got home prior to our get together at 5. We invited a couple with a Bambi to join us for happy hour. They were from Augusta, GA and were avoiding the trek of IRMA. They had a daughter and grandchildren traveling with them so think they were ready to escape from family for a couple hours. Both work so still limited on travel time. Think these impromptu airstream visits are what it's all about.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR September 2017

Please welcome the following new members to the Piedmont Unit. Edward Coffman & Betsy Flanagan have a 1988 25 Ft Safari and reside at 7909 US Hwy 64 W, Pittsboro, NC 27312. Their email address is coffman@wefly4u.com, their home phone is 919-704-4636. Edward's cell phone is 919-742-4866 and Betsy's is 919-638-9443. Dennis & Barbara Hackett have a 2018 28 Ft International Serenity and reside at 1326 Westridge Forest Ct, Greensboro, NC 27410. Dennis' email address is dhackett@triad.rr.com and Barbara's email address is bhackett@triad.rr.com. Their home phone is 336-288-8326. Dennis' cell phone is 336-324-8871 and Barbara's is 336-324-8870. John Day & Christy Shi have transferred from the Carolinas Unit. John & Christy's address is P. O. Box 150, Gloucester, NC 28528. Their email address is johnday.nc@gmail.com and their phone number is 704-785-6670. We are pleased to have these new members of the Piedmont Unit and look forward to meeting them at upcoming rallies.

If you have not renewed your WBCCI and Piedmont Unit membership for the coming year, please do so. You must renew your membership before **November 1** in order for your information to appear in the membership directory. If you would like, you can renew online at WBCCI.org, select the Join tab, and charge your dues to your credit card. Of course, you can still complete a hard copy of the membership form, and send your dues check to Stedman Brown.

Our membership is now 68 regular members and 3 affiliated members.

Donna Moore, Membership Chairperson

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New Bern KOA Ralley

October 12-15

Contact Ned and Ann Albee at nedalbee33@gmail.com for more information

New Bern KOA

www.koa.com/campground/new-bern

1565 B Street

New Bern, NC 28560

252-638-2556

Call for reservations even if there is nothing available on the web site

Agenda

Thursday, October 12

4:30 pm - Social Hour (Meeting Room or waterside picnic tables depending on weather)– Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share

Welcome packets will be distributed with lots of suggestions for activities, places to visit/eat and things to do. The KOA rents kayaks and has a fishing pier.

5:30 pm – Welcome Dinner (Meeting Room) dinner provided (included in Rally fee) please bring your setups and favorite beverage. Homemade shrimp (fresh locally caught) jambalaya and deserts.

Friday, October 13

Breakfast on your own – Since dinner on Friday evening is on your own we recommend making reservations as the town will be very busy.

9:30 am – Depart for tour of Hatteras Yachts. We will see one of the most luxurious yachts under construction and several finished boats in the water. Tour starts at 10:00 am sharp and will take about 1 to 1½ hours. Everyone is required to wear shoes with closed toes. **No sandals or open toe shoes allowed in the plant.**

Lunch and the balance of the day on your own – New Bern has lots to see and do. Your welcome packet will include lots of interesting material or go to www.visitnewbern.com and review the many opportunities. The campground has 1 and 2 person kayaks, 2-person paddle boats, rowboats, bicycles and a fishing peer.

Mumfest celebration begins Friday evening with a concert featuring Brett Young on the South Lawn of Tryon Palace from 5 – 10:00 PM. See the web site for the Mumfest at www.mumfest.com for tickets and the full schedule on Saturday.

4:30 pm – Social Hour for those who are not in town at MumFest events. (place to be determined based on the weather.) Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share.

Dinner on your own – see welcome packet for lots of great places to eat. Suggest making your reservations at your earliest convenience. Town might be very busy.

7:30 pm – Evening fire – site to be determined

Saturday, October 14

Breakfast on your own

10:00 am – depart for roaming the MumFest events and generally exploring New Bern. See the web sites www.mumfest.com and www.visitnewbern.com . Visit the MumFest, tour the gardens at Tryon Palace, take a historic trolley tour of New Bern.

Lunch on you own

5:00 pm - Social Hour – for those who are not in town at the MumFest events. (place to be determined based on the weather.) Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share.

6:00 pm (ish) – Dinner provided (included in rally fee) please bring your set up and favorite beverage. Moore’s Southern style BBQ and chicken.

7:30 pm – Evening Fire

Sunday, October 15

8:30 am - Continental Breakfast provided.



September Birthdays
Norma Dressler
Bob Hodge
Karen Karakos
Christine Mauger
Milton McCoy
Greg Ray
Anniversaries
Rice
Storrs
Wrenn



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First Class

WEBSITE: <http://piedmontunit.wbcci.net/welcome/>

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 (919) 963-6953, Campground (919)-934-3181

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- Hiawasse, GA. Georgia Mountain Fairgrounds, <http://www.georgiamountainfairgrounds.com/> 1311 Music Hall Road, P.O. Box 444 Hiawasse, 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 Bob and Ann Olson

June 8-11- Cross Winds Family Campground, 160 Campground Lane, Linwood, NC 27299 (336) 853-4567, Hosts: Richard and Pat Paschall, Chris and Shirley Brown.

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

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

August 21- The Total Eclipse, Palmetto Cove Campground, SC

September 7-10 Rutledge Lake Campground, Buddy Rally, 170 Rutledge Road, Fletcher NC 28732 www.rutledgelake.com Reservations: (828) 654-7873 HOSTS Jim and Margaret Hamernick

October 12-15 – New Bern KOA, www.koa.com/campgrounds/new-bern, 1565 B Street, NC 28560 Reservations: (252) 638-2556 HOSTS: Ned and Ann Albee

November 9-12 – Installation Rally

North Carolina Fairgrounds, Fairgrounds Contact, Claudine Davis, Claudine.davis@ncagr.gov, (919)-839-4501, www.ncstatefair.org, Raleigh, NC, Advise you are with the Wally Byam Piedmont Unit. Hosts Dick and Becky Martin